

**MINUTES** of the **COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL** Held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 12th April 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 (6.51pm)

\*Chairman

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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr D Walker & 3 members of the public

630                      **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr L Marshall were accepted by the Committee.

631                      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

632                      **PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK**

The Clerk noted that Cllr R Harrison was recording this meeting.

633                      **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public that were present had any questions.

634                      **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr B Nixon, seconded by Cllr R Harrison and **RESOLVED** that the Committee approve the minutes of the Communications and Events Committee meeting held on 8th March 2016.

635                      **WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

**Brass Festival** - The Community Development Manager noted his report. Members were asked to consider where the brass festival would take place and which schools they would like to be involved. It was proposed by Cllr R Harrison, seconded by Cllr W Nixon and **RESOLVED** that the CDM request costings for 4 schools to be

involved, plus the main event. The chosen New York festival will be held on the Front Street in Stanley on Wednesday 13th July.

**Christmas Events** - No update.

**Stanley Fringe** - The Chair noted that 2 events have already taken place and 2 events were coming in August. The film is nearly complete. 100 images are to be picked from 2000 to be put on display. The ticketed premier date is to be 31st July where the film will be shown. 6 acts are booked for August.

*Cllr D McMahon entered the meeting 18:51*

**Armed Forces Day** - The Community Services Officer noted that there had been a confusion over the date of armed forces day, which means that the military band that had been booked was unable to attend. There is however a possibility of another marching band attending. SAG approval is still to be given. The CSO has a meeting with the fairground suppliers next week. He also noted that it is too late to book an RAF flypast, this needs to be booked in September to enable us to have one in 2017.

**Play in the Park Days** - To be discussed at item 8.

**Community Fun Days** - Nothing has been arranged for this yet.

**Stanley Family Cycle** - The CSO noted that there has only been 12 tickets bought for this even so far and that Ed Tutty thinks it is not good value for money. The Town Clerk noted that feedback so far has been that the cost for entering is too high. It was proposed by Cllr D Mills, seconded by Cllr W Nixon and **RESOLVED** that the entrance cost be reduced to £0, and that the first 100 people to sign up for free online would receive a goody bag. The public should be asked to email [info@stanley-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@stanley-tc.gov.uk) to enter the cycle ride.

**Moria Con 2** - Liam Parry updated the Committee. The 2 main guests this year are Virginia Hay and Terry Malloy. Cllr D McMahon is trying to get Alien Love Predator to the event. 40 traders have booked to attend so far. There will be a retro gaming zone and another cos play competition.

**Community Radio** - Cllr D McMahon noted his report and costings. He advised the committee that the community radio is simple to use and that it will give a voice to the people of Stanley. It was proposed by Cllr D Mills, seconded by Cllr W Nixon and **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk, Cllr D McMahon and John Ullathorn work together to discuss where the radio station will be located, who will be running the schedule, who has editorial guidelines and who will enforce the content.

**636 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Members discussed the options provided by the Town Clerk. It was proposed by Cllr D McMahon, seconded by Cllr R Harrison and **RESOLVED** that the agenda for the April Full Council meeting be cleared of any unnecessary items and the Community Consultation be discussed in full.

**637 PLAY IN THE PARK REVIEW**

The CSO noted that feedback from the first Play in the Park event at South Moor on 1st April was that the rides were too expensive and that there was nothing for teenagers to do. Future Play in the Park events should have more activities for older children and the cost of the rides should be subsidised.

The next Play in the Park day will be on 1st June. There will be a climbing wall, Durham falconry, the bowls club, Annfield Plain football club, Durham Constabulary and other agencies at this event.

It was proposed by Cllr W Nixon, seconded by Cllr R Harrison and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk purchase 2 new gazebos with STC branding and that he look into the cost of a trailer.

**638 FUNDING REQUEST**

It was proposed by Cllr D McMahon, seconded by Cllr W Nixon and **RESOLVED** that Committee provide £1000 from the Community Fun Day budget but request that the money not be put towards the hire of 3 bands.

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

Tuesday, 10th May 2016, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall