
MINUTES of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr M Davinson* Cllr A Clegg Cllr C Bell Cllr G Binney
Cllr J Clark Cllr H Clark Cllr C Hampson Cllr C Marshall
Cllr D Marshall Cllr J McMahon Cllr J Nicholson Cllr J Pallas
Cllr J Stephenson Cllr L Timbey Cllr D Tully

*Chairman

OFFICERS: Alan Shaw (Town Clerk)
Nicola James (Senior Administration Officer)
James Harper (Operations Manager)

ABSENT: Cllr L Christie

119 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies from Cllr B Nair, J Kane, G Wilkinson & J Tully were accepted by Committee.

120 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J McMahon declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 8 - Stars Youth & Community.

121 **PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Town Clerk reminded Members to turn their mobile phones off or switch them to silent and that meeting was being recorded by the Council.

122 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Nothing was received prior to the meeting.

123 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Town Clerk noted that page 3 minute number 98, the action to contact the Director of Planning, had been added to the Committee Actions list.

Members **APPROVED** the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes meeting held on 12th September 2018. The Chair signed them as a correct record.

124 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION

It was proposed by Cllr D Marshall, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that Committee:

- (i) **APPROVE** the payment of accounts for September 2018
- (ii) **NOTE** the Bank Reconciliation for September 2018

125 MEMBER'S INITIATIVE & GRANT FUNDING

It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** to defer this item and for Members to feed ideas into Full Council how to amend the MIFs and make them more fit for purpose.

126 STARS YOUTH & COMMUNITY DELIVERY PLAN

It was proposed by Cllr D Marshall, seconded by Cllr J Stephenson and **RESOLVED** that the activity plan report be accepted. Cllr C Marshall recommended that Council feed back to Stars thanks for what they have delivered so far, and ask them if they have a proposed delivery plan come April 2019.

127 COMMITTEE ACTIONS UPDATE

The Town Clerk provided the following updates to Committee:

- (i) **Lights Out Beacon** - The remembrance event is in hand. The beacon has been ordered and it will go where the Christmas tree is usually sited.
- (ii) **Festive Light Working Group** - There are some issues with the lighting scheme proposed due to DCC policy. James Harper is looking into this and will look into a back up plan. James to provide Cllr C Marshall with the timeline of discussions.
- (iii) **Review of MTP** - The Town Clerk has met with staff and their ideas will be brought forward to Full Council.
- (iv) **County Durham Plan** - The Town Clerk has a meeting with Ian Thompson on 10 October and will feedback information to Full Council.
- (v) **Defibrillators** - James Harper is waiting on the go ahead from the Job Centre.
- (vi) **Speed Visor** - The Town Clerk has spoken with Dave Clark and will chase to bring this forward.
- (vii) **Youth Council** - To be looked at during the review of the MTP.

128 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr D Marshall and **RESOLVED** that the committee **RECOMMEND** that Full Council accept the proposed schedule of meetings.

129 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC*

*Recording of proceedings was stopped at this point.

Committee **RESOLVED** 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*

130 RECRUITMENT EXERCISE

It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr J McMahon and **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) All Councillors and staff meet the candidates as part of the selection process and feedback on their first impressions be taken into account.
- (ii) Councillors be involved in the long listing, short listing and interviews along with the Town Clerk and make recommendations to Council - those Councillors being J Stephenson, L Timbey & M Davinson.
- (iii) A written test and presentation be undertaken as part of the process.

131 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14th November, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall.