

STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL: CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE			
MINUTES OF MEETING			
MEETING TIME: 18:30hrs; DATE: 08/04/15; VENUE: Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley, DH9 0NA			
PRESENT - CLLRS: D. Walker, R. Ferris, A. Clegg & J. Nicholson.			
APOLOGIES – CLLRS: B. Nair, C. Thompson, & C. Bell.			
OFFICIALS – D. Shingleton (Acting Town Clerk), B. Hall (Community Services Officer/ Note Taker).			
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Cllrs B Nixon			
MINUTE	SUBJECT:	NOTE/S:	ACTION/S:
CCS.117-14	Item 1 - Apologies	Apologies received from Councillors Nair, Thompson and Bell was accepted by the Committee.	
CCS.118-14	Item 2 - Declarations of Interest	No	
CCS.119-14	Item 3 - Procedural and Appropriate Announcements from the Chairman	The Chair noted that due to the business being discussed, non-committee members were welcome to speak during the meeting.	
CCS.120-14	Item 4 - Minutes	It was proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Nicholson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 10 th March 2015, be approved as a correct record.	
CCS.121-14	Item 5 - Public Participation	<p>5.1 Cllr Nixon told the meeting he believed there was an increasing problem with rats in the town and that people were reporting sightings all over the area. It was agreed that this committee was the appropriate one to raise this issue with and that further enquiries be made into this issue.</p> <p>5.2 There were no written questions.</p>	

CCS.122-14	Item 6 – Check Point Police presentation	Apologies were accepted from PC Norris for not being able to attend.	
CCS.123-14	Item 7 – Ward issues	<p>Cllr Ferris reported that there was still a problem with fly-tipping and rubbish on the football field and in back yards of houses in New Kyo.</p> <p>Cllr Elliot told the meeting that despite numerous requests to Durham County Council to remove fly-tipped rubbish on a field near her home nothing had been actioned. As a result of this she had experienced personal abuse from people angry at the state of the environment.</p> <p>It was agreed that the matter should be looked into and if DCC had not actioned appropriately a letter expressing disappointment should be sent to DCC.</p> <p>Cllr Nicholson queried the requirement for ward issues to be submitted 10 days before a meeting and that these issues could arise at any time. It was decided that this should be reconsidered.</p>	
CCS.124-14	Item 8 – Current initiatives	<p>8.1 Abused Parking on the Front Street – B. Hall updated the meeting that following a site visit by police, town council and county council officers, a draft plan had been completed and there would be extensive consultation with local traders, market traders and others before a final plan was settled.</p> <p>8.2 Dog Waste Bin – no wardens were present to update about this issue.</p> <p>8.3 Fires in Stanley – SGT Dave Clarke updated the meeting he said that currently there was no difference in the amount of fires in Stanley to other areas in the County however there was a high level of public awareness and reporting levels were high. Following the charge and remand of a local man for arson there had been a run of ‘copy-cat’ fires in particular a fire to the school at Anfield Plain and grass fires at the rear of Iceland. 5 young people had been dealt with in relation to the school fire having admitted their involvement and 4 young people had been dealt with in relation to the grass fires. A number of ‘bin locks’ had been fitted to wheelie bins in the Joicey Gardens area and high visibility reassurance patrols were continuing in the areas affected by the arsons.</p> <p>8.4 SGT Clarke showed the meeting details of an interactive youth pod which he felt would be of benefit to the area. Total costing was around £12000 which included ancillary fitness equipment, maintenance for 2 years and 1 move if it was needed in another area.</p>	

