

**MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL**Held via **Microsoft Teams** on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020** at **6.30pm**

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

\*Chairman

**OFFICERS:** James Black (Town Clerk)  
                    Alan Tubman (Deputy Town Clerk)  
                    Nicola James (Senior Administration Officer)  
                    Ann Barry (Finance Officer)

**ABSENT:** Cllrs C Bell & J Pallas

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Town Mayor made the following announcement.

Good evening everyone and welcome to our remote meeting of Stanley Town Council. This meeting is taking place on Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 6.30pm and is streamed live to YouTube. It will be available to view for a minimum of 6 months. Please be aware that any footage from the meeting may be used in subsequent media broadcasts. I am Councillor Carole Hampson, Mayor of Stanley, and I will be chairing the meeting tonight. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Members, Officers, members of the public and media who are watching this live stream.

Before I commence with the formal business on the agenda, I would like to cover the housekeeping issues for us all to follow.

For those taking part in the meeting could you please only speak when invited to speak by myself as chair, keep your microphone on mute at all times unless invited to speak. If you wish to speak please type RTS in the chat function. Please bear in mind all participants can see messages in the chat function. Once invited to speak, please introduce yourself with your name and position unless you have already introduced yourself earlier in the meeting. If you are having issues with connectivity, try switching off your video and use the audio function. If connectivity issues continue, you may have to leave the meeting and re-join to get a better signal.

Please follow these simple rules as it will help us run the meeting as efficiently as possible. I will be pausing briefly when questions and comments are being invited to allow members to register their intention to speak.

As I have mentioned this is a remote meeting of the Full Council so please be patient should we encounter any issues. Thank you.

**1                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies from Cllrs D Marshall, B Nair, J Clark & G Wilkinson were accepted by Council.

**2                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### 3 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor made the following announcement:

Since our last Town Council meeting, I attended South Moor Memorial Park on Remembrance Sunday to lay a wreath on behalf of STC.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> I attended a short wreath laying ceremony outside the Civic Hall. It was unfortunate we could not hold the full service as normal, but it was very important event with the current pandemic that we showed our respects and remembered them in one way or another.

Unfortunately, our Christmas activities have been severely disrupted this year due to the pandemic, there will be no carol service, no gathering to turn on the Christmas Lights and no pantomime at the Civic Hall.

Here is hoping that 2021 is a better year for us all. Please keep up the amazing good work you are all doing, try to support local shops and businesses, stay safe and have a lovely Christmas.

The Town Clerk noted that he wished to have a COVID-19 report available for the meeting to outline how it has affected the Council and how we move forward, however we are unaware which tier we will sit in, so the report will come to the next meeting and a briefing will be emailed to all Members.

### 4 LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader of the Council, Cllr L Timbey, made the following statement:

As we are still in the COVID pandemic and we are unsure which tier we will go into, however there is an easing of restrictions between 23-27 December to allow families to get together. We will keep aware of the situation and react to the tier we are placed in.

### 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nothing was received in writing prior to the meeting and no members of the public were in attendance.

### 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr L Timbey, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Council meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be **APPROVED** and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record:

### 7 COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr J Stephenson, seconded by Cllr J Kane and **RESOLVED** that Council **RECEIVE** the minutes of the Finance & GP Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**8 FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPENSATION SCHEME**

The Finance Officer noted the report regarding the protection of the Council funds. It was **AGREED** that Council look to set up additional bank accounts in which to deposit some of the Councils reserves in line with the Financial Compensation Scheme restriction of £85,000 to spread the risk as soon as possible.

**9 CIVIC HALL – HIGH PRIORITY**

- (i) Stock Write Off – It was proposed by Cllr J Stephenson, seconded by Cllr J Kane and **RESOLVED** by majority recorded vote that Council write off the Stock as reported, and offer any nonalcoholic stock to local community groups or foodbanks and Council give the Town Clerk authority to write off future stock of up to £500 per quarter, a report be provided to the Finance & General Purposes Committee and any nonalcoholic stock written off be offered to local community groups or foodbanks.
- (ii) Furlough Scheme – Council **NOTED** the attached report which outlines the current situation in regards to the furlough of officers.
- (iii) Priority Maintenance - It was proposed by Cllr J Stephenson, seconded by Cllr J Kane and **RESOLVED** by majority recorded vote that Council give the Town Clerk the authority to spend the necessary monies on the maintenance and report back to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**10 REDMOND REVIEW**

Council **NOTED** the attached report.

**11 PAY AWARD**

It was proposed by Cllr L Timbey, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that Council **NOTE** the attached report and **APPROVE** the pay award.

**12 MEMORIALS**

The Deputy Town Clerk provided an update on Memorials in the Town. It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr M Davinson and **RESOLVED** that the Deputy Town Clerk should work with Wendy Benson and work in hand with the Masterplan and update Council with options.

**13 JANUARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr J Kane, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the January Full Council meeting be brought forward to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in order to submit the precept demand before the deadline of 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

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

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 6.30pm, via Microsoft Teams