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**MINUTES of the CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL** held at Stanley Civic Hall on Wednesday 8th February 2017 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr C Bell\*                      Cllr C Thompson                      Cllr R Ferris                      Cllr J Charlton  
                    Cllr D McMahon                      Cllr J Nicholson                      Cllr W Nixon

\*Chairman

**OFFICERS:** Alan Shaw (Town Clerk)  
                    Nicola James (PA to the Town Clerk)  
                    James Harper (Community Development Manager)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** John Caulfield, Fred Bowerbank, Ruth Blakey, Geoff Dawson, Sgt Dave Clarke & John Ullathorne

**ABSENT:** Cllr R Harrison

**295                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs Wilkinson and Elliott were accepted by the Committee.

**296                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr D McMahon declared an interest as a director and trustee of PACT House.  
Cllr J Charlton declare her standing declaration as Councillor for DCC.

**297                      PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK**

The Clerk noted that no one was recording this meeting.  
The Clerk requested that mobile phones be switched to silent or turned off.

**298                      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions from the public present.

The Town Clerk received a Facebook message from a Taxi driver who wished to complain about the abuse he receives when he asks the public not to park on the Taxi rank outside of Asda.

Councillor Charlton advised the Committee that she had received an email regarding an application for a licence to hold a fun fair on Oakies field for 3 days from 18th - 21st May. Councillor Charlton said that she was not happy that the residents that live near the park should be subject to a 3 day fun fair which causes disruption and noise. The Committee requested that the Town Clerk ask DCC to

inform STC when there are applications for licences for large events like this so that STC can comment.

## 299 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Crime and Community Safety Meeting held on 11th January 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 300 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

### (i) Detached Youth Project - 24th January

It was proposed by Cllr J Nicholson, seconded by Cllr B Nixon and **RESOLVED** that the Committee recommend to Council that the proposal from Ruth be accepted.

### (ii) Blooming Good Fun - 30th January

Members **RECOMMENDED** that the following proposals from the Working Group be accepted:

The format of the competition to remain the same as last year. The prize money will be reduced, as will the number of trophies, to reflect the reduction in the budget. The banners from last year can be reused to promote the event as can Stanley Life. The end of July has been earmarked for judging the gardens. The issue of who the Judges will be may need to be confirmed after the May elections, as some standing members of Council who would wish to be Judges may not be members of Council in July. There is no issue with nominating members of the public to be Judges, however this would need to be agreed by the new Council after May. The Community Development Manager will explore sponsorship opportunities which may offset some of the reduction in the project budget for 2017.

### (iii) Road Safety - 1st February

Members **RECOMMENDED** that the following proposals from the Working Group be accepted:

(a) Proposed tri signs that will be attached to lamp columns in areas of Stanley where speeding has been identified as an issue. The two road facing sides to provide 'Check Your Speed' messages and the side facing the footway will provide dog fouling or litter message. This approach has been tested in Lincolnshire. The proposal is to pilot in Tanfield first to see if there is a measurable impact on incidences of speeding with the possibility to move on or roll out to additional areas if the project is deemed a success.

(b) Improved protective clothing (particularly winter clothing) for Speedwatch volunteers.

(c) Funding to put long term volunteers of the initiative through a qualification course 'foundation for Road Safety' which will help to improve the credibility and effectiveness of the initiative.

(d) Transport costs to move Mini Police around from various schools to take part in road safety initiatives.

**(iv) Environmental Services - 2nd February**

The Community Development Manager tabled a report at the meeting. It was **RECOMMENDED** that as only 2 members of the Working Group turned up to the meeting, a further meeting should be held to allow members to pull together a detailed specification of what they want from an Environmental Services team. Once this specification has been approved, STC can invite bids against it.

**301 UPDATES FROM PARTNERS****John Ullathorne**

John informed the Committee that following speed watch in Tanfield Lea, laser detection devices will be going in and speeds will be monitored. John also thanked the Council for providing funding to allow him to attend the latest CURSI conference. He provided some shocking statistics to the Committee. John advised that new equipment is available to help with Community Speed Watch which cost about £1500 each. He also recommended that STC officers are offered advanced driver training to improve their safety when driving.

**302 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 5th April 2017, 6:30pm at Stanley Civic Hall.