

**MINUTES of the COMMUNICATION AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 6.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Mills\*                      Cllr M Wilkinson                      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)  
                  Brian Hall (Community Services Officer)

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

**475                      APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllrs C Bell and L Marshall were accepted by the Committee.

**476                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr D Mills declared a non-pecuniary interest in Stanley Fringe and Moria Con.

Cllr D McMahon declared a non-pecuniary interest in Moria Con.

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

The Clerk noted that Cllr Ron Harrison was recording the meeting.

**478                      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.

**479                      CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the committee approve the amended minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

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**WORKING GROUP PROPOSALS**

**Brass Festival** – The first meeting on the Brass Festival will be on 25<sup>th</sup> January. The Committee will be updated at the February meeting.

**Cycling Event** – Brian Hall updated members following his meeting with Ed Tutty. It was proposed by Cllr R Harrison, seconded by Cllr B Nixon and **RECOMMENDED** that the Cycling Event be granted a £5000 budget.

**Family Fun Days** – It was agreed that the meetings for Family Fun Days and Play in the Park Days were confused as to the focus of the events. Family Fun Days will be brought to Members at the Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February as an agenda item.

**Play in the Park Days** – Members agreed that the working group needs to refocus and prepare a report for the next committee meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. The Play in the Park Days should be different to anything that Community Organisations do at the minute, such as laser tag, zorbing, environmental activities, climbing walls etc.

**Armed Forces Day** – Brian Hall noted his report to members. It was agreed that the requested budget for £5000 be granted. This will come from an underspend in the Cycling Event budget and the Family Fun Days budget.

**Community Magazine** – The Clerk noted that all houses with DH9 post codes should receive the magazine by the end of the week. We have received responses to the photo competition already and 1 person has already requested to contribute to the next edition.

**Community Consultation** – The Clerk noted that this was launched on the internet on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January. We have had 92 responses so far. There are consultation event dates booked, which can be viewed on the STC website. Years 8, 9 and 10 at NDA and Tanfield School will be given access to the survey during school hours to complete if they wish.

**Stanley Fringe** – Cllr D Mills noted that this event is progressing well and exhibition spaces have been booked.

**Moria Con 2** – Cllr D Mills noted that days have been booked with the Civic Hall. The market stalls have to be in the Louisa Centre this year as last year was up to capacity and there should be more attending this year.

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**THOMAS TALLENTIRE MEDALS**

Members unanimously **RESOLVED** to pledge £450 to Charles Sadbach to arrange the PTSD treatment in exchange for loaning Thomas Tallentire Medals to the Town Council.

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

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall