

**STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL  
CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

MEETING TIME: 18:30hrs;      DATE: 08/07/15;      VENUE: Stanley Civic Hall,  
Front Street, Stanley, DH9 0NA

PRESENT - CLLRS: C. Bell (Chair), C. Thompson, G. Graham, J. Charlton, J. Nicholson, L. Elliot, D. Tully, W. Nixon, D. Walker

APOLOGIES – CLLR: R. Ferris

ABSENT –

OFFICIALS – J. Harper (Community Development Manager), B. Hall (Community Services Officer & Note Taker).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Sgt D Clarke (Stanley NPT) Lee Brown (CDDFR)

MINUTE	SUBJECT:	NOTES	ACTION(S)
CCS.014-15	Item 1 - Apologies	Apology received from Councillor Ferris was accepted by the Committee.	
CCS.015-15	Item 2 - Declarations of Interest	Cllrs: C. Bell (Traders) and J. Charlton (DCC)	
CCS.016-15	Item 3 - Procedural and Appropriate Announcements from the Chairman	None	
CCS.017-15	Item 4 - Minutes	It was proposed by Cllr C Thompson, seconded by Cllr J Nicholson and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 3rd <sup>th</sup> June 2015, be approved as a correct record.	
CCS.018-15	Item 5 - Public Participation	5.1 There were no members of the public present.	
CCS.019-15	Item 6 – Ward Issues	1 – Cllr D Walker – Tethering of horses. Cllr Walker informed the committee that he had been in contact with Mark Farren at DCC in relation to 7 tethered horses on Kyo bogs who explained to him that DCC had not changed their policy and that each seizure of a horse cost £1500 legal costs plus transport and storage. However shortly afterwards the horses were seized and seizure notices from DCC left at the scene.	

		<p>Cllr Elliot then informed the meeting that a young man she had been talking with had told her he had his horses, which he keeps in good order, illegally seized from Kyo by DCC and was getting them back. A discussion then took place about the legal position of seizing horses. It was AGREED that Mark Farren would be contacted and asked to committee to explain the legal position of the county council in relation to seizing horses.</p> <p>2 – Cllr C Bell – School Crossing Safety at night. Cllr Bell informed committee that she had concerns about road safety with young children going to and from school in dark nights and mornings. She had thought that STC branded high visibility items given out free to infant, junior, and older school children would be a good idea. A discussion then took place about which schools should be targeted and how this would fit in with schools/DCC road safety campaign. It was AGREED that research should be done to explore areas we could develop this idea and report back.</p> <p>3 – Cllr R Harrison – Proposal to provide free skips in various locations for local people to dispose of larger items of waste rather than paying the county council a fee to remove them. This may lead to a cleaner environment and discourage fly-tipping. J. Harper advised committee that the concerns were that permission had to be obtained if skips were in place more than six months, they were likely to be used to builders etc. to dispose of their waste, unsupervised skips would be messy and possibly attract vermin.</p>	<p>Brian Brian</p>
<p>CCS.020-15</p>	<p>Item 7 – Current Initiatives</p>	<p>7.1 – Pink poo – Brian reported that the initiative had been favourably received by the community and analysis of feedback had shown a reduction of around 59% in dog fouling while it was ongoing. Reports after the initiative indicate dog fouling has increased again following the initiative. It was AGREED that Brian should look further into this and report back to committee with suggestions.</p>	<p>Brian</p>

CCS.021-15	Item 8 – Fire Service Q & A	<p>Lee Brown (County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue service) told committee that in relation to the school fires; Burnside school, four youths had been arrested 1 of who was being dealt with by the youth offending team the other three had been dealt with by means of restorative justice. The old board school in Front Street appears to be a one off incident, youths have apparently gained access to the rear of the building and on finding flammable liquids inside have started a fire. On arrival the fire crew have taken the decision to enter the burning building in order to put out the fire, this appears to have had the effect of minimising damage. Police and fire have met in relation to this building and a time limited project to secure the building. Insp Kelly Martin has spoken to the owner of the building who lives in Bradford on the telephone; he was completely uncooperative and unwilling to take responsibility for the security of the building.</p> <p>In relation to Joicey Gardens fires, the suspect is remanded in custody awaiting trial at crown court. Following a scan of the area bin locks have been fitted on wheelie bins in the area around 200-300 already done and funding in place for a further 200 which will be done shortly, there was also a wish list for 290 others depending on funding. It was AGREED that Mr Brown could work out costing to continue work and give figures to next meeting for consideration.</p>	
CCS.022-15	Item 9 – THE WORD	<p>9.1 An audio visual presentation was played of the event.</p> <p>Brian informed the committee that in conjunction with police, an on line competition on the theme of ‘I feel respect because...’, ‘I see respect because...’, etc and winning slogans would be displayed on The Word/respectyourstreet banners on school railings. These were terms which had been suggested by an NLP consultant working with the police.</p> <p>Further work would be done to continue the engagement started by the event</p>	James/Brian

CCS.023-15	ITEM 10 – Blooming Good Fun	James informed committee the event was progressing, a number of application packs had gone out although not many have yet been returned. Closing date for applications is Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July.	
CCS.024-15	ITEM 11 – Groundworks	James reported that the groundwork team had started work at Craghead Cemetery; a 3 year remit had been agreed with the church paying enough to cover costs. He asked that members should consider which areas could be developed by groundwork to enhance the area.	
CCS.025-15	Sgt Dave Clarke police report	Sgt Clarke updated the committee that a male had been arrested and remanded following the robbery at NISA South moor, he was identified within 20 minutes of the incident happening. 3 men had been remanded following the burglary at West Kyo.	
CCS.026-15	Alcohol Awareness initiative	The chair informed the meeting that some concerning reports had reached her regarding young people getting alcohol and she felt the council should be taking some kind of action. A discussion took place regarding work of other agencies in the area and it was AGREED that Brian contact Sgt Urwin on the alcohol harm reduction unit to update committee at the next meeting.	Brian
CCS.027-15	School Council	Brian updated the committee that work was still in progress, both school councils were keen to be involved and meetings were scheduled following the summer break.	
CCS.028-15	North Durham Academy Concerns	A discussion took place about the school and the possibility that it may be placed in special measures. It was AGREED that council contacts school governors and the principal and offer support.	Brian
CCS.029-15	Date, time and venue of next meeting	2nd September 2015, 6:30pm, Stanley Civic Hall	

	Notes taken by Brian Hall	Minutes agreed by;  ----- (signed) -----  ----- (date)	