
MINUTES of the COMMUNICATION AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 6.30pm

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

*Chairman

OFFICERS: Alan Shaw (Town Clerk)
 Nicola James (PA to the Town Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public, Cllr Geoff Graham

426 APOLOGIES

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

427 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D Mills declared an interest in Stanley Fringe and Moria Con.

Cllr D McMahon noted that the Clerk had requested a quote from his place of work 'Graphic Print' for printing of Stanley Life.

428 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman noted his thanks to the staff involved with the Christmas light switch on event.

429 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman noted that members of the public in attendance were open to contribute to the meeting. There were no written questions submitted prior to the meeting and no questions from the public in attendance. Joan Smith congratulated the Town Council for the Christmas light switch on event.

430 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the committee approve the amended minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2015.

It was **RESOLVED** that the committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2015.

431 **2016/17 EVENTS – LEAD OFFICERS & MEMBERS, TIMELINES**

The committee decided that the following Members will work with the following officers on these projects:

Project	Budget Allocation	Lead Officer(s)	Members
Tea in the Park	£2,500	Nicola James	David Mills
Stanley Fringe	£2,000	Claire Howe	David Mills, Ron Harrison
Old People's Homes	£1,000	Nicola James	David Mills
Community Fun Days	£15,000	Brian Hall	Committee
Outdoor Cinema	£3,000	Brian Hall	Committee
Moria Con 2	£10,000	Claire Howe	Darren McMahon, David Mills
Christmas Events	£20,000	James Harper/ Claire Howe	Joan Nicholson, David Tully, Ron Harrison
Armed Forces Day	£500	Brian Hall	Geoff Graham, David Tully
Community Newsletter	£15,080	Alan Shaw	Committee
Brass Festival	£5,150	James Harper	Committee
Play in the Park days	£4,000	Brian Hall	Joan Nicholson, Darren McMahon
Community Consultation	£30,000	Alan Shaw	Committee

Members also agreed the timeline for events proposed by the Clerk, subject to the following amendments:

- insert Stanley Fringe into Feb 16th
- remove Stanley Fringe from July and move to August
- Moria Con 2 will be on the 23rd July

The Clerk asked all members to inform him of any local events in 2016-17. The Clerk will also speak with local community groups to see what events they have coming up.

432 **REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

Cllr J Nicholson said that the Christmas light switch on event went great. Next year, she would like to see designated spaces for mobility scooters and pushchairs.

The Clerk noted that in 2016 the switch on event should be on a Saturday. The fun fair should be on a different day to the Christmas fayre in the Civic Hall, and it could be expanded to include stalls, catering and entertainment to keep people on the Front Street for longer.

Cllr R Harrison said that the event was fantastic and went well.

Cllr B Nixon noted that the shops that stayed open were pleased that they had.

Cllr D McMahon questioned if the Town Council should look into having a high profile celebrity at the switch on, i.e. a Geordie Shore cast member, and whether the Lumiere could be expanded over a weekend.

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PROGRESS REPORTS**Stanley Life**

The Clerk handed out the Flat Plan for issue 1 of Stanley Life. Members were happy with the proposed plan. It was suggested by Joan Smith that competitions be used in the magazine to encourage the public to read it.

Brass Festival

The Clerk confirmed that the Durham Brass Festival is happening this year and the Town Council have expressed an interest in having it come to Stanley.

Cycling Event

The Clerk noted that Brian is waiting to hear back from Ed Tutty before progress can be made.

Blue Plaques

The Clerk noted that the following nominations have been made for a Blue Plaque so far:

- Michael Heaviside
- David Horsley
- Tommy Armstrong

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DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19th January 2016, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall