

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT STANLEY CIVIC HALL, FRONT STREET, STANLEY, DH9 0NA
TUESDAY 26th MAY 2015 FOLLOWING THE AGM (7.40PM)**

PRESENT

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

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OFFICIALS

D. Shingleton – Acting Town Clerk
J. Harper – Community Development Manager
B. Hall – Community Services Officer
N. James – PA (Note Taker)

STC.15-15 **APOLOGIES**

None.

STC.16-15 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

STC.17-15 **PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

None.

STC.18-15 **MINUTES**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of Full Council on 28.04.15 be approved as a correct record, following an amendment from Cllr L Marshall on item 236-14.

It was proposed by Cllr R Harrison, seconded by Cllr B Nair and **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of Crime and Community Safety on 08.04.15 be received.

The minutes of Communications and Events on 14.04.15 be received.

The minutes of Finance & General Purposes on 11.03.15 be received.

STC.19-15 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

D. Shingleton noted a letter the Council had received from Mr Kevin Reay. The Acting Town Clerk responded to the letter and it was **RESOLVED** that he contact the County Councillors to gain their response.

STC.20-15 **COMMITTEES**

Crime & Community Safety Committee 06.05.15:

Cllr Bala Nair noted that there were no recommendations from the committee meeting for the Council to consider. He thanked the staffs that were involved in The Word for all their hard work, which meant it was a very successful event.

Communication & Events Committee 12.05.15:

Cllr McMahon noted that the only recommendation for the Council to approve was for £1100 to be granted to Craghead Leak Show. Members **AGREED** this as a one off payment.

Finance & General Purposes Committee 13.05.15:

Cllr D Marshall noted that the committee had no recommendations for the Council to approve. The Committee agreed that the following reports be approved: Internal Audit, Invoices for Payment and Bank Reconciliation, Civic Hall Income and Expenditure and Draft Final Accounts 2014-15.

Planning Committee 07.04.15:

Cllr Nixon informed the Council that the Committee were in discussions with Sustrans to see how local signage can be improved. Cllr Nixon also noted that the committee had been approached to take ownership of the war memorial at Annfield Plain. The Committee agreed to this in principle subject to a report on management, maintenance and financial implications. It was **RESOLVED** that this recommendation be approved.

STC.21-15 **MOTION**

Cllr D Walker & Cllr J Nicholson proposed the following motion:

"In order to improve the public image and the transparency of the Council – that all reports supporting agenda items be included on the STC website alongside the agendas and also be available at meetings in hard copy format for members of the public to see. This excludes any reports supporting agenda items in Part B of any meetings".

The Council **AGREED** that this motion be implemented once the new website is ready and a note be put on the website for the public to ask for copies of reports to be emailed to them.

STC.22-15 **CIVIC HALL**

The Acting Town Clerk presented a table of figures to the Council to consider in relation to fees and charges for Civic Hall Theatre Hire. It was proposed by Cllr David Marshall, seconded by Cllr Ron Harrison and **RESOLVED** that more information was needed to make an informed decision and that this information be provided to Finance and General Purposes Committee to scrutinise and make a recommendation to Full Council.

STC.23-15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Council were given further information regarding a request for funding from the Just for Women Centre. It was proposed by Cllr David Walker, seconded by Cllr Bala Nair and **RESOLVED** that the Just for Women Centre be asked to provide a copy of the groups constitution and a copy of their most recent accounts/financial statements so that the Finance and General Purposes Committee could consider the request further.

STC.24-15 **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.25-15 **CIVIC HALL**

Use of loan money -

STC.26-15 **STAFFING ISSUES**

Civic Hall Staff -

Town Clerk –

STC.27-15 **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 23 June 2015, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall

Council approved 23.06.15