

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 21st February 2017 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: J Nicholson* G Graham B Nair J Charlton
W Nixon D Tully C Bell D Mills
D Walker M Wilkinson R Harrison A Clegg
L Elliott D McMahon C Thompson

*Chairman

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

ABSENT: Cllrs C McKee, T Davinson & R Ferris

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of the public

303 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs D Marshall & L Marshall were accepted by Council.

304 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Charlton declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Durham County Council.

Cllr D McMahon declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8(b) (*Minute #310(b)*) Detached Youth Project and advised the Chair he would leave the chamber during consideration of that item.

305 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Clerk advised Members not to speak until they have been recognised by the chair, to address the Chair when speaking and to stand whilst addressing the floor.

The Clerk noted that no one present was recording the meeting, but advised those present that STC would be streaming this meeting on Facebook.

The Chairman welcomed back Cllr A Clegg and advised that he did not need to stand due to his leg injury.

306 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

307 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr R Harrison, seconded by Cllr C Bell and **RESOLVED** that the Council approve the Full Council minutes of 24th January 2017 as a correct record.

308 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Communications & Events Committee held on 7th February 2017 and the minutes of the Crime & Community Safety Committee held on 8th February 2017 be **RECEIVED** by Council.

309 CORRESPONDENCE FOR REVIEW/ DECISION

(i) HSBC Notification of Branch Closure - Consett

Members **NOTED** the letter from the HSBC Bank advising that the Consett Branch will be closed in June 2017.

(ii) Letter of thanks - DCC Social Services

Members **NOTED** the letter from DCC thanking the Town Council for providing a block of panto tickets for distribution to families they are working with.

It was proposed by Cllr D McMahon, seconded by Cllr C Bell and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council will look into doing the same next year.

310 RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) Communications & Events

A Year in Stanley - After being informed of the cancellation of A Year in Stanley, Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) £300 be put into a new budget for West Stanley Memorial event in 2018, and
- (ii) The remaining £5950 budget be held for other heritage projects which come to light in year.

Michael Heaviside Walk - Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (iii) The Council would participate by helping to organise an event at the conclusion of the Heaviside Walk in Craghead (Millennium Green);
- (iv) The Council should aim to unveil it's previously approved heritage plaque for Michael Heaviside as part of the day's activities;
- (v) Bloemfontein School would be a suitable location for the plaque as it is opposite the site of Michael Heaviside's house, is visible from the street scene and would help to inform the children of their own local heritage;
- (vi) Opportunities for funding the event by DCC should be discussed.

Wayfinding on the Sustrans Route - Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (vii) The Town Clerk should liaise with Sustrans and Adrian Cattle-Jones from the original project group to progress.

(b) Crime & Community Safety

Detached Youth Project - After considering the report, Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) The proposal put forward by Stars YC be accepted; and
- (ii) As separate additional funding being provided for detached youth services in Craghead by local County Councillors, the services being funded by the Town Council should be focused on the rest of the Parish to maximise the potential of the money being invested in the project.

311 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION

Council **APPROVED** the payment of accounts for January 2017 and **NOTED** the Bank Reconciliation.

312 STANDING ORDERS

Council **APPROVED** the revised Standing Orders attached.

313 PREPARATION FOR THE MAY ELECTION

The Town Clerk tabled a report at the meeting for Members to consider. It was proposed by Cllr C Bell, seconded by Cllr R Harrison and **RESOLVED** that the timetable proposed be accepted.

314 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Members **NOTED** the Town Clerk's updates relating to:

- (a) Front Street Offices,
- (b) Annfield Plain Community Room,
- (c) Civic Hall improvements,
- (d) War Memorial,
- (e) Civic Hall staffing,
- (f) CILCA,
- (g) MIFs, and
- (h) PACT House underlease.

315 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21st March 2017, 6:30pm, Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley.