

MINUTES of the **PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL** held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr J McMahon* Cllr C Hampson Cllr C Marshall Cllr A Clegg
Cllr L Christie Cllr J Tully Cllr T Armstrong Cllr B Nair

*Chairman

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: 9 members of the public, Cllr J Nicholson, D Tully & D Marshall

80 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs J Pallas, J Clark and G Wilkinson were accepted by Committee.

81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Marshall declared a pecuniary interest as a Director of Stanley Events Ltd.
Cllr J McMahon declared a pecuniary interest as an employee of Stanley Events Ltd.

82 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK

It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that items 6, 10 and 11 be deferred to allow the Finance & Governance Committee to look at them in more detail. Any urgent business should be presented to the Full Council meeting for decision.

83 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions submitted prior to the meeting and no questions from the floor.

84 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that members **APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2017.

85 GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

This item was deferred.

86 PARTNER/ PROJECT UPDATES

Detached Youth - Ruth Blakey provided members with an update on how the Stars Youth and Community project was going. Lots of detached work has been undertaken with young people throughout the Stanley area. As the dark nights come in the scope will change. PACTivate has been supported in Tanfield and has been successful. Darren McMahon advised members that if they have any concerns about specific locations to get in touch and feed info into the Stars team. Cllr C Marshall thanked Ruth and Darren for their comprehensive report and detailed feedback.

PACT House Radio - Darren McMahon provided a report to members outlining building works needed to be complete before the Radio station is up and running. Cllr C Marshall thanked PACT House for the wider work all the volunteers do and noted that there are great things happening.

Any other updates - The PA to the Town Clerk advised that Fools Gold have booked in their performances in the Care Homes and that members are welcome to join in. Dates to be circulated to members via email.

87 PLAY IN THE PARK FEEDBACK

The Town Clerk advised that Play in the Park came in slightly under budget. There have been staffing issues over the summer, and he thanked Nicola and all other staff who pulled together to ensure they ran smoothly. Feedback from the public was positive in general. The Town Clerk suggested looking at alternative locations next year. Cllr C Marshall noted that the Play in the Park events had been a massive success with a good spread across the area and that the Council should look to provide them again next year.

88 CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS

It was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr C Marshall and **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) The awards are renamed "Town Mayor's Awards" to reflect the change in the Council.
- (ii) The policy should be amended to state that all people put forward will be presented with an award.
- (iii) The public should be invited to nominate recipients of the awards.

89 **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

This item was deferred.

90 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Committee **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*

91 **STANLEY COUNCIL OFFICES**

This item was deferred until such time as the Working Group had met with the surveyor and can report back.

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

Tuesday 10th October 2017, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall