

**MINUTES** of the **PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL** held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 13th June 2017 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Pallas\*                      Cllr C Marshall                      Cllr C Hampson                      Cllr A Clegg  
Cllr L Christie                      Cllr T Armstrong                      Cllr J Clark                      Cllr J Tully  
Cllr G Wilkinson                      Cllr G Graham

**\*Chairman**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Neil Bradbury (CAB), Cllr D Marshall, Cllr J Nicholson, Cllr D Tully, 3 Members of the Public

**18                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs J McMahon & B Nair were accepted by the Committee.

**19                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr C Marshall declared a pecuniary interest in Stanley Events and a non-pecuniary interest in Beamish FC as they are based at the MUGA in relation to item 6(ii) of the business on the agenda. (*Minute #23(ii)*).

**20                      PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk reminded everyone present to either switch their mobile phones off or set them to silent. He also reminded everyone in attendance that the meeting was being filmed and broadcast live.

The Chairman asked the members of the Committee for their views about moving the start time of the meeting to 6pm. Some Members were not able to make a 6pm start so the meetings will remain at 6.30 pm.

**21                      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions submitted prior to the meeting and no questions from public in attendance.

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**22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of the Communications & Events meeting held on 4th April 2017.

**23 REQUESTS FOR FUNDING/ SUPPORT****(i) Citizens Advice Bureau**

Members considered a request for £37,532 grant funding from Neil Bradbury from County Durham CAB. Following a question and answer session with Neil, members **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that:

- (a) The full amount of grant funding requested be provided to enable the Stanley CAB service to continue for the next year, and
- (b) Discussions take place with the CAB and other providers of Advice Services in Stanley to ensure that there is a plan for a sustainable advice service in the future.

**(ii) Tractors**

Members received requests from Annfield Plain AFC and Beamish FC, requesting that the surplus Kubota tractors to be donated to them for grounds maintenance/ grass cutting purposes. It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that Committee **RECOMMEND** that Full Council:

- (a) Donate the tractors to the two football clubs;
- (b) That the STC logos should be removed, following a press release and handover by the Town Mayor.

**24 PROJECT UPDATES****(i) Play in the Park**

Members received an update report from the PA to the Town Clerk in relation to budget allocation for the events planned.

It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr L Christie and **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) To keep the Play in the Park events in budget, events planned for the 26 July and 16 Aug will be cancelled. All other events to go ahead as planned.
- (ii) Evaluation data should be collected at each event i.e attendance figures, feedback from attendees, surveys, qualitative data etc and reported back to Council in due course.

**(ii) Armed Forces Day**

Members received an update from the Community Development Manager in relation to the Armed Forces Day event on 25 June. He advised that the event would probably come under budget. Cllr D Marshall declared an interest in the Rotary Club. Cllr C Hampson declared an interest in this item as a volunteer at PACT House and a member of the Rotary Club.

Committee were happy with the planning of Armed Forces Day and hoped that it would be a successful day.

**25 REVIEW OF CURRENT INITIATIVES**

Cllr C Marshall reaffirmed the Labour Groups commitment to the pledges they set in their manifesto. He noted there were significant areas of work to develop which need to be properly budgeted for. Members were happy with the report provided by the Town Clerk.

It was **RESOLVED** that Committee would **RECOMMEND** that an Extra-Ordinary meeting of Council should be planned to develop the medium term plan further.

**26 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME****(i) Louisa Morrison Miner's Memorial**

Members were asked to consider where to relocate the memorial currently situated at St Aidan's Church. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Clerk should liaise with the church to get the memorial secured, removed and stored. More time should be spent with the Community to determine the best location for the memorial. Schools could be asked to participate in a heritage project.

**(ii) War Memorial**

Members were asked to consider if the War Memorial Steering group would continue, who the members of the group would be and the date of the next meeting. It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr T Armstrong and **RESOLVED** that Cllrs A Clegg, G Graham and M Davinson be appointed to review the project bearing in mind comments of the Committee and with particular regard to the value for money of the project and report back to Committee with recommendations. If the Steering Group wish to do a wider consultation that would be supported by the Committee.

**(iii) Veterans Badges**

Members agreed during discussion of Item 7, (*minute #24(ii)*) Armed Forces Day, that Veterans Badges should be re-presented to those who have them, by the Town Mayor on Sunday 25 June at Armed Forces Day.

**(iv) Youth Council**

Members were asked to consider creating a Youth Council in the Stanley Area. It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr C Hampson and **RESOLVED** that this project should be costed properly then brought back to Committee for consideration in the future but it would be difficult to achieve a properly funded youth council project within existing budgets.

**(v) Farmers Markets**

Members were asked to consider holding Farmer's Markets in Stanley Front Street. It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr C Hampson and **RESOLVED** that it would be a lot of work to organise a Farmer's Market at present, therefore it should be revisited in the Autumn.

**(vi) Project Submissions from Elected Members**

Cllr A Clegg suggested flying a flag outside the Civic Hall to recognise the Merchant Navy. Members **RESOLVED** to support this submission.

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

Tuesday 18th July 2017, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall. Meeting rearranged due to Michael Heaviside commemorations.