

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCILHeld via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: C Hampson* G Binney H Clark A Clegg
 M Davinson J Kane D Marshall B Nair
 J Stephenson L Timbey D Tully J Tully
 G Wilkinson

*Chairman

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

ABSENT: J Clark, J McMahon & C Marshall

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 27 April 2021 at 6.30pm and is streamed live to YouTube. 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 our guest speakers, Members, Officers, members of the public and media who are watching this live stream.

Everyone knows the housekeeping rules now so I will move straight onto the agenda.

138 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members **ACCEPTED** apologies from Cllrs J Pallas, J Nicholson & C Bell.

139 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

140 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor made the following announcement:

I have had no mayoral engagements since the last Town Council meeting. I would like to thank Stanley Town Council staff for all their hard work and keeping the Town Council ticking over during the pandemic, allowing us to help communities in time of need. Thanks and well done.

I would like to send best wishes and good luck to those who are no longer working with us due to the recent restructure.

Thank you to all organisations and individuals for supporting communities during the pandemic. You have all shown true community spirit.

Thanks to all of our Councillors with regard to how they have conducted themselves in pre-pandemic face-to-face meetings and virtual meetings. It has been a learning curve for us all. Thank you.

The Town Clerk thanked those not standing or who are retiring and wished them the best for the future. He reminded Members to return their IT equipment and will send a note out closer to the time. Finally he noted that the planned Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting for 13th April 2021 was cancelled following advice due to death of HRH Prince Philip. Agenda items will be carried over to this Full Council meeting tonight.

The Town Clerk checked that all Members could hear, see, and have all the meeting papers with them.

141 LEADER'S STATEMENT

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

Thank you to all Councillors for their hard work and commitment to Stanley Town Council over last 4 years. It has been difficult, especially the last couple of years, but we have got through all business needed.

Thank you to these Councillors not standing in the upcoming election for their service to Stanley Town Council. I wish them all the best for the future.

Thank you to our Officers for their great work over the last 4 years and thank you to Cllr Carole Hampson for being the Town Mayor over last 2 years, which have been particularly hard due to covid.

And thank you to our community groups, who have worked hard and helped vulnerable members of our communities during the pandemic.

Cllr D Marshall thanked the leader for the remarks just made. He noted that he would be leaving politics and not restanding in the upcoming elections and thanked officers and Councillors for working along side him over recent years.

142 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

143 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr L Timbey, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 23rd March 2021 be **APPROVED** and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

144 JUST FOR WOMEN CENTRE

Members **NOTED** the update report from Linda Kirk, Founder & Director at Just for Women.

Cllr L Timbey thanked Just for Women for all the help they provided in our communities during the pandemic.

145 STARS YOUTH & COMMUNITY CIC

Members **NOTED** the update report from Darren McMahon, Founder & Manager.

Cllr L Timbey thanked all the staff and volunteers at Stars Y&C. The programme is something Stanley should be proud of.

146 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS & BANK RECONCILIATION

It was proposed by Cllr J Kane, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that Council:

- (i) **APPROVE** the payment of accounts for March 2021; and
- (ii) **NOTE** the Bank Reconciliation for March 2021

147 DRAFT OUTTURN

Council **NOTED** the reports circulated with the agenda.

148 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.