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

PRESENT: Cllr J Pallas* Cllr J McMahon Cllr C Hampson Cllr J Kane
 Cllr J Tully Cllr B Nair Cllr A Clegg

*Chairman

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public, Cllrs J Nicholson, L Timbey, D Marshall & D Tully, A/ Insp Dave Clarke, (Durham Constabulary), Geoff Dawson (Groundwork North East & Cumbria), and Steve McCallan (Durham County Council).

ABSENT: Cllr T Armstrong

194 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs L Christie, C Marshall, G Wilkinson & J Clark were accepted by Committee.

195 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

196 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk advised that the meeting was being recorded and reminded everyone to switch their phones to silent.

197 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

198 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr A Clegg, seconded by Cllr J Kane and **RESOLVED** that Committee **APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2017.

199 DERELICT BUILDINGS AND LAND

Steve McCallan informed members of the Time Limited Project (TLP) that was being run in Stanley in which derelict buildings were targeted. He advised that the TLP was now over however there is now a Derelict Buildings Task Group who meet to discuss issues.

Members were asked to look into derelict land and buildings in their areas and bring them to the Community Development Manager who would liaise with Steve to bring partners together to solve any issues.

200 ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP TEAM

Members discussed the current contract with Groundwork NE, and other possible options. It was proposed by Cllr J Kane, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk provide costings to the Committee to enable Members to do a cost comparison and make a decision.

201 CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Members noted that they were pleased with the Christmas Market and funfair this year. They asked for the Community Development Manager to provide a breakdown of costs to help the Committee develop a specification for the event for 2018 and beyond.

202 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Community Development Manager was tasked to set up a working group, with a geographical balance, to bring back a detailed proposal for a specification for Christmas Lights.

203 POLICE CARS

A/ Insp Dave Clarke requested that Council provide 2 new vehicles to be used by both local policing teams and the Town Council's warden service as it becomes operational.

It was proposed by Cllr C Hampson, seconded by Cllr J Kane and **RESOLVED** that the Committee **RECOMMENDS** to Council that the 2 new vehicles be bought subject to the sign off of the budget.

204 ROAD SAFETY

A/ Insp Dave Clarke requested that the Committee authorise the purchase of a mobile speed visor from the 2017/18 Road Safety budget. The Committee

RESOLVED to purchase the speed visor with the remaining budget, any extra money required should be sourced elsewhere.

205 **COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY**

It was proposed by Cllr J Kane, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the Comms & Marketing for the Town Council and Civic Hall be managed centrally under one budget.

206 **UPDATES**

A/ Insp Dave Clarke updated the Committee on local issues.

- A premises in Ridley Street has been closed due to unacceptable ASB.
- Karbon homes are assisting in dealing with criminal activity in Catchgate.
- Members were thanked for their MIF support towards the PACTIVATE project.
- The Radio room in PACT House currently has power and lights. Sound proofing will be carried out soon.
- The food appeal at PACT House is going well, further donations are welcome.

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

Tuesday 9th January 2018, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall