

**MINUTES of the COMMUNICATION AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 6.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Mills\*                      Cllr M Wilkinson                      Cllr L Marshall                      Cllr D Tully  
                    Cllr D McMahan                      Cllr J Nicholson                      Cllr W Nixon

\*Chairman

**OFFICERS:** Alan Shaw (Town Clerk)  
                    Brian Hall (community services officer)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 3 members of the public.

**330                      APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllrs C Bell and R Harrison were accepted by the Committee.

**331                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**332                      PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

None.

**333                      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman noted that members of the public in attendance were open to contribute to the meeting

**334                      CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr W Nixon, seconded by Cllr L Marshall and **RESOLVED** that the Committee approve the minutes of the Communication and Events Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**335                      BUDGET SETTING 2016/17**

- (i)                      **Music Festival**
- Tea in The Park – Cllr Nicholson noted that while the event was not particularly well attended but those who did attend were impressed. Cllr Mills suggested around £2000 would be required to repeat the event in 2016 but better publicity and a better day (weekend) would be preferable for a future event. It was proposed by Cllr W Nixon, seconded by Cllr M

Wilkinson and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously that this event should be supported next year.

- Blues Event (funding only) – Cllr L Marshall stated that this Event was organised and delivered by Stanley Events, and without STC funding the Event would probably go ahead but consideration would have to be given to a lesser a Event and/or a charge.  
The Town Clerk noted that this was new information as he was not previously aware that the blues event would be put on without funding from STC.  
Cllr Nicholson noted that this music event was the biggest grant funding STC put out, an average of £15000, that around 3000 attended and questioned whether it was the right event.  
Cllr Nixon suggested that if the event would go ahead anyway then money could be spent on other events.  
*Cllr Marshall moved that this item be a named vote.*  
Cllr Nixon proposed that no funding be set aside to providing a large music event this year but used for something else. The motion was seconded by Cllr Tully. In favour Cllrs Mills, Nicholson, Wilkinson against Cllr L Marshall, therefore the **RECOMMENDATION** of Committee is not to fund a large music event in 2016.  
Members requested that officers talk to DCC to see if Durham Brass could return to Stanley as had happened in previous years.
- Pubs and clubs – Cllr Mills noted that there had been very little feed back and an investment of £5000 was a considerable amount of the music budget he would recommend we do **not** repeat this.  
*Cllr Tully moved that all subsequent votes on this agenda be named votes*  
It was proposed by Cllr Nicholson, seconded by Cllr Nixon and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously that this would not be repeated.
- Karaoke – it was noted by Cllr Mills that very few people attended the 3 events, and even at only £750 it was expensive per person It was proposed by Cllr Nixon, seconded by Cllr Nicholson and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously that this should not be repeated.
- Fringe – all **RECOMMENDED** this had been a successful event, it was proposed by Cllr Mills, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously that this should be supported next year.
- Outdoor Cinema – it was thought that an officer should look into the potential risks of putting on an outdoor cinema, perhaps as part of another event and report back. It was proposed by Cllr Mills seconded by Cllr Nixon and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously that it should be a possible event next year.
- View Lane Community Day – The Chairman directed that this matter should be considered see item (viii) below
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind – proposed by Cllr Tully and seconded by Cllr Mills that this would be repeated **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to run again Mr. Shaw noted that we should check with civic hall to ensure events fit in.

- Fools Gold – Joan Smith (civic hall and old folk’s homes) Cllr Nixon noted that they had a great impact in the old folks homes and at Tanfield Community Centre it was proposed by Cllr Nixon seconded by Cllr Nicholson and **RECOMMENDED** this should be continued.
  
- (ii) Fireworks (funding only) – Cllr Mills noted that STC had funded it for 3 years proposed funding should not continue because it was noted previously and at the meeting that it would continue without our money, seconded by Cllr Nixon, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Tully, Cllr Wilkinson vote not to continue. Cllr Marshall voted to keep funding. **CARRIED**
- (iii) MoriaCon (funding only) – all **RECOMMENDED** it had been a great success, proposed by Cllr Nicholson and seconded by Cllr Nixon that funding should be continued, it was **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to continue.
- (iv) Christmas lights – it was proposed by Cllr Mills, seconded by Cllr Nicholson and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to continue funding Christmas events.
- (v) Cycling Event Brian Hall spoke about a potential cycle event for early next year, preliminary enquiries indicate it had good potential, should be able to provide figures for next meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Mills seconded by Cllr Nixon and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to support this
- (vi) Golf event – proposed by Cllr Tully seconded by Cllr Nixon **RECOMMENDED** unanimously for officer progression to take forward

#### Projects put forward for consideration for 2016/17

- (i) Armed forces day (June) – Brian Hall has met with George McKay (Consett and area British Legion) who is willing to assist, working group to be set up. Cllr Nixon noted that all services should be represented. It was proposed by Cllr Nixon and seconded by Cllr Tully and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to support this.
- (ii) Community radio – Mr. Shaw noted that this initiative was put forward by Cllr McMahan who was not present and it was **RECOMMENDED** that decision should be delayed until he could present the information.
- (iii) Community contacts – a suggestion put forward by Cllr McMahan that a data base be compiled of e-mail addresses and phone numbers of local residents who would be happy to receive targeted advertising about council events etc. Mr. Shaw noted that the website should be used to capture addresses. It was proposed by Cllr Mills seconded by Cllr Nicholson and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to support this.
- (iv) Business Links – Mr. Shaw noted again that Cllr McMahan was not present and should be here to provide more information before a decision was made.
- (v) Community newsletter/Magazine – Mr. Shaw noted that this had been done in the past but that there was a place for a community news letter focusing on forthcoming events with information for residents who were not necessarily connected on the internet, the magazine should come out 3-4 times a year and should take advertising in order to become self funding. I was proposed by Cllr Nicholson seconded by Cllr Nixon and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously that this should be supported.

- (vi) Brass Festival – Cllr Mills noted that brass events had been put on in the past and were successful. Cllr Marshall noted that funding had been allocated in the past but details from organisers had been insufficient. She also noted that while brass band competitions could be hard work for the public, supporting local bands such as the Ever Ready Band, Craghead etc. playing their own compositions was a good idea. It was proposed by Cllr Mills seconded by Cllr Nicholson and **RECOMMENDED** that this should be supported.
- (vii) Community fun days – It was proposed by Cllr Wilkinson seconded by Cllr Mills and **RECOMMENDED** these should be supported
- (viii) ‘Play in the park’ days – it was proposed by Cllr Nicholson seconded by Cllr Tully and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously that these should be supported
- (ix) Remembrance Events – it was proposed by Cllr Tully seconded by Cllr Marshall and **RECOMMENDED** these should be supported

### 336 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Members had a chance to look over the questions in the document, Mr. Shaw pointed out that it was important the right questions were asked and the correct methodology used. It was proposed by Cllr Nixon seconded by Cllr Mills and **RECOMMENDED** unanimously that the Questionnaire should be brought to full council.

### 337 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall