
MINUTES of the CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on **Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 6.30pm**

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

*Chair

OFFICERS: Alan Shaw (Town Clerk)
Nicola James (PA to the Town Clerk)
Brian Hall (Community Services Officer)
James Harper (Community Development Manager)

IN ATTENDANCE: Lee Brown (Fire & Rescue)
John Reed & Stephen Jones (DCC)
Dave Clarke (Stanley Police)
Len (Chair of Governors at Tanfield School)

373 APOLOGIES

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

374 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Charlton declared an interest as a member of Durham County Council.
Cllr Bell declared an interest as a member of the Traders.

375 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

None.

376 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

377 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Graham, seconded by Cllr Nixon and **RESOLVED** that the Committee approve the minutes of the Crime and Community Safety Committee meeting held on 7th October 2015.

378 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS

Members received a presentation from Stephen Jones and John Reed from DCC in relation to the 20 MPH Speed Limits that are coming into force in the County.

The following key points were made:

- 33 schools have been picked on the basis of accident rates
- Another 30 schools will be selected to be part of the scheme once the first 33 have been finished
- There are 2 phases to be done over 2 years, and the 2 Stanley schools will be done in phase 2 (Greenland Community Primary and North Durham Academy inc. East Stanley Primary)
- The aims are to reduce speed, reduce accidents, increase walking & cycling and improve public health
- The 20 MPH limits will be part time, during school hours (these hours will include morning and after school clubs)
- The limits will be in place 100m either side of the school entrance
- The average amount of funding needed per school is £16,000 but this could be more or less, depending on the school
- The success of the speed limits will be reviewed after they have been in place for 1 month, then every 6 months for a few years
- If STC would like to provide funding for any other schools in Stanley to be part of the scheme, it would be implemented within 6 months

Members asked John and Stephen to provide the following information:

- How many times the speed visor has been used in Stanley and where
- Accident statistics used

It was proposed by Cllr J Charlton, seconded by Cllr W Nixon and **RESOLVED** that the Council should ask DCC that any 106 monies from new developments in Stanley be given to the nearest school so that they could be part of the scheme.

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UPDATE FROM LOCAL PARTNERS

Fire and Rescue

Lee Brown noted that the Fire and Rescue teams have been in schools to educate the students on fireworks and bonfires. There was a poster competition and the winners were invited, with their families, to the visit the fire station.

Lee requested that everyone attend organised fireworks displays.

Lee also noted that they were working with the Police and Neighbourhood Wardens on Operation Guy Fawkes, to keep the Fire and Rescue teams safe. Local arson and grass fires have reduced in the last 2 months.

Police

Dave Clarke reiterated the notes from Lee Brown. He also noted that a local burglar has been given 4 ½ years in prison, and another female burglar has been given a home curfew.

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PACT HOUSE

The Clerk noted that the tenant has agreed to vacate the building, the rent has been agreed with the landlord and solicitors have been instructed to start conveyancing.

Dave Clarke noted that PACT House is being registered as a charity and that there is a committee being created.

PACT House should be cost neutral for Stanley Town Council. Funding is being sought from DCC Councillors MIF and lottery funding.

Members **AGREED** the name and branding that the Clerk had proposed. PACT House Stanley with the Stanley Town Council colours and font.

381 **2016/17 PROJECTS**

The Clerk noted the following expected costs:

OTIS – the costs for OTIS are unknown until we have the analysis next week

Youth Council – the costs for the youth council are expected to be £3500

Blooming Good Fun – the costs for blooming good fun are expected to be £2500, up by £500 from 2015-16. Cllr W Nixon proposed to add £500 to the budget to involve the schools in the project. Members **AGREED** that the blooming good fun budget for 2016-17 will be £3000

Police Car Funding – the Clerk asked Dave Clarke to find out the cost to keep the 2 cars on the road and to breakdown the £7000 expenditure for 2015-16. Once we have these answers the budget can be set

Wild Flowers – members **AGREED** that there will be no budget for wild flowers, but the council should continue to liaise with partners in the future

PACT House – the Clerk noted that PACT House Stanley should be cost neutral for the Council.

Members **AGREED** the budget proposals above.

382 **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

2nd December 2015, 6.30pm at the Civic Hall