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**Minutes of the Culture & Community Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council which took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2024, held in the Workington Town Council Community Centre, Princess Street, Workington.**

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

In attendance: Chief Officer/RFO.

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair, Cllr Susan Martin chaired the meeting.

**C24.27 Absences:** Absences were noted from Cllr Ellie Wood.

**C24.28 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**C24.29 Exclusion of Press and Public:** None.

**C24.30 Public Participation:** None.

**C24.31 Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of the meeting from 28th May 2024, were deferred to the next meeting. No reason was given.

**Resolved:** To defer minutes from 28th May 2024 to the next meeting.

**C24.32 Public Questions:** None.

**C24.33 Questions and Statements from Members:** None.

**C24.34 Motions on Notice:** None.

**C24.35 Budget**

Officers have not been able to obtain out of hours access to the multi-storey car park in the town centre for WTC’s Christmas lights contractor, therefore the Council will have to pay nearly £5,000 to move the electrics out of the car park to the hub.

This therefore means that there is no money in the budget to purchase additional Christmas trees for the town this year. Once this has been updated on relevant budget sheets, the Christmas Light budget line will be back under budget.

**Resolved:** Committee noted the budget monitoring report YTD.

**C24.36 Youth and Community Work**

**Resolved:**  Committee resolved to invite schools to create a WTC youth council and ask their opinion on what they would like to do in the town as a way forward for how this budget line should be spent.

**C24.37 Funding / commission feedback**

Committee noted the feedback from previous grant applicants.

**C24.38 New funding/commission requests**

**a) Resolved:** Committee resolved to provide Westfield Church with £800 funding from the Cultural Commissions budget line. This funding is a contribution towards their work in the community to provide weekly free breakfasts and warm hubs, amongst other work they carry out.

**b)** Committee were supportive of this new venture, but as the group was not yet properly set-up with a bank account and a constitution, committee recommended that they re-apply in 6-12 months.

**Resolved:** Committee rejected the funding request from Ox Academy.

**C24.39** **Christmas 2024**

**Resolved:** Committee agreed to book 911 as the headliner act for Christmas at a cost of £6,722 from the Christmas Festival budget line.

Cllr Sue Fryer left the meeting at 7pm.

**C24.40 Events Programme 2025**

a) Committee agreed they would like to repeat the Easter Trail, Reach Out and Oddsocks in 2025.

The rest of the events programme and new ideas suggested by committee will be discussed/brought to the next meeting.

b) Committee discussed a request from the Duke of Lancs regiment to hold a Freedom Parade in 2025. Committee discussed that the last one took place in 2011 and was funded by WTC. However, as this would be classed as a civic function it would fall on F & GP to approve/organise.

**Resolved:** Defer request for a Freedom Parade to F & GP.

Meeting closed at 19:22 hours.