



## **Workington Together Community Panel**

**Date:** Tuesday, 5 December 2023

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Location:** Moorclose Community Centre, Needham Drive,  
Workington, CA14 3SE

**Present:** Cllr J Grisdale (Chair), Cllr B Cannon, Cllr M Fryer, Cllr D Rollo (Vice-Chair)  
and Cllr S Stoddart

**Also Present:** Angela Goode

**In Attendance** Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport  
Senior Business Support - Electoral & Democratic  
Senior Manager - Community Services  
Community Development Officer

### **21 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies of absence.

### **22 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Cannon, Fryer, Rollo and Stoddart declared an interest in agenda item 6 recommendation 2.6 as they are members of Workington Town Council.

Councillor Fryer declared an interest in agenda item 8 as he is a member of the Highways and Transport Strategic Board.

### **23 Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED – There were no items on the agenda for the press and public to be excluded.

### **24 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2023 be approved.

### **25 Moorclose Community Centre Presentation**

Members received a verbal presentation from Moorclose Community Centre highlighting the activities and agencies that they work within the centre which include:-

Food project, warm space, bingo group, healthy hopes, purple phoenix pottery group, Nudge(children), Parkinson's group, south Workington partnership, youth clubs, HAF's, Workington community boxing group, ladies and men's club, food pantries.

They also run the following projects: furniture, clothing, school uniform and prom project which is now known as posh frocks and suit project.

Members were also advised that the theatre is nearing completion and will be accessible to everyone.

The Chair on behalf of the Panel thanked Angela for her informative presentation.

## **26 Investing in our Neighbourhood Report**

Members received a report which set out the current position of the Neighbourhood Investment Fund allocation to this Community Panel as agreed by the Cumberland Council Executive and detailed investment applications for consideration and approval from the budget allocation.

The Panel were advised that a further recommendation to be included where a significant number of Members had to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which resulted in the meeting not being quorate be delegated to the Chair, Assistant Director of Communities & Localities and the Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport.

The Panel were advised that if members were to agree the proposed recommendation the Workington Town Council application would be delegated to the Chair, Assistant Director of Communities & Localities and the Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport. Following this the decision would be reported back to the Panel at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED**, that

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) £1,750 be allocated Workington Community Boxing Club to enable them to purchase flooring and boxing gloves.
- (3) £3,500 be allocated to Carnegie Theatre Trust to provide Warm Spots.
- (4) £4,323.50 be allocated to Healthy Hopes to enable them to employ an Admin/Link Worker.
- (5) £6,776 be allocated to Safety Net UK to fund the Youth Space Schools Programme.
- (6) it was noted that £500 had been allocated to 4<sup>th</sup> Workington Scout Group to purchase new cookers and baking equipment.
- (7) delegation be given to the Chair, Assistant Director of Communities & Localities and the Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport where a significant number of Members had to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which resulted in the meeting not being quorate.

## **27 Community Panel Update**

The Panel were informed that the Public Participation Scheme had been withdrawn and would be discussed at a later date.

Members received a report which informed the Community Panel of the recent activity within its area and included information on Co-opted Members, Workington Together Community Panel Priorities, Workington Together Community Network Launch, Cumberland Libraries, Green 2 Grow, Access to Food Survey, Local Focus Hub, Healthy Start Vitamins, Cumbria Fostering and Workington Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP).

A Member asked how the drop-in session that had been held for Cumbria Fostering had gone. The Panel were advised that feedback would be sought and report back to Members.

A Member mentioned that there was a low uptake on the Healthy Start Vitamins and asked if different options could be looked into. The Panel were advised that contact would be made with Moorclose Community Centre to see if this is something they could be part of.

**RESOLVED**, that

- (1) the report be noted.
- (2) up to three co-opted members be recruited as part of the agreed co-opted members scheme.
- (3) the priorities for the panel be approved.

## **28 Highways and Transport Strategic Board Minutes**

The Panel received the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Highways Board held on 10 November 2023.

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes be noted.

## **29 Date of Future Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Panel would be held on Tuesday 5 March 2024 at 6pm.

The Chair asked if the meeting could be held in the St Michael's Ward.

The meeting finished at 6.43 pm