

MINUTES of the COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on **Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 6.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr D Mills* Cllr M Wilinon Cllr L Marshall Cllr C Bell
 Cllr D Tully Cllr R Harrison Cllr D McMahon Cllr J Nicholson
 Cllr W Nixon

*Chairman

OFFICERS: Alan Shaw (Town Clerk)

2 members of the public were in attendance at the meeting

CEC.31-15 APOLOGIES

None

CEC.32-15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bell declared an interest as the Chairman of the Traders' Association.

CEC.33-15 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mills thanked everybody who had participated in the organisation and delivery of the many successful events that the Town Council and partners had staged over the course of the Music Festival. He also stated for the record that the issue with licensing that caused the unfortunate cancellation of the outdoor cinema event was not due to any act or omission of the Town Council.

The Town Clerk reminded members that the meeting was being recorded by Cllr Nixon.

CEC.34-15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One of the members of public present requested permission to ask questions as matters on the agenda were considered. The Chair agreed this would be acceptable.

CEC.35-15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr W Nixon, seconded by Cllr R Harrison and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Communications & Events Committee meeting held on 14th July 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CEC.36-15 **EVENTS WORKING GROUPS**

(i) **Music** - The Chairman moved that a special meeting should be convened to review the Music Festival events on 29th September 2015 when more information could be tabled for discussion by members. The motion was seconded by Cllr D Tully and it was **RESOLVED** that a meeting be convened on 29th September at 6.30 pm to consider the Music Festival in more detail.

(ii) **Christmas** - Claire Howe gave members an update in relation to progress on the preparations for the Xmas celebrations. A detailed report to be circulated with the minutes.

(iii) **Cycling** - Brian Hall has arranged to meet with Ed Tutty on 20th September to discuss options with a view to a fuller options paper being produced for the Comms meeting in October.

CEC.37-15 **REVIEW & FEEDBACK OF RECENT EVENTS**

(i) **Moria Con** - The event was extremely well attended with 1,200 people counted in and out of the hall on the day. The feedback has been excellent. Members congratulated the organisers and hope the event will return in 2016.

(ii) **Chairman's Awards Night** - The evening was a success despite the unplanned evacuation of the building due to a fire alarm. The Beamish choir provided wonderful entertainment and there was genuine appreciation of the recognition from the recipients of the awards.

(iii) **Blooming Good Fun** - 20 entries were received this year up from 12 in 2014. The standard has been high and the judging has been done. An awards night is planned on 26th October 2015 in the Civic Hall.

CEC.38-15 **FARMERS MARKET**

Cllr Tully advised Committee that a meeting had been held with the operator of the Durham indoor market with a view to arranging a farmer's market to coincide with the Horticultural Show and Scarecrow Festival. Unfortunately it would not be possible to put a farmer's market together for this event as the traders were already committed to other events on that date. However, there is some scope to bring a farmer's market to Stanley for a future event and this can be taken forward.

CEC.39-15 **MEMBERS' IT**

The Town Clerk advised Committee that the devices had been delivered and were in the process of being configured. They should be delivered to members before the Ordinary Council meeting on 22nd September.

CEC.40-15 STANLEY PRIDE

Cllr Wilkinson advised members that she had arranged to meet with Lee Brannigan to discuss ideas and would report back to Committee in due course.

CEC.39-15 CIVIC HALL EVENTS

Claire Howe advised members of planned events in the Civic Hall. A number of musical events are planned based on a ticket split with the acts so the financial risk to Council is limited.

It was moved by Cllr D McMahon, seconded by Cllr D Mills and **RESOLVED** that Claire Howe and the Town Clerk be tasked with obtaining quotes on the cost of getting the Cinema capability of the Civic Hall restored with a full size screen.

CEC.34-15 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 29th September 2015, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall

CLOSURE

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 19.49