
MINUTES of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall on Wednesday 18th July 2018 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr J Stephenson* Cllr C Bell Cllr L Christie Cllr J McMahon
Cllr A Clegg Cllr H Clark Cllr M Davinson Cllr J Kane
Cllr B Nair Cllr C Marshall Cllr D Marshall Cllr J Nicholson
Cllr J Pallas Cllr D Tully

*Chairman

OFFICERS: Alan Shaw (Town Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public

50 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs C Hampson, L Timbey, G Wilkinson, J Clark & J Tully were accepted by the Committee.

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Marshall declared a non pecuniary interest as the Durham County Council portfolio holder with responsibility for the County Durham Plan.

52 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK

None.

53 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No written questions were received in writing.

54 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the Committee approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 13th June 2018.

55 WARDENS UPDATE & PRIORITIES

The Town Clerk advised Members that the Wardens Service started on Monday 16th July following their training. James Harper will be working with them and managing the NH Warden service. Monthly reports and baseline information will be provided to Committee.

Cllr C Marshall reminded Members that tasking should go through James and Belinda Snow at DCC.

Kieran has issues 3 Community Protection Warning notices and 1 Fixed Penalty Notice so far.

It was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the NH Wardens focus on community as their top priority for the first 2 months of the service.

This includes:

- Beginning an education programme
- Addressing local hot spots of environmental crime
- Community engagement
- Involvement in 'green' projects
- Environmental campaigns
- Enforcement duties

56 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION

It was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr L Christie and **RESOLVED** that Committee:

- (i) **APPROVE** the payment of accounts for June 2018
- (ii) **NOTE** the Bank Reconciliation for June 2018
- (iii) Request the Town Clerk to provide a detailed budget monitoring report for September's meeting.

57 COUNTY DURHAM PLAN CONSULTATION

Committee recommend that the Council should write to Ian Thompson and request that DCC works with the Town Council to bring together stakeholders to examine how the proposals affect the area and the regeneration of the area. The Town Centre Plan and Green Corridor master plan should also be considered. Consider the options for carrying out a detailed study of settlements.

Comments from the Committee

Cllr J Pallas - Lyn Boyd suggests that the Town Council need a Neighbourhood Plan, willing to come to Stanley Town Council and discuss. Jack feels the CDP is poor.

Cllr J Nicholson - STC has considered a Neighbourhood Plan. AAP was well attended. Time constraints at that meeting.

Cllr B Nair - Moves to write to Ian Thompson to bring together key stakeholders to assess how the plans will affect the area. Seconded by Cllr L Christie.

Cllr M Davinson - Consider the plans we already have, Town Centre Masterplan, Green Corridor plans for 2007/08. What were their ideas. Look at our settlements

in more detail - consolidate them into our Neighbourhood Plan. Build evidence base for Stanley.

Cllr D Marshall - County plan not detailed enough. Need to bring more detail into the plan.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should write to Ian Thompson at Durham County Council and request that the County Council works with STC to bring together key stakeholders in the community to examine the effect of the plan's proposals on the area in detail and how these can be harnessed to drive regeneration locally.

58 COMMITTEE ACTIONS UPDATE

The Town Clerk noted the following:

- (i) **Christmas Lights WG Meeting** - The date for the next meeting has been set.
- (ii) **Defibrillator** - We are still awaiting permissions from DWP to proceed.

59 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Members **NOTED** the report from the Town Clerk.

Youth Service - talk to Stars about looking at it in Autumn.

60 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

12th September 2018, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall.