

**MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

Held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT:**    **B Nair\***            A Clegg                            L Christie                        C Hampson  
                  D Marshall        J McMahon                        J Pallas                            L Timbey  
                  G Wilkinson     J Kane                                M Davinson

**\*Town Mayor**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 1 member of the public  
                          Lestryne Tweedy & Linda Kirk: Just for Women Centre

**ABSENT:** Cllr T Armstrong & D Carmichael

150            **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs C Marshall, J Nicholson, J Stephenson, H Clark, D Tully, J Tully and J Clark were accepted by Council.

151            **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

152            **PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR**

The Town Mayor informed the Council that Cllr David Tully had suffered a heart attack last night. Members expressed their concern and best wishes and requested the staff send a card to Cllr Tully on behalf of Members and staff.

The Town Clerk advised those present that the meeting was being filmed but not streamed live. He also advised Members not to discuss the property, landlord or prices in relation to the request from the Just for Women Centre during the public part of the meeting.

153            **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Town Clerk received a written comment from Mr Billy Nixon which was read to Council:

*'If the 'Just 4 Women' are going to run a commercial cafe, is it right that we should financially support them with (a) Buying a building, and (b) give them a peppercorn rent. Would this not give the J4W's cafe an unfair advantage on an open business market. as others would be paying full rent and rates.'*

The comment was **NOTED** by Council.

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**154            REQUEST FROM THE JUST FOR WOMEN CENTRE**

Following a discussion and consideration of the request put forward, Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (i)     The Town Council will seek to purchase the property at no more than the maximum price agreed (this price is redacted from the minutes and will be inserted once the matter is no longer commercially sensitive).
- (ii)    The Town Council cannot fund the £6,000 grant requested as the deadline for grant funding in the current year has passed and there are no further funds available.
- (ii)    The Town Council will make the building available to the Just for Women Centre on a maximum 15 year lease, the first 7 years at a peppercorn rent, with a rent review after this initial period.

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

Tuesday 28th November 2017, 6:30pm, Civic Hall Stanley.