

MINUTES of the **COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL** held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr D Mills* Cllr M Wilkinson Cllr C Bell Cllr D Tully
 Cllr R Harrison Cllr D Walker Cllr J Nicholson Cllr W Nixon
 Cllr G Graham

*Chairman

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

287 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs D McMahon and R Ferris were accepted by the committee.

288 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

289 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK

No one was recording the meeting.
 The Town Clerk reminded everyone present to either switch their mobile phones off or set them to silent.

290 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.
 The Town Clerk advised that he had received some suggestions as to how the 'Year in Stanley' budget could be spent, to be discussed under item 6. (*Minute #292*)

291 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2017.

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WORKING GROUP UPDATES**(i) A Year in Stanley - 18th January**

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that Cllr Mills and himself had met with Simon Green who had advised he would be unable to undertake the project due to personal commitments. The Clerk advised that he had received some enquiries concerning the £6250 budget and what it could be spent on.

Cllr M Wilkinson advised that she had been contacted by Fools Gold who would like to do a show about the history of Stanley and produce a booklet and CDs. Members requested that Fools Gold put in a bid / proposal for the funding they require to Committee to consider at the next meeting.

The Town Clerk also received a telephone call from a resident who was interested in doing a film project along similar lines to A Year in Stanley. The Town Clerk has asked him to pull together proposal.

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that they could choose to do nothing with the £6250 budget, or they could earmark it for other heritage projects.

The Clerk proposed that Members could set aside £300 from this budget to establish a specific budget for the West Stanley Pit Memorial in February 2018 to pay for the wreath and Craghead Colliery Band. Presently these costs are met from MIF/ Chairman's Fund.

Committee **RECOMMENDED** that:

- (a) £300 be put to one side for West Stanley Memorial next year, and
- (b) The remaining £5950 be held as a budget for heritage projects.

(ii) Blue Plaques - 24th January

The working group advised that it felt the current scheme is fit for purpose but it would encourage both Members of Council and the public to submit more nominations for consideration. The Town Clerk advised that there are still two further plaques to be delivered that have already been agreed (to commemorate the Horsley brothers and Michael Heaviside). Members agreed that the current plaques are high quality.

Committee **RESOLVED** no changes were required to the current policy.

(iii) Music Festival - 24th January

This meeting was deferred and will be rearranged to report back to Committee at the next meeting.

(iv) Community Newsletter - 25th January

The Town Clerk advised that the next issue would be distributed before purdah. Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the following recommendations from the Working Group:

- (a) Turn the old postcard feature into a “then and now” with a contemporary picture at the same location
- (b) Invite memories of Stanley from residents and have a regular column - Mary Wilkinson to provide copy for the first one from her ‘ramblings’.
- (c) Run the photo competition again but this time ask for smart phone pictures which show something different to traditional landscapes.
- (d) Distribution: Continue with royal mail as the group had doubts about the reliability and ability to hit every address of other private sector distributors. The Clerk will make enquiries with other providers.

(v) Play in the Park - 25th January

- (a) Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the following programme for Play in the Park in 2017:

Date	Park
Wednesday 26th July 2017	Annfield Plain
Wednesday 2nd August 2017	View Lane
Saturday 5th August 2017	Oakies
Wednesday 9th August 2017	South Moor Memorial Park
Wednesday 16th August 2017	Oakies
Saturday 26th August 2017	Annfield Plain
Wednesday 30th August 2017	Craghead Millennium Green

- (b) Committee **RECOMMENDED** that STC should aim to unveil the Heaviside Heritage Plaque on 12th July to coincide with the planned Heaviside Walk and that some sort of Play in the Park / event should be held. The Town Clerk to bring more details back to the Committee for consideration and he should approach DCC to see if funding is available towards the event. Committee agreed that

Bloemfontein school was a suitable location for the plaque, the Town Clerk should to progress this.

(vi) Moria Con - 26th January

The Town Clerk advised that the Civic Hall will not be used this year, and that the Louisa Centre has already been booked. The Event will be held on 29th July 2017. Committee was provided with an estimated breakdown of costs for the event.

Committee **RECOMMENDED** that:

- (a) Promotion of the event should start as soon as possible;
- (b) Moria-Con should give consideration to becoming a constituted group which could operate independently of the Council;
- (c) More information should be provided at a future meeting as to what the exact programme for the event will be.

(vii) Armed Forces Day - 31st January

Cllr G Graham tabled an update from the working group for Committee to consider which detailed the activities confirmed for the event to date. Confirmation has been received from most of the armed services who will be in attendance, we still need confirmation from the Air Cadets. The Sea Cadets are definitely coming this year. The event will be held on Sunday 25th June 11.00am - 3.30pm.

The currently confirmed activities are:

- **205 Battery 101 Regiment Royal Artillery** Rocket Launcher, Rifle Range, Field Kitchen, Climbing Wall, Medical Team
- **Army Cadet Force** Mini Assault Course, Initiative Course, Camo Cream painting, Mini Climbing Wall, Army Caravan
- **Sea Cadets** Awaiting Activity
- **Air Cadets** TBC
- **251 Squadron** Army Activity Stand
- **Craghead Colliery Band** 2hrs of performance on the stage
- **Royal Marines** TBC
- **PACT House** Catering and activities
- **Medics UK** Stanley Town Council First Aid Provision
- Stage & PA System
- Fair Ground Rides & Mini Train
- Ice Cream Van
- Mobile Music & Candy Floss Van
- **Flags & Bunting** Bunting to line the front street, 2000 Armed Forces Day Flags

Cllr Graham has explored accessing the funding available from the MOD but getting a suitable response is proving difficult at this time. However, STC can apply for funding for insurance, medics, toilets etc. The Community Development Manager is

co-ordinating the application with Cllr Graham. Cllr Graham also suggests keeping prices down for the public.

Committee **RESOLVED** that the event should go ahead as outlined in the update and the Working Group and the Community Development Manager should proceed.

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WAYFINDING SIGNAGE ON THE SUSTRANS ROUTE

The Town Clerk informed Members that the wayfinding signage purchased for the Sustrans route had been located in the Civic Hall.

Committee **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Clerk should liaise with Sustrans and Adrian Cattle-Jones from the original project group to progress this matter.

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DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th April 2017, 18:30 at the Civic Hall