



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 March 2021 at 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams

TO ALL MEMBERS of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

C Hampson (Town Mayor)

D Marshall (Deputy TM)

J McMahon

L Timbey

C Bell

A Clegg

B Nair

D Tully

G Binney

M Davinson

J Nicholson

J Tully

H Clark

J Kane

J Pallas

G Wilkinson

J Clark

C Marshall

J Stephenson

You are hereby summoned to attend an **ORDINARY MEETING** of **Stanley Town Council** to be held via **Microsoft Teams**, on **Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 18.30** in order to transact the following business:

Yours sincerely,

James Black

Town Clerk

16th March 2021

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.

4 **LEADERS STATEMENT**

An update on current business by the Leader of the Council, Cllr Les Timbey.

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*).

The meeting will be livestreamed on the Stanley Town Council YouTube channel, should any member of the public wish to view it.

6 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Council 23rd February 2021 **(ATTACHMENT A)**

To **APPROVE** as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23rd February 2021.

7 **COMMITTEE MINUTES** **(ATTACHMENT B)**

Council to **RECEIVE** the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 9th March 2021.

8 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS SERVICE**

External report presented by Belinda Snow

Council is asked to **NOTE** the report.

9 **SHOID**

External report presented by Kevin Howe

Council is asked to **NOTE** the report.

10 **CIVIC HALL FLAGS ANNUAL PLAN** **(ATTACHMENT C)**

Council is asked to **CONSIDER** the report and **DECIDE** what to do.

11 **EVENTS MANAGEMENT CONTRACT** **(ATTACHMENT D)**

Council is asked to **CONSIDER** the report and **DECIDE** what to do.

12 **BUDGET PLANS** **(ATTACHMENT E)**

Council is asked to **CONSIDER** the report and **DECIDE** what to do.

13 **EVENTS WORKING GROUP UPDATE** (ATTACHMENT F)

Council is asked to **NOTE** the report.

14 **POLICY WORKING GROUP UPDATE** (ATTACHMENT G)

Council is asked to **NOTE** the report.

15 **ST CUTHBERTS & TANFIELD** (ATTACHMENT H)

Council is asked to **CONSIDER** the report and **DECIDE** what to do.

16 **BUILDING COMPLIANCY CONTROL** (ATTACHMENT I)

Council is asked to **NOTE** the report.

17 **STANLEY ADVICE AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

The following motion as been proposed by Cllr C Marshall and seconded by Cllr J Stephenson, to be considered by Council:

Stanley Town Council continues to lead in the support and advice that is made available to its residents by the commitment it has provided to the Stanley Advice and Support Services partnership over the past three years.

The Partnership brings together several organisations across the sector including Citizens Advice County Durham, Durham Welfare Rights and the Durham Christian Partnership, all housed in a single venue. It is a one stop shop for the residents of Stanley. It is viewed both locally and regionally as an exemplar of best practice, setting the bar high in terms of service provision, value for money and partnership working.

As the country moves to more normal times, residents will need the service's help more than ever, we must ensure continuity of service when our residents need it the most.

The Labour Group proposes to extend the current arrangements for a further year, until June 2022, during which extension, a full-service review including public consultation and engagement with partners should be undertaken.

A fully transparent tendering process should be completed in time for the next contract expiry date.

Any changes to the Advice Service, following Durham County Councils review into Advice Services across the County, should be referenced in the extension, with any changes reported back at the earliest opportunity.

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

18 **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: Staffing confidentiality.

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

19 **STAFFING REPORT** **(ATTACHMENT J)**

Council is asked to **CONSIDER** the report and **DECIDE** what to do.

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

Tuesday 27th April 2021, 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams.

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 Participation.