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**Minutes of the Culture & Community Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council which took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th September 2024, held in Workington Town Council Offices, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.**

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| Cllr Ellie Wood (Chair) | Present | Cllr Susan Martin (Vice Chair) | Present |
| Cllr Beth Dixon | Present | Cllr Paul Larkin | Present |
| Cllr David Farrar | Present | Cllr Tricia Poole | Present |
| Cllr Sue Fryer | Absent\* | Cllr Stephen Stoddart | Present |
| Cllr Allan Hodgson | Present | Cllr Joan Wright | Present |

In attendance: Chief Officer/RFO.

**C24.41 Absences:** Notified absences prior to the meeting were received from Cllr Sue Fryer.

**C24.42 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Stoddart at agenda item 10 and Cllr Poole at agenda item 11e. Neither party was required to leave the room at these agenda items.

**C24.43 Exclusion of Press and Public:** None.

**C24.44 Public Participation:** None.

**C24.45 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Resolved:** Committee approved the minutes from the meeting on 28th May 2024 and affirmed them a true record.

**Resolved:** Committee approved the minutes from the meeting on 2nd July 2024 and affirmed them a true record.

**C24.46 Public Questions:** None.

**C24.47 Questions and Statements from Members:** None.

**C24.48 Motions on Notice:** None.

**C24.49 Budget**

Committee noted the budget monitoring report YTD.

**C24.50 Youth and Community Work**

Committee noted the report and agreed with Officers recommendations to continue liaising with schools to set-up a youth council.

**C24.51 Funding / commission feedback**

Committee noted the reports for information.

**C24.52 New funding / commission / partnership requests**

1. **Resolved:** Committee agreed to fund Carnegie Singers with £620 from the Cultural Commissions budget line.
2. **Resolved:** Committee agreed to decline the request from Team Evie for funding for their Santa Dash as it seemed to generate a good income already looking at records from previous events. Officers would instead offer marketing support to raise the profile of the event.

**C24.53 Events Programme 2025**

Committee discussed the draft events programme for 2025 and requested the following to be brought to the next meeting/actioned:

**Resolved:** Discuss possible funding with Cumberland Council for a new Halloween event.

**Resolved:** Party in the Park – investigate costs for adding a dog show and using the marquee for a comedy night. Music to go on later into the evening and look into a battle of the bands competition for young, up and coming talent.

Vulcan Park will be 100 years old in 2025 so the theme of Party in the Park will reflect this celebration.

**Resolved:** Investigate something for the younger children, like an outdoor theatre event (maybe tie in with Halloween) and work on a plan to manage any security issues that could arise. Is there a venue in town already that could host this type of event.

Committee were keen to repeat the popular events that have been running for several years.

**Resolved:** Detailed events programme to be brought to the November meeting.

**Resolved:** A full Culture and Community Committee budget to be brought to the November meeting.

Meeting ended at 7.30pm.