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**Minutes of the Culture & Community Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council which took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 4th February 2025, held in Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.**

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

In attendance: Chief Officer/RFO.

**C24.68 Absences:** Notified absences prior to the meeting were received from Cllr Beth Dixon, Cllr Sue Fryer and Cllr Stephen Stoddart.

**C24.69 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Poole wished for it to be noted that there were some items involving the Helena Thompson Museum on the agenda. Committee agreed that these would not require Cllr Poole to leave the room as the reports where the Museum is mentioned were for information only.

**C24.70 Exclusion of Press and Public:** None.

**C24.71 Public Participation:** None.

**C24.72 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Resolved:** Committee approved the minutes from the meeting on 29th October 2024 and affirmed them a true record.

**C24.73 Public Questions:** None.

**C24.74 Questions and Statements from Members:** None.

**C24.75 Motions on Notice:** None.

**C24.76 Budget 2024-2025**

Committee noted the budget monitoring report for information.

**C24.77 Workington Gateway Project: Creative Conversations**

Committee noted the report for information.

**C24.78 Funding/commission support**

**Resolved:** Committee noted that support had been provided for the following, approved by the Chair and Vice Chair in between meetings:

1. £550 funding to STAR to host a Christmas event for the local community from the youth and community budget line.
2. £600 funding to West Cumbria Search and Rescue for general running costs to support the services they provide to the town from the youth and community work budget line.

**C24.79 New funding/commission requests:**

**Resolved:** To provide funding of £1,000 to Autism Support Allerdale and Copeland for their new sensory room from the youth and community work budget line.

**Resolved:** To provide funding of £1,000 to Workington Bowling Club for new sports equipment for children to partake in bowling activities from the youth and community budget line.

**Resolved:** To pay £2,500 to Over The Rainbow CIC for a platinum sponsors package as part of their Workington Pride event. This will come from the Cultural Celebrations budget line in the 2025-2026 budget.

**Resolved:** To decline the funding application from Cumbria Community Foundation.

**C24.80 Youth Council Report**

Committee noted the report for information.

**C24.81 Events Programme 2025**

Committee noted that the Hall Park Light Show held by Cumberland Council in Nov/Dec 2024 would not be repeated in Workington in 2025 and would instead take place in Egremont. The committee expressed disappointment that Workington did not appear to have any events planned by Cumberland Council in 2025.

**Resolved:** To write a letter to Cumberland Council formally asking why Workington is missed off their events programme and a breakdown of budget spent on other towns within the Cumberland area.

Committee noted the event programme 2025 report for information.

**Resolved:** To book Basil Brush as the headliner act at Party in the Park. The cost of £2,650 will be covered by the event budget set for Party in the Park in the 25-26 budget.

**Resolved:** To book Liberty X as the headliner act for the Christmas Festival. The cost of £7,500 plus accommodation will be covered by the event budget set for the Christmas Festival in the 25-26 budget.

**Resolved:** To ensure that all charities attending WTC events have at least a year’s worth of accounts available on the charity commission website.

**Resolved:** To request that all charities attending WTC events have the correct license in place with the principal authority to carry out their fundraising activities.

Meeting ended at 8pm.