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**Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council, held on Thursday 13th February 2025 at 6.30pm in the Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.**

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

In attendance: Cllr Mike Rollo as a substitute for Cllr Sue Fryer, Chief Officer/RFO and one member of the public.

**E24.85 Absences:** Notified absences prior to the meeting were received from Cllr Sue Fryer.

**E24.86 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**E24.87 Exclusion of Press and Public:** None.

**E24.88 Public Participation:** None.

**E24.89 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**Resolved:** Committee approved the minutes from 7th November 2024 and affirmed them a true record.

**E24.90 Public Questions:** None.

**E24.91 Questions and Statements from Members:** None.

**E24.92 Motions on Notice:** None.

**E24.93 Environment Budget**

Committee noted the report for information.

Money remaining in the Streetscene budget line would be committed following committee consideration of items further on in the agenda.

£3,500 from the committed expenditure showing against the Estate Development budget line is to be released as Officers have come under budget on some completed projects. This will then allow for £5,000 to be vired to the Park Maintenance budget line (following approval from Full Council) to allow for the purchase of new electrical equipment for the Estates Team.

**E24.94 Street Displays**

Committee noted the report for information.

**Resolved:** Committee agreed £4,419 from the Streetscene budget line to cover the cost of the new mangers and hanging baskets required.

**E24.95 Green Grants Feedback**

Committee noted the feedback report from High Harrington Community Centre for information.

**E24.96 Streetscene**

1. **Resolved:** Committee agreed to the additional budget of £2,424 from the Streetscene budget line to pay for a new defibrillator at Barepot.
2. **Resolved:** To create a policy outlining the process for defibrillator considerations and location.
3. **Resolved:** To discuss with the police a way forward about the proposed meeting structure as committee did not feel that this would work for the Council.
4. **Workington Gateway**

Committee discussed concerns about the location of the pocket park in relation to the traffic being at close proximity.

A suggestion was made that a fitting memorial for the miners of the town could be accommodated in this area.

Committee would like to discuss using plants that reduce emissions to be planted and the building that is still in this location would benefit from some sort of covering or planting to hide some unsightly areas.

**Resolved:** The Chair and Chief Officer arrange a meeting with Cumberland Council to discuss the pocket park element of the Workington Gateway project in detail.

**E24.97 Estate Development**

1. **Tennis Courts**

**Resolved:** Committee agreed to charge £4 per hour per court and offer an annual household pass of £25 as recommended by the Lawn Tennis Association.

1. **Relocation of existing equipment in Vulcan Park**

**Resolved:** Committee resolved to move two of the basketball hoops to the area in Vulcan Park where the band stand stood.

**Resolved:** Committee were happy for Officers to find suitable locations for the mini tennis nets, basketball hoop and panna court and report back to committee at a future meeting.

The previously agreed activity markings planned for the band stand area would be located elsewhere on paths around the park.

1. **Green Hub**

Committee noted the report for information.

1. **Land Acquisitions**

**Resolved:** To request F & GP to approach Cumberland Council with regards to land acquisitions for the following areas:

* Mountain View allotments
* Stoneleigh allotments
* Moorclose Park
* Southfield school playing field
* Northside play area
* Bankfield Mansion Gardens
* Banklands cemetery

**E24.98 Park Maintenance**

1. **Play area map and list:** Committee noted the report for information.

Committee asked for number 19 Wentworth Park to be checked as they believe this is on Oak Drive.

1. **Play area annual inspections:** Committee noted the report for information.
2. **Estates Team electrical equipment:**

**Resolved:** Committee agreed to ask Full Council to vire £5,000 from the Estate Development budget line to Park Maintenance to cover the cost of £4,057 for new electrical equipment. This would also cover the overspend of £725 on this budget line.

**E24.99 Allotments**

Committee noted the report for information.

**E24.100 Workington Nature Partnership**

Committee noted the report for information.

The Chair has requested a meeting with Cumberland Council planners and the portfolio holder to discuss issues of silt at Harrington from the new housing developments.

There are also new concerns with the new housing development being built at Seaton.

The meeting ended at 8.11pm.