



Stanley Town Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Stanley Town Council will be held on Tuesday, the 23rd October 2018 at 6.30pm at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley, Co. Durham, DH9 0NA.

TO ALL MEMBERS of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

A Clegg (Town Mayor)	C Bell	L Christie	J Clark	G Binney
C Hampson (Deputy TM)	H Clark	M Davinson	B Nair	J Kane
C Marshall	D Marshall	J McMahon	J Nicholson	J Pallas
J Stephenson	L Timbey	D Tully	G Wilkinson	J Tully

You are hereby summoned to attend an **ORDINARY MEETING** of Stanley Town Council to be held in Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley, on Tuesday the 23rd October 2018 at 18.30 in order to transact the following business:

Yours sincerely,

Alan Shaw
Town Clerk
16th October 2018

Please turn off all mobile phones or set to silent mode
Please refer to the Policy for recording proceedings

A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To **RECEIVE** any apologies and reasons for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to **DECLARE** disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests, along with the nature of those interests, in relation to any item on this agenda.

3 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To **RECEIVE** a verbal monthly report from the Town Mayor and any announcements from the Town Mayor or Town Clerk.

Cllr Les Timbey has an announcement about a charity event he is supporting for the Town Mayor's Charity, PACT House.

4 LEADER'S STATEMENT

An update on current business from the Leader of Stanley Town Council, Cllr David Marshall.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An adjournment will be allowed at the direction of the Chairman to allow for public comment and response in relation to items on this agenda or to consider written questions from the public submitted in advance of the meeting (*Individuals will be permitted a maximum of three minutes each. Total time for this session is limited to fifteen minutes*).

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Council

(ATTACHMENT A)

To **APPROVE** as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25th September 2018.

7 COMMITTEE MINUTES

(ATTACHMENT B)

Council to **RECEIVE** the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 9th October 2018.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE

- (i) **Schedule of Meetings - Committee RECOMMENDS** that meetings of the Committee are reverted back to Wednesday evenings, in accordance with the attached Schedule of Meetings. **(ATTACHMENT C)**

Council is requested to **CONSIDER** this matter and **DECIDE** what to do.

9 SHAID - Feedback from Funding

The Town Council awarded a grant of **£9743** to SHAID to support their Homelessness Support Services in March 2018.

Kevin Howe, the Chief Executive of SHAID, will present an update to members to inform them how the funding has been used and what the outcomes have been of the service.

Council is requested to **NOTE** the update.

10 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(ATTACHMENT D)

A letter received from Rev. Geoff Lawes, thanking the Town Council for inviting him to attend and speak at the rededication of the Louisa Morrison Memorial is attached for the information of members

Council is requested to **NOTE** the letter.

11 MIF APPLICATION (ATTACHMENT E)

The Town Mayor has received a request for funding which relates to an individual request for support which he has expressed an interest in supporting. The request is attached for information.

Under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972;

"A local authority may ... incur expenditure which in their opinion is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants, but a local authority shall not, by virtue of this subsection, incur any expenditure—

- (a) *for a purpose for which they are, either unconditionally or subject to any limitation or to the satisfaction of any condition, authorised or required to make any payment by or by virtue of any other enactment; nor*
- (b) *unless the direct benefit accruing to their area or any part of it or to all or some of the inhabitants of their area will be commensurate with the expenditure to be incurred."*

The legislation does not preclude funding individuals; however because these circumstances fall outside the Council's policy, the decision in this instance requires the opinion of Council to determine if the request "will bring direct benefit to their area"

Council is requested to **CONSIDER** this matter and **DECIDE** what to do.

12 STAFF FEEDBACK ON MEDIUM TERM PLAN

(ATTACHMENT F) Updated Medium Term Plan
(ATTACHMENT G) Feedback Report

The Finance & Governance Committee instructed the Town Clerk to consult with Council staff about their views and ideas on achieving the objectives of the medium term plan. A session was held with staff and a report has been produced for consideration by members.

Council is requested to **CONSIDER** this matter and **DECIDE** what to do.

RECOMMENDATION: A number of the ideas put forward by staff relate to the operation of the Civic Hall. These matters should be put into a separate report to be considered by the Civic Hall working group as they could assist with the development of a business plan for the Hall.

13 HERITAGE PLAQUE SUBMISSION (ATTACHMENT H)

The Town Clerk has received a nomination for a heritage plaque from Tanfield Railway. The nomination relates to Matthew Kirtley, (1813-1873) who was from Clough Dene and was amongst the pioneers of the railways in England, eventually becoming the Chief Mechanical Engineer for the Midland Railway, one of the major pre-grouping railway companies.

The Derby Locomotive works was built under his supervision and was a major locomotive manufacture and repair centre until its closure in 1990. His steam locomotive designs survived in service until the end of steam on British Railways and some were sold overseas

and continued in use even longer. Locomotives designed by Kirtley were taken to France in World War I and used to support the war effort.

Biographical and other information provided by the nominee is attached for the information of members.

Council is requested to **CONSIDER** this matter and **DECIDE** what to do.

NOTE: Matthew Kirtley meets all the criteria to be recognised under the heritage plaque scheme. The house he lived in has been demolished and the site is now a private back garden, however a suitable location in the vicinity could be found to display the plaque.

14 COUNCIL ACTIONS UPDATE (ATTACHMENT I)

Details of Full Council decisions taken since the AGM held on 16th May 2017 are attached with a record of those completed and outstanding.

Council is requested to **CONSIDER** the report, **REVIEW** the decisions and **DECIDE** if any further action is required at this time.

Members may also request verbal updates in respect of any of the decisions.

15 REQUEST FOR USE OF COUNCIL FACILITIES

The Town Clerk has received a request from Stars Youth & Community:

"Stars YC would like to request use of the communal room to supplement the Annfield Plain / Catchgate detached sessions funded by STC.

We are flexible on usage and will happily use the room on any nights the space is vacant"

Council is requested to **CONSIDER** this matter and **DECIDE** what to do.

16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC *

To **RESOLVE** that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

*Justification for excluding the public and press from consideration of the following item:
Staff Confidentiality*

** Any recording of the proceedings must stop at this point.*

17 STAFFING MATTER (ATTACHMENTS J,K)

Reports are attached for the consideration of Council.

Council is requested to **CONSIDER** the reports and **DECIDE** what to do.

17 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

27th November 2018, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press are welcome to attend the meeting. Members of the public will only be permitted to speak at the beginning of the meeting during Public Question Time.