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**Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council, held on Thursday 11th July 2024 at 6.30pm in the WTC Community Centre, Princess Street, Workington.**

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| Cllr Michael Heaslip (Chair) | Present | Cllr Bernadette Jones (Vice Chair) | Present |
| Cllr Mary Bainbridge | Present | Cllr Nath Martin | Absent |
| Cllr Beth Dixon | Present | Cllr Susan Martin | Absent\* |
| Cllr Sue Fryer | Absent\* | Cllr Sean Melton | Present |
| Cllr Hilary Harrington | Absent\* |  |  |

In attendance: Cllr Mike Rollo was present as a substitute for Cllr Sue Fryer. Chief Officer/RFO.

**E24.39 Absences:** Absences had been notified prior to the meeting by Cllr Sue Fryer, Cllr Hilary Harrington and Cllr Susan Martin.

**E24.40 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**E24.41 Exclusion of Press and Public:** None.

**E24.42 Public Participation:** None.

**E24.43 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**Resolved:** Committee approved the minutes from 25th June 2024 and affirmed them a true record.

**E24.44 Public Questions:** None.

**E24.45 Questions and Statements from Members:** None.

**E24.46 Motions on Notice:** None.

**E24.47 Budget**

Committee noted the budget monitoring report for information.

**E24.48 Committee Update**

Committee noted the report for information.

Committee noted that there is an unstable wall at the play area at Brewery House which has been estimated at approx.. £35k to replace.

Committee discussed the need to look for an alternative play area location in High Harrington if this play needs to be closed to carry out work or while the Council decides on it’s options.

Feenans have currently not provided any annual information which was originally requested in Nov 2023. Officers to issue a letter giving 1 month for the information to be returned or they will be in breach of their self-management agreement.

Committee noted the report on introducing activity markings in the old band stand area of Vulcan Park. Committee agreed this would be a good idea and a welcome addition to the park.

Committee noted the most recent report from Workington Nature Partnership. The Chair asked for this to be a standard agenda item on all committee meeting agendas

**Resolved:** Officers and members to look at possible new locations for a play area in High Harrington.

**Resolved:** Issue a letter to Feenans giving 1 months’ notice for information to be returned.

**Resolved:** Investigate costs for activity markings in Vulcan Park.

**Resolved:** To ensure WNP features as a standard agenda item for all Environment committee meetings.

**E24.49 Green Grants**

a) **Resolved:** Committee awarded Harrington Community Centre £300 from the Green Grants budget line.

b) Committee noted the report from Harrington Youth Club for money previously awarded by the Council.

**E24.50 Streetscene**

**Resolved:** Committee agreed to install and maintain a defib at Northside Community Centre at a cost of £1690 from the Streetscene budget line.

Committee noted that whereas the Council is responsible for the maintenance of the box and the defibs and replacement of pads. The community centre is responsible for ensuring that there is a constant electrical supply and all relevant checks are made to ensure the safety of this from the building side.

**Resolved:** To ensure agreements are in place for all buildings which accommodate WTC owned defibs.

The meeting ended at 7.10pm.