## STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL: CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF MEETING

MEETING TIME: 18:30hrs; DATE: 03/06/15; VENUE: Stanley Civic Hall, Front

Street, Stanley, DH9 0NA

PRESENT - CLLRS: C. Bell (Chair), C. Thompson, R. Ferris, G. Graham & J. Nicholson.

**APOLOGIES** – CLLRS: D. Walker & B. Nixon.

**ABSENT – CLLRS:** J. Charlton & L. Elliott.

**OFFICIALS** – J. Harper (Community Development Manager), B. Hall (Community Services Officer) & N. James (PA / Note Taker).

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE –** Sgt D Clarke.

MINUