

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 5.15PM

PRESENT Councillors Speksnyder, Hodson, Jackson, Scott and Hamblin.

POA/126/2025 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE
Cllr Crouch

POA/127/2025 TO APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS
To approve the minutes of the Parks, Open Spaces and Allotment meeting from 2nd September 2025 – **AGREED.**

POA/128/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS
None

POA/129/2025 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
None

POA/130/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

POA/131/2025 OUTDOOR GYM
Cllr Hodson informed the committee that the project may qualify for match funding in partnership with Borderland. SH provided the Assistant Clerk with the relevant contact email address. It was noted that a public consultation should be carried out to determine whether an outdoor gym is wanted or needed in the town.
Cllr Speksnyder proposed that £5000 is requested to be earmarked in next year's budget for the project.
Cllr Scott seconded.
RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed.

POA/132/2025 PLANTERS
7.1 Cllr Scott proposed to replace the annual plants at the King Street bus stop with herbaceous/perennial plants.
Cllr Speksnyder seconded.
RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed.
7.2 The committee discussed the proposal to plant herbaceous plants at St Mary's Church. Members requested further information before making a decision.

POA/133/2025 BENCHES IN PHOENIX PARK
Cllr Speksnyder proposed that the wheelchair-accessible picnic table from Earth Anchors be installed near the Phoenix in the park.
Cllr Scott seconded the proposal.
RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed.

POA/134/2025 ALLOTMENT OPEN DAY/HARVEST FESTIVAL
The committee discussed the possibility of holding an Allotment Open Day or Harvest Festival in 2026. Suggestions included keeping the event simple, with one

food vendor and possibly a singer. It was mentioned to hold it on 5th September 2026 for a couple of hours.

Cllr Crouch may provide a cooking demonstration using produce ready to be harvested at that time of year.

Possible competitions were discussed, such as “Best Dish Made from Courgettes.”

Cllr Scott proposed that £500 be requested for the event.

Cllr Speksnyder seconded.

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed.

POA/135/2025 TREE PLANTING IN THROSTLE PARK

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed.

Meeting closed: 6:30pm

Date of next meeting: 22nd January 2025