

**MINUTES of the CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 6.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr C Bell\*                      Cllr C Thompson                      Cllr D Walker                      Cllr G Graham  
Cllr J Nicholson                      Cllr J Charlton                      Cllr W Nixon

\*Chair

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

**ABSENT:** Cllrs L Elliott and R Ferris

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dave Clarke (Stanley Police) 18.39

**467                      APOLOGIES**

None

**468                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Charlton declared an interest as a member of Durham County Council.  
Cllr Bell declared an interest as a member of the Traders.

**469                      PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

None.

**470                      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public in attendance. No written questions were submitted prior to the meeting.

**471                      CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr Graham, seconded by Cllr Nixon and **RESOLVED** that the Committee approve the minutes of the Crime and Community Safety Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**472                      BLOOMING GOOD FUN**

Members considered the proposal from James Harper for the project in 2016/17.

Members **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) the judging be done earlier this year, at the end of June or beginning of July.
- (ii) The working group for the project be made up of James Harper and Cllrs Thompson, Nicholson, Bell, Harrison, Nixon and Clegg.

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**UPDATE FROM LOCAL PARTNERS**

PS Dave Clarke gave the following updates:

- Offenders responsible for car break ins at Catchgate have been arrested.
- Offenders responsible for the burglaries in Tantobie have been arrested.
- There have been some funds made available to allow police officers to work with youths in the bus station at night.

Cllr G Graham requested that the committee consider funding light batons for the police. The Clerk noted that these batons were a non authorised implement so therefore could not be used by the police under the highway code.

**Mini Police** – The Clerk noted that the launch for the mini police was to be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. The Lieutenant and 80 children from 4 local schools will be doing a walk on the front street up to the Civic Hall.

**PACT House** – The PACT House launch will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> between 4-6pm as an introduction for people to have a look around.

Electrical work is being carried out. A brand new kitchen may be available from Byker. There are lots of volunteers and companies volunteering to help do work to PACT House.

Dave Clarke has formed a not for profit organisation and is waiting for Companies House registration. Once this arrives, PACT House can be constituted as a charitable company. The Trustees are currently Darren McMahon, Dave Clarke, Tina Parry, Kevin Howe and Debbie Hugil. Cllr G Graham volunteered to be on the board of trustees.

The Clerk noted that there is no lease available to sign yet. PACT House hopes to open mid-late March and there needs to be a planning application submitted to change the use of the building in order to sell food.

Members **NOTED** the update on Mini Police and PACT House.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016, 6.30pm at Stanley Education Centre