

MINUTES of the **COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL** held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr D Mills* Cllr C Bell Cllr G Graham Cllr R Harrison
 Cllr D Walker Cllr J Nicholson Cllr W Nixon

*Chairman

OFFICERS: Alan Shaw (Town Clerk)
 Nicola James (PA to the Town Clerk)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Daniel O'Brien (DCC Area Action Partnership Co-Ordinator)

ABSENT: Cllr R Ferris

348 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs D McMahon, M Wilkinson & D Tully were accepted by the committee.

349 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

350 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK

No members were recording the meeting
 The Town Clerk reminded everyone present to either switch their mobile phones off or set them to silent.

The Chairman expressed how he was happy to have chaired this Committee for the past 3 years and he thanked everyone for all their hard work.

351 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public in attendance.

352 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Members **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2017.

353 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

(i) Music Festival

As the working group meetings had proven unsuccessful in making any decision, members of the committee **RECOMMENDED** that Council hold one Punk night and one Country and Western night as the Music Festival in the Civic Hall.

(ii) Play in the Park

Members were informed that the Play in the Park events are progressing. Nicola is awaiting information from the fairground operator before SAG approval can be applied for. Banners, posters etc will be put out around Stanley to advertise the events.

(iii) Moria Con 3

The Chairman advised the Committee that everything is on schedule. A constitution is being obtained, traders are being booked in and the venue is all booked.

(iv) Armed Forces

The Town Clerk and Cllr G Graham gave a brief update on the progress. It was proposed by Cllr R Harrison, seconded by Cllr C Bell and resolved that Committee **RECOMMEND** that the event still go ahead as planned even if the funding application to the MOD is unsuccessful.

(v) Other

No further working group updates were given.

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APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

- (i) Fools Gold** - The Committee **RESOLVED** that Fools Gold should be asked for updated costs to perform in a number of schools or care homes over a 3 month period.
- (ii) Michael Heaviside Centenary** - Daniel O'Brien from Stanley AAP requested £2000 of the Councils 'Heritage Projects' budget to go towards the cost of the re-enactment and fun day. Committee **RESOLVED** that Council would support the request for funding and instructed the Town Clerk to obtain a full breakdown of costs for the programme.
- (iii) South Moor Banner Group** - It was proposed by Cllr R Harrison, seconded by Cllr C Bell and resolved that Committee **RESOLVED** that

Council support the request for £400 funding to pay the artist for refurbishing the miners banner.

355 **LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME**

Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Council adopt the Community Engagement Policy drafted by the Town Clerk.

356 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC***

*Members recording the proceedings stopped at this point.

Council **RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

*Justification for excluding the public and press from consideration of the following item:
Commercial Sensitivity*

357 **CIVIC HALL - IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

Members discussed the specification of theatre equipment and works. It was **RECOMMENDED** that Council prioritise delivery of the fly tower, PA system and tech box alongside refurbishment of the Building signage, Bamburgh Suite and the toilets with the remaining amount of the Public Works Loan.

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

Projects & Initiatives Committee, 6.30pm, Tuesday 13th June 2017, Stanley Civic Hall