

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT STANLEY CIVIC HALL, FRONT STREET, STANLEY, DH9 0NA  
TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 6.30pm**

**PRESENT**

C. Bell	J. Charlton	A. Clegg	T. Davinson	L. Elliott
R. Ferris	R. Harrison	D. Mills	B. Nair	J. Nicholson
W. Nixon	C. Thompson	D. Tully	D. Walker	M. Wilkinson

**APOLOGIES**

C. Malin	D. Marshall	L. Marshall	D. McMahon	G. Graham
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**OFFICIALS**

D. Shingleton – Acting Town Clerk  
J. Harper– Community Development Manager  
C. Howe – Civic Hall Manager  
N. James – PA (Note Taker)

STC.205-14 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllrs C. Malin, D. Marshall, L. Marshall, D. McMahon and G. Graham were accepted by the Council.

STC.206-14 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Charlton declared her standing declaration as a County Councillor. Cllr Bell declared an interest as Chair of the Traders.

STC.207-14 **PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

None.

STC.208-14 **PRESENTATION BY STANLEY INDOOR BOWLING CLUB**

The Vice President from Stanley Indoor Bowling Club, Jack Pye, attended the meeting to present Stanley Town Council with a trophy for supporting the bowling club financially. He noted that without the financial support from the Council, the bowling club would not be able to host the competitions as the club need finances to be committed before they are awarded the events.

STC.209-14 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr D Mills, seconded by Cllr R Harrison and **RESOLVED** that:  
The minutes of Full Council on 24.02.15 be approved as a correct record.  
The minutes of Full Council on 10.03.15 be approved as a correct record.  
The minutes of Crime and Community Safety on 18.02.15 be received.  
The minutes of Communications and Events on 10.02.15 be received.  
The minutes of Finance and General Purposes on 11.02.15 be received.

STC.210-14 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions from members of the public in attendance.

Mr Kevin Reay submitted a question at the last Full Council which the Acting Town Clerk addressed at tonight's meeting. The Acting Town Clerk noted his 2 replies which he had forwarded to Mr Reay in response to his question.

STC.211-14 **COMMITTEES**

**Planning Committee:** There was no Planning committee in March, therefore no recommendations to consider.

**Crime & Community Safety 10/03/15:** The Chair noted that the meeting of 10.03.15 was a 1 item agenda to discuss Environmental Services. The recommendation from the committee will be discussed and resolved further in the meeting tonight.

**Communications & Events 04/03/15:** The Acting Town Clerk noted the main recommendations from the meeting on 04.03.15:

- Music POD Shelter – Sgt Dave Clarke presented his idea of STC purchasing a Music POD Shelter for Stanley Front Street. Members agreed that this would be a good way to address ASB. It was **RESOLVED** that Sgt Clarke should be asked how much funding he needs, and that this funding would come from the Crime and CS committee budget.
- IT – It was **RESOLVED** that current laptops be replaced. Old laptops will be donated to a local organisation or be used to reduce the costs of new equipment for members.
- Events – It was agreed that Working Groups be set up to progress the events that the Town Council want to be involved in or want to organise.

Members accepted all recommendations from the meeting on 04.03.15.

**Finance & General Purposes 11/03/15:** The Vice-Chair noted that this meeting was short and routine. Invoices for payment and bank reconciliation were approved. The situation with income and expenditure at the Civic Hall was approved. The budget position was also noted. Members accepted the recommendation from the meeting on 11.03.15

STC.212-14 **IT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT**

The Acting Town Clerk noted his report to Members. It was **AGREED** by all Members that all existing equipment be replaced with more up to date models and that the old machines be given to Stanley based organisations as per our IT policy. The Acting Town Clerk will facilitate this and give costings to the Finance & GP Committee.

STC.213-14 **MEMBER/OFFICER PROTOCOL**

The Acting Town Clerk noted his report to Members. It was **AGREED** that a protocol be accepted in principle, but not this one. Members should contact the ATC with changes to be made.

STC.214-14 **SPENDING TO BE FINANCED FROM LOAN**

Members reviewed the report and recommendations from the Acting Town Clerk. It was **AGREED** that all Health and Safety issues be addressed first and then the other issues be prioritised into a rolling programme of works, to be reviewed with costs. It was also **AGREED** that the Civic Hall Manager be approved to purchase a ticket machine.

STC.215-14 **FUNDING OF POLICE VEHICLES**

Members **AGREED** the recommendation from the Acting Town Clerks report, that Members support the provision of £7,000 to allow the continued use by Durham Constabulary of two vehicles dedicated to the Stanley area.

STC.216-14 **KEY TO STANLEY/FREEDOM OF THE TOWN AWARD**

Cllr David Mills presented his proposal to members. It was proposed by Cllr Ron Harrison, seconded by Cllr Colin Thompson and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Mills could go ahead with his proposal, starting with the nomination for Hamphlets Newsagents.

STC.217-14 **CIVIC HALL ISSUES**

Claire Howe brought the following issues to Members:

- 1) **Mick Brown, Community Art Project** – Mick was requesting free room hire to move his art project from Tanfield to the Civic Hall.
- 2) **Lewis Christie** – Lewis was requesting free hall hire for a charity night.
- 3) **Deaf Club** – The Deaf Club were requesting free use of the Civic Hall every other Wednesday.

It was proposed by Cllr David Mills, seconded by Cllr Billy Nixon and **RESOLVED** that Mick Brown and the Deaf Club could have free use of the Civic Hall. Lewis Christie should approach individual Members to raise funding through their MIF.

STC.218-14 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council excludes the press and public on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

**PART B**

STC.219-14 **CIVIC HALL ISSUES**

Claire Howe brought the following issues to Members:

**Ian Freeman, Boxing Nights** –

STC.220-14 **STAFFING ISSUES**

**Former Town Clerk**

**Town Clerk Recruitment**

**Civic Hall Staffing**

STC.221-14 **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall.