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**Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council, 7pm on 12th January 2023 at the WTC Community Centre, Princess Street, Workington.**

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| Cllr Beth Dixon | Present |
| Cllr Carole Armstrong | Present |
| Cllr Michael Heaslip | Present |
| Cllr Bernadette Jones | Present |
| Cllr Patricia Poole | Present |
| Cllr Ellie Wood | Apologies |
| Cllr Jacqueline Kirkbride (Vice Chair) | Present |
| Cllr Ryan Briggs | Apologies |
| Cllr Hilary Harrington | Apologies |
| Cllr Billy Miskelly | Present |
| Cllr Lynda Williams | Apologies |

In attendance: Town Clerk

**Public Participation**

None

**E23.01 Apologies**

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr(s)

R Briggs – ill health

H Harrington – work commitments

L Williams – ill health

E Woods – ill health

**E23.02 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr B Miskelly declared an interest in item 13 as he is an allotment holder.

**E23.03 Exclusion of Press and Public**

No issues that require the exclusion of press or public.

**E23.04 Minutes of the last meeting**

The committee accepted the minutes of 27th October 2022.

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes of 27.10.2022.

**E23.05 Environment Budget**

The committee reviewed the Environment Budget to-date.

**Resolved**: To note the Environment Budget.

**E23.06 Mini pump track update**

The committee noted the report detailing costs and design. The cost is prohibitive at this time.

Committee decided…

* Work with ABC to support their pump track/produce a project in partnership
* Search for external funding opportunities to support a pump track.

**Resolved:** To note the report.

**Resolved:** To work with ABC to support their pump track.

**Resolved:** To pursue external funding opportunities.

**E23.07 Basketball Hoop Location**

The committee received an update for the location of the basketball hoops from Cllr Kirkbride. This issue is ongoing however the final location is likely to be Walker Road playfield.

**Resolved:** To note the report.

**E23.08 Tennis courts update**

Committee received and approved an updated quote for costings for tennis nets. They will cost £1,930.08.

**Resolved:** To purchase and fit tennis nets in Vulcan Park for the price of £1,930.08.

**E23.09 Reflection Garden**

Committee received a report updating progress on the Reflection Garden. The committee decided a press release when the garden is planet and signed would be appropriate and that monies raised would be presented to individual charities once a year.

**Resolved:** To note the report

**Resolved:** To have a press release when the garden is planted and dressed.

**Resolved:** To hold an event once a year to present monies raised to individual charities.

**E23.10 Vulcan Park Trim Trail**

The committee noted and allocated to budget a credit of £816 inc. VAT (£680 net) for Play Area/Parks Development as original quoted invoice paid in advance was higher than actual costs upon delivery, money received into current account 30/11/22.

**Resolved:** To note the report.

**E23.11 Vulcan Park**

1. The committee received an update on the cost of path improvements in Vulcan Park, requesting a report of all path repairs required with costings for the next meeting.
2. Committee received an update on tree issues in Vulcan Park.

1 Yew tree removed because of a split trunk and rotten and a danger to the public cost £720

1 wind damaged flowering cherry

1Whitebeam tree rotten at base and in a dangerous condition getting quote tomorrow

Committee agreed to purchase the following…

2 Flowering cherries £90 each

2 Ginko biloba- Maiden hair tree 10ft cost £100 each

**Resolved:** To produce a report on all VP path improvements required with costings.

**Resolved:** To note the tree issues in VP.

**Resolved:** To purchase additional trees (noted).

**E23.12 Play Areas**

* Committee received a report of play area equipment status to enable a play area strategy to be compiled and requested costs for replacing equipment which is due for replacement within 3 years. Committee requested a report for installing a Willow Tunnel in VP.
* Committee received a report regarding Ashfield Road Play Area – Castles and Coasts and CCC have offered to provide funding to move and improve this play area, CCC have offered £4,500.00 and C&C would like us to commit to maintaining and inspecting the new play area before they can commit funding. The committee agreed to match CCC £4,500.00 and to commit to maintaining the new/upgraded play area. Committee requested that Mossbay Activity Zone be renamed Moorbank Activity Zone.

**Resolved:** To provide costings for all play area equipment due to be replaced in the next 3 years.

**Resolved:** To provide costings for a Willow Tunnel in VP.

**Resolved:** To rename Mossbay Activity Zone to Moorbank Activity Zone.

**Resolved:** To commit £4,500.00 to match CCC towards new equipment for Ashfield Road Play Area.

**Resolved:** To commit to maintaining the new/improved play area.

**E23.13 Allotment Meeting**

The committee noted feedback from last allotment meeting.

* Stoneleigh – the steps to the site are in need of repair or a new path access to be installed, as ABC own this land WTC to contact for repairs – urgent.
* Soapery – water butts to be installed to prevent allotment holders using the local stream. Sign to be placed at steps to stream to discourage plot holders to use this as a source of water.

**Resolved:** To contact ABC regarding access to Stoneleigh Allotment site.

**Resolved:** To install water butts at Soapery Allotment site.

**Resolved:** To place signage at Soapery steps.

**E23.14 Estates Team Vehicle**

Committee received an update on costs for a new van and agreed on Citroen Dispatch VN 2.0 BIHDi 1400 M 145 ENP PRO at £310.84 per month.

**Resolved:** To rent a Citroen Dispatch VN 2.0 BIHDi 1400 M 145 ENP PRO at £310.84 per month.

**E23.15 Bowling Club and Green**

Committee received and noted the reply from the Vulcan Park Bowling Club. TC to reply offering the club the options previously given,

**Resolved:** To reply to the VP bowling club to offer previous options.

**The meeting closed at 20.20**