
MINUTES of the CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 2nd September 2015 at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr C Bell* Cllr L Elliot Cllr C Thompson Cllr D Walker
 Cllr G Graham Cllr J Nicholson Cllr D Mills Cllr J Charlton
 Cllr W Nixon

*Chair

OFFICERS: Brian Hall (Community Services Officer)

CCS.30-15 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor R Ferris were accepted by the Committee.

CCS.31-15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Charlton declared an interest as a member of Durham County Council, Cllr Bell an interest in the traders association.

CCS.32-15 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

None.

CCS.33-15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance. No written questions were submitted prior to the meeting.

CCS.34-15 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr D Walker, seconded by Cllr W Nixon and **RESOLVED** that the Committee approve the minutes of the Crime and Community Safety Committee meeting held on 8th July 2015.

CCS.35-15 TETHERING OF HORSES

Mark Ferren from Durham County Council spoke to members about current legislation regarding tethered and stray horses and DCC policy.

CCS.36-15 ROAD SAFETY AT NIGHT FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

It was **RESOLVED** that this would not be continued with due to costs and that the items would not be used by children.

CCS.37-15 LOCKABLE BIN LIDS

Lee Brown from Durham Fire Service spoke to members about the provision of bin locks in the East Stanley area. The sum requested was greater than the current balance in the committee funds. It was noted that although all the premises targeted were Derwent Homes houses, Derwent Homes had not so far contributed to this project. It was **DECIDED** that a letter should be sent to Derwent Homes inviting them to make a contribution along with STC to this project.

CCS.38-15 DOG FOULING PREVENTION

The committee was unsure of the effectiveness of the 'Pink Poo' spray campaign and in view of the cost implication it was **RESOLVED** not to proceed with this project.

CCS.39-15 UPDATES ON CURRENT INITIATIVES

SGT Dave Clarke of Stanley NPT spoke to the committee about an online survey and competition he recently carried out of young people in the area following 'The Word' event. He had received good feedback from around 70 young people and planned to hold an event at the Civic Hall for food and prizes for the participants. He then went on to talk about the Youth Café, the Tommy Armstrong centre had given notice to quit and they needed new premises. SGT Clarke had identified the old Lloyds Bank building on Front Street as suitable for a new community building which could be used to house the Youth Café as well as the food bank, clothing bank, men's group, community café, etc. A number of other agencies had expressed an interest and Kevan Jones MP had signaled his support.

It was **AGREED** that the committee would support SGT Clarke with this project and would explore ways of providing financial support.

Brian Hall spoke to the committee about Social Sense an organization who specialize in working with young people through smart phone apps consulting and promoting social norms, British values, tackling anti-social behavior, etc. the committee felt that this may duplicate some of the work SGT Clarkes project would be doing and was **AGREED** that the Social Sense project should not be continued at this time.

CCS.40-15 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 7th October 2015, 6.30pm at the Civic Hall