
MINUTES of the CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Education Centre, Stanley on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr C Bell* Cllr L Elliott Cllr J Charlton Cllr J Nicholson
 Cllr W Nixon

*Chairman

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs B Nair & R Harrison, Alan Shield, Isla Biggs and Geoff Dawson

191 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs Thompson and McMahon were accepted by the Committee.

Cllr R Ferris was absent without apologies.

192 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

Cllr J Nicholson noted that Alan Shield was also a Councillor for DCC.

193 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK

The Clerk noted that no one was recording this meeting.

194 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public present and no questions submitted prior to the meeting.

195 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr W Nixon, seconded by Cllr J Nicholson and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Crime and Community Safety Meeting held on 5 October 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

196 GROUNDWORK NE

Geoff Dawson from Groundwork NE talked through his presentation relating to the operation of the Groundwork service in 2016/17.

It was proposed by Cllr J Charlton, seconded by Cllr W Nixon and **RESOLVED** that Groundwork feed back to the Committee at every meeting, with updates and pictures of jobs the team have carried out, and that STC officers will have monthly meetings with Geoff to encourage better communication.

It was also discussed that there are not enough taskings for the team coming from Members. A reminder of the process will be sent to Members.

It was also agreed that the Groundwork team be provided with a box of dog bags to distribute to the public when necessary.

197 DURHAM MONEY ADVICE

Alan Shield addressed the Committee. He noted that there has been a 30% increase in the number of clients seen in the last 12 months. If STC provide the funding requested, 1 of the advisors will also be a qualified solicitor to provide further advice and support.

The Town Clerk questioned where the rent for The Venue was being sought. Isla Biggs confirmed that this would be coming from AAP budgets for 2016/17 however it was not secure for 2017/18.

It was agreed that if funding is provided in 2017/18 that monitoring of the project be provided to the Committee every 6 months.

198 DRAFT BUDGET REVIEW

Following a discussion members **RECOMMEND** the following changes to the draft budget:

Budget Code	Budget	First Draft	Crime Cttee proposal	Comments/ Saving
101 4000	Direct Salaries	£203,104.00	£172,125.00	delete vacant post
300 4300	Environmental Services	£90,000.00	£67,500.00	reduce by 25%
300 4301	Tractors	£3,000.00	£0.00	Sell - assets underused
300 4302	Dog Bags	£4,100.00	£0.00	Remove Budget
300 4310	Crime Prevention Initiatives	£10,000.00	£7,000.00	Reduce by £3k
300 4313	Mini Police	£4,400.00	£2,200.00	Only add 2 schools

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300 4321	Detached Youth	£50,000.00	£30,000.00	Seek match funding from AAP
300 4322	Road Safety Initiatives	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Retain budget
300 4323	Defibrillators	£6,000.00	£2,000.00	Return to original proposal for one at the Civic Hall
		£373,604.00	£283,825.00	£89,779.00

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DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11th January 2017, 6:30pm at Stanley Civic Hall.