		<p>Cllr Nicholson told the meeting that there were young people everywhere in the area not just in the town centre and that a review of youth provision should be carried out for the whole of Stanley.</p> <p>SGT Clarke showed the meeting details of a firm who carry out youth engagement 'social sense' using a smart phone app.</p> <p>SGT Clarke told the meeting about an initiative started by a local woman spray painting dog poo pink. This had generated a lot of support on facebook and where it had been used in other areas there had been a substantial reduction in dog fouling.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the council should purchase 50 cans of suitable spray paint (organic and biodegradable) which could be distributed to volunteers from the Civic Hall.</p>	
CCS.125-14	Item 9 – The Word	<p>B. Hall updated the meeting with following;</p> <p>Preparations for The Word performance are well advanced. The music tracks and accompanying video have been recorded and are being edited. Invitations to local schools have been sent out and coaches booked for transportation. VIP invites will be sent out by early next week</p> <p>The event begins on Wednesday 20th May with a set up in the Civic Hall pupils from secondary schools will assist crew members setting up sound, video, and lighting. Thursday 21st May will see a performance in the afternoon to primary school pupils from the town and a VIP performance in the evening. The main event will be on Friday 22nd with 2 performances one in the morning and one in the evening attended by pupils from both secondary schools and VIP sports guests. Police will use this event to promote #respectyourstreet initiatives in the area.</p>	

CCS.126.14	ITEM 10 – OTIS	<p>B. Hall updated the meeting with the following;</p> <p>A survey document has been drawn up which will be delivered both in paper and in digital form and a series of events have been planned in New Kyo immediately after the period of purdah; commencing Friday 8th May a street pact/ walkabout will be carried out between 11am and 1pm meeting at the Methodist Church. Between Monday 11th May and Friday 15th May flyers and postcards will be delivered to all houses in the area. Saturday 16th May a coffee morning will be held between 10am and noon. On Tuesday 19th a further street pact will be held meeting at the Methodist church 5.30pm to 7.30pm and on Thursday 21st an afternoon tea will be held between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. The dates and times have been structured to capture the widest possible customer base. During this period a junior pact meeting will be conducted; details to be advised.</p>	
CCS.127.14	ITEM 11 – Blooming good fun	<p>B. Hall updated the meeting with the following;</p> <p>1. <u>BACKGROUND</u></p> <p>Last year we saw the launch of the Blooming Good Fun Competition 2014'. This proved to be a very successful project with some great entries, promoting an opportunity for the General Public to get involved with the Town Council and also a chance to show off their hard work and pride they take in where they live. There was a really wide range of types of entries - from hanging basket displays, back yards, Police Stations to extensive Gardens. All of which captured different smells and variety of plants, bushes, trees etc.</p> <p>After a very hard job of judging we eventually had a 1st, 2nd & 3rd place (all receiving garden vouches of £150, £100 & £50. However everyone that entered the competition received recognition. We held an Awards Night at the Civic hall, with a drinks reception, buffet and a guest speaker from "Britain in Bloom". There was a really good turn out to the evening and it was enjoyed by all. (so much we were waiting for people to leave in the end).</p>	

		<p>In essence, it was fantastic to see members of the public, well and truly "Loving where they Live". All entries were absolutely fantastic</p> <p>2. <u>CURRENT POSITION</u></p> <p>The working group that carried out the competition last year have met recently to discuss progressing this project again this year. We have discussed how we can implement improvement to the project. However we are expecting a larger turn out of entries than last year.</p> <p>Blooming Good fun is looking for a budget of £2000 to be rolled out on a bigger scale this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners - Total cash prizes = £300 • Advertising (more intense than last year, including banners) = £500 • Award shields/certificates and administration = £300 • Awards night, presentation, buffet & drinks reception = £400 • Contingency (dependant on take up) = £500 <p>3. <u>NEXT STEPS</u></p> <p>If the Committee is in agreement, the working group will continue to meet to carry out Advertising, setting criteria of entries, terms and conditions, Application packs & distribution, judging forms and general organisation of the various stages. Once this is complete a timetable of judging dates will be put together and on completion of this, the awards night will be organised and date set for presentation.</p> <p>4. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u></p>	
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CCS-128.14	Date, time and venue of next meeting	6 th May 2015, 6:30pm, Stanley Civic Hall	
CCS-129.14	Notes taken by B. Hall	<p>Minutes agreed by;</p> <p>----- (signed);</p> <p>----- (date)</p>	