

**MINUTES** of the **PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL** held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Pallas\*                      Cllr J McMahon                      Cllr C Hampson                      Cllr A Clegg  
Cllr L Christie                      Cllr J Tully                      Cllr G Wilkinson                      Cllr B Nair  
Cllr G Graham

\*Chairman

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sgt Dave Clarke, John Ullathorne, Cllrs D Marshall, L Timbey, J Nicholson & D Tully, 2 Members of the Public

**49                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs T Armstrong (work), C Marshall (holiday), J Clark (accident) were accepted by the committee.

**50                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

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

No one in attendance was recording the meeting.

The Town Clerk reminded everyone present to either switch their mobile phones off or set them to silent.

The Town Clerk also reminded members of the Youth Provision meeting scheduled for 12:30 on Thursday 20th July.

**52                      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Billy Nixon provided members with some information regarding the Morrison Pit Memorial which will be discussed under Item 7. He stated that of 22 of the names on the memorial, 10 of the men were from New Kyo, Annfield Plain & Catchgate. The other 12 names were from the South Moor, to Tanfield areas and in between. The memorial was designed by Rev'd Geoff Laws who was the Vicar of Annfield Plain. He said that the memorial should remain in the area it resides at the moment. If the church wasn't closing this discussion wouldn't take place. No one in the last 10 years has declared the need for it to be moved to another area. The Town Mayor thanked Mr Nixon for his contribution.

**53 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Members **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2017.

**54 REVIEW OF PROJECTS**

**Crime Prevention £7000** - Members noted the update from the Clerk that no crime prevention projects had been put forward for consideration so far. PS Clarke advised the Committee that he had some information concerning crime prevention and awareness training for secondary school children which he would circulate to members for consideration.

**Police Cars £7000** - It was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that a separate meeting to discuss the police cars and neighbourhood wardens with Sgt Dave Clarke be arranged and recommendations be brought back to Committee.

**Mini Police £4400** - Members noted the update from the Clerk that nothing had been actioned. Members **RESOLVED** to hold the money in the budget until contact had been made with Craig Johnson to discuss which schools want to join the project.

**Road Safety Initiatives £3000** - It was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that a specific meeting be set up with John Ullathorne and Sgt Dave Clarke to discuss the progression of the project.

**Defibrillators £2000** - It was proposed by Cllr G Graham, seconded by Cllr C Hampson and **RESOLVED** that a defibrillator be placed outside of Stanley Police Station.

**Music Festival £5000** - Committee will **RECOMMEND** that this budget is not required and should be clawed back.

**Christmas Festival £10,000** - It was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr L Christie and **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk write a specification for the Christmas Festival and bring it back to Committee to approve. Once approved, the Council should put the specification out to tender.

**WWI Commemoration £5000** - Committee will **RECOMMEND** that this budget is not required and should be clawed back.

**Older People's Entertainment £1000** - Members requested for Fool's Gold to be booked in to provide entertainment at the Care Homes in Stanley. Feedback from the Care Homes should be requested.

**Blue Plaque Scheme £1200** - Members agreed to continue with this project.

**Heritage Projects £5825** - This budget should be retained.

**West Stanley Memorial £400** - This budget should be retained.

**Christmas Decorations £23,000** - The following Members are to form a Working Group to look at the Christmas Lights issue - Cllr B Nair, A Clegg, J Tully, L Timbey, D Marshall, J Nicholson & J McMahon.

55            **PARTNER/ PROJECT UPDATES**

**(i) Durham Money Advice**

Performance statistics were provided to members for information.

**(ii) Louisa Morrison Miner's Memorial**

It was proposed by Cllr L Christie, seconded by Cllr G Wilkinson and **RESOLVED** that Committee **RECOMMEND** that the stone remain Annfield Plain.

**(iii) Groundworks Activity Report**

Following an update from the Town Clerk, it was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr G Graham and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council move forward discussions with Groundworks about the cessation of the service.

**(iv) Any other updates**

Cllr G Graham advised the Committee that he was starting a new project to create a wild flower garden at East Stanley Cemetery and he hoped that local school children would get involved with the maintenance of it.

56            **ARMED FORCES DAY FEEDBACK**

Members agreed that Armed Forces Day 2017 was a great success. The Town Clerk recommended that next year we should arrange for deckchairs to be put in front of the stage so the public could more easily enjoy the entertainment. Preparation for the 2018 event should begin as soon as possible.

57            **COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN**

The Town Clerk asked members to **NOTE** the forward plan and start thinking about planning projects and budgets for 2018/19.

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

Tuesday 12th September 2017, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall