

MINUTES of the COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL Held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr D Mills* Cllr L Marshall Cllr D Tully Cllr R Harrison
 Cllr J Nicholson Cllr W Nixon

*Chairman

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

559 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs M Wilkinson, C Bell and D McMahon were accepted by the Committee.

560 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

561 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK

The CDM noted that no one was recording this meeting.

562 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public that were present had any questions.

563 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr B Nixon, seconded by Cllr D Tully and **RESOLVED** that the Committee approve the minutes of the Communications and Events Committee meeting held on 9th February 2016.

564 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Brass Festival - No update.

Christmas Events - No update.

Stanley Fringe - The Memorial day event went well and progress is being made for the August Event.

Armed Forces Day - Members noted the update from Brian Hall - Armed Forces Day is progressing, Royal Artillery have confirmed large guns, weapons display, field catering. Royal Navy unable to participate due to prior commitments (Chester-le-Street Sea Cadets, HMS Calliope) John has volunteered to be a part of the event and is speaking with his Royal Air Force contacts with a view to involving cadets, aircraft, etc.

Play in the Park Days - Members noted the update from Brian Hall - Waiting to arrange play lead activities using Leisureworks and Groundworks play workers. Leisureworks full summer programme not yet published and Groundworks will be doing a play session every Thursday in school holidays at Oakey Park, there is a possibility for further sessions funded by us at Annfield Plain and View Lane.

Community Fun Days - Members noted the update from Brian Hall - 1st April South Moor Memorial Park family fun day, SAG application submitted, waiting for approval. Small rides, inflatables, catering provisionally booked, Groundworks play workers arranged, Faerie trail being organised by Katie the Faerie Architect, Durham Wildlife trust providing nature activities. Other events still in planning.

Stanley Family Cycle - Members noted the update from Brian Hall - Cycle event is progressing, a short route of 7 miles has been identified to Beamish and a longer 20-mile route to Cox Green nr Sunderland. A facebook page has been created and Ed Tutty is using social media and contacts from the Durham Big Ride to publicise the event. ASDA have been approached to make a small sponsor contribution but have declined as their national policy is now 'no community involvement', however Northumbria Water are contributing free bottled water. Cllr Linda Marshall queried whether the route is wheelchair friendly?

Moria Con 2 - The Chairman noted that Moria Con is progressing at quite a pace and that there are a number of traders already booked in.

Stanley Choir - The Chairman informed the Committee of an idea to create Stanley Choir. The initial costs would be around £1000 which would cover 3 rehearsal sessions per month in the small rehearsal room. It was proposed by Councillor Joan Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Ron Harrison and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Clerk look into where the funds for the Choir could come from and report back to committee.

At the end of the meeting the Chairman noted the following updates: online booking should be available for Civic Hall events by the end of March and costs for opening the cinema should be available at the end of April.

565 **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

The CDM noted that the analysis is currently being collated and some information should be ready for Full Council.

566 **STANLEY LIFE**

Photo Competition - Members were asked to vote for their winner and 3 runners up from the top 10 shortlisted entries. Photo number 72 won the vote, with photos 80, 44 and 71 being runners up. The Town Clerk will contact the winners.

Other - Members were shown the flat plan for the next issue of Stanley Life. Members noted the flat plan.

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

Tuesday, 12th April 2016, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall