

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held at Stanley Education Centre, Shield Row, Stanley on Tuesday 15th November 2016 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: J Nicholson* A Clegg G Graham C Thompson
 W Nixon R Harrison D Tully C Bell
 L Elliott D Marshall D Mills D Walker
 R Ferris B Nair M Wilkinson

*Chairman

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

ABSENT: Cllr C McKee

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of the public, Flight Lieutenant Keith Gilmour & Alex Mason NEAS

200 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs T Davinson, D McMahon, J Charlton and L Marshall were accepted by Council.

201 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr C Bell declared an interest as a member of Stanley Traders. Cllr R Harrison declared a non pecuniary interest in Groundwork NE as his daughter works for the company. Cllr D Marshall declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Rotary Club.

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

The Clerk reminded Members not to speak until they have been recognised by the chair, and to stand when speaking.

The Clerk advised that Cllrs W Nixon & R Harrison were recording the meeting.

203 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no written questions from the public.

John Caulfield thanked members who provided MIF funding to County Durham Activity Day Unit for training on 'Understanding Brain Injury'.

The Chairman presented a cheque for £500 from her Chairmans Fund to 1409 (Consett) Squadron Air Training Corps towards a radio communication system.

204 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr W Nixon, seconded by Cllr R Harrison and **RESOLVED** that the Council approve the Full Council minutes of 18th October 2016 as a correct record.

205 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 1st November 2016 and the Crime & Community Safety Committee held on 8th November 2016 be **RECEIVED** by Council.

Item 12 - Minute #211 - was dealt with at this juncture

Item 8 - Minute #207 - was dealt with at this juncture

206 CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING DECISION**(i) ALDI Proposal**

Following a discussion the Council stated it was in support of the ALDI proposal.

(ii) Dog Control Order Consultation

Following a discussion Members agreed that DCC should get the views of the public before implementing the new Control Order. They also agreed that the public should be educated on the laws on dog fouling.

207 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR

Alex Mason from the North East Ambulance Service talked to Council about how defibrillators worked and where they would be best sited. She noted that ASDA and the Louisa Centre both have defibrillators, and that STC should work with them to try and get them sited externally.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members want a budget for Community Defibrillators. It was proposed by Cllr W Nixon, seconded by Cllr B Nair and **RESOLVED** that STC purchase 1 defibrillator to be sited near PACT house and liaise with ASDA to move their existing defibrillator outside.

208 WAR MEMORIAL WORKING GROUP

Members noted the minutes from the War Memorial Working Group and it was **RESOLVED** that the **RECOMMENDATIONS** of the group be **APPROVED**.

209 ANNFIELD PLAIN WAR MEMORIAL

Members **CONSIDERED** the Town Council becoming the custodian of Annfield Plain War Memorial. It was mentioned that the Town Clerk should look into other War Memorials within the Town Council area.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would be prepared to become the custodians of the memorial.

210 **RECRUITMENT MOTION**

Councillor Harrison requested that his motion be amended and that the words '(such as held by Brian Hall)' be removed.

Following this amendment the Chairman asked Members to vote on the motion which was proposed by Cllr R Harrison and seconded by Cllr W Nixon.

It was **RESOLVED** that the motion be carried, with a vote of 7 for, 6 against, 1 abstention and 1 no vote with the effect that the standing delegations will now be changed and Councillors will form the selection panel for all posts graded above that of caretaker.

211 **FUNDING REQUEST - DERWENTSIDE ROTARY CLUB**

Following a presentation from the Rotary Club, it was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr D Walker and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would provide funding to the North Durham Swimathon event and a budget be set aside in 2017/18.

212 **SECOND BUDGET ESTIMATES**

Members discussed the second day budget put forward by the Town Clerk.

It was **RESOLVED** that there should be a Small Grants budget of £50,000 and that the Town Clerk look to make savings to incorporate this.

It was also **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should put in a budget for the Neighbourhood Plan of around £10,000.

213 **ASSET TRANSFER**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council should evaluate the costs and work involved into taking over the play areas and parks in Stanley under asset transfer.

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

Tuesday 20th December 2016, 18:30 at Stanley Masonic Hall, Scott Street, Stanley, DH9 8AD.