



STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Crime & Community Safety Committee of Stanley Town Council will be held on Wednesday, the 3rd February 2016 at 6.30pm at Stanley Education Centre, King Edward VIII Terrace, Shield Row.

TO ALL MEMBERS of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

C. Bell (Chair)
G.Graham

C. Thompson
R. Ferris

D. Walker
J. Nicholson*

J. Charlton
W. Nixon*

L. Elliott

*ex-officio

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Crime & Community Safety Committee** of **Stanley Town Council** to be held in **Stanley Education Centre, King Edward VIII Terrace, Shield Row**, on **Wednesday the 3rd February 2016 at 18.30** in order to transact the following business:

Yours sincerely,

Alan Shaw
Town Clerk
26th January 2016

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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 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

To **RECEIVE** announcements from the Chair or Town Clerk.

4 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*).

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (ATTACHMENT A)

To **APPROVE** as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Crime & Community Safety Meeting Committee meeting held on 13th January 2016.

6 WINTER MAINTENANCE

(ATTACHMENT B) – Current Winter Maintenance Routes (footways)

(ATTACHMENT C) – DCC Winter Maintenance Policy

During the recent wintry weather, the issue of Winter Maintenance was raised by a number of residents. The Town Council currently assists the County Council in icy conditions by diverting the Ground Works team onto footway gritting. The team grits footways along designated routes agreed with Durham County Council, to enhance the footways that the County will grit in these circumstances.

Cllr W Nixon requested that the Town Clerk explore the possibility of the Town Council providing salt bins for use by residents during icy spells. The Community Development Manager attended a Winter Maintenance meeting with officers from the County Council and representatives of other Town and Parish Councils on 28th January 2016. A brief report is reproduced below:

Winter Maintenance Meeting

County Council Engineers spoke with representatives from the Town & Parish Councils that are signed up to the enhanced winter services programme.

The feedback from the County Council is that the Stanley Town Council service is functioning well with no significant issues. The meeting discussed training needs for operatives carrying out the gritting. County will carry out a toolbox talk and essential training to all staff involved, due to insurance and liability issues.

Usage and storage of salt was discussed, however Stanley Town Council has a service level agreement with Durham County Council in this respect.

It was noted in the meeting that there is no budget held by Durham County Council to provide Town and Parish Councils for equipment – however County Council Engineers are happy to provide advice if Town and Parish Councils wish to change or upgrade equipment.

Communication was discussed and how links between between DCC and the Towns & Parishes can be improved. A new system is being worked on in preparation for next year which will allow the Town & Parish Councils to identify areas that have been gritted by DCC as and when it happens. PR was discussed and it was noted and agreed that in the future PR needs to be improved to promote the good work being done by Town and

Parish Councils in enhancing the core service. DCC will take steps and lead on improving this and work with the Towns & Parishes collectively to improve promotion of what happens. This will also help to educate the public which routes DCC are responsible for and the agreements (routes) that are in place for the Town & Parish Councils.

The main issue discussed was the number of Grit Bins in different areas of the County. Although most Town & Parish Councils raised the need for more and highlighted the requests they receive from the public, DCC are not in a position to allow more bins to be put in situ due to concerns about litigation. Even with the offer from Town and Parish Councils to supply and maintain the bins with salt, DCC have a strict policy and assessment process in place. A copy of Durham County Council's current winter maintenance policy is attached.

7 BIG SPRING CLEAN 2016 (ATTACHMENT D)

The County Council are organising a 'Big Spring Clean' event from February until April this year. The documents are attached for information.

Committee is requested to **CONSIDER** this matter and **RECOMMEND** whether or not they feel the Town Council should get involved and organize some clean-ups around the parish.

8 MINI POLICE

The Planned launch of the Mini-Police initiative in Stanley had to be cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions on January 14th. Officers and the Chairman of STC have had some discussions about rescheduling the launch event.

Committee will receive an update in relation to the Mini-Police launch. Council is requested to **CONSIDER** this matter and **DECIDE** what to do.

9 UPDATES FROM PARTNERS/ PACT HOUSE UPDATE

An opportunity will be for Committee to discuss and consider any updates provided by partner organisations. A verbal update will be provided in relation to the PACT House.

Committee is requested to **CONSIDER** this matter and **DECIDE** if any action is required in response.

10 OTIS UPDATE (ATTACHMENT E)

A brief report is attached for consideration by Committee. Officers will provide further updates at the meeting.

Committee will receive an update in relation to the Mini-Police launch. Council is requested to **CONSIDER** this matter and **DECIDE** what to do.

11 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 2nd March 2016, 18.30 at the Civic Hall

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 Question Time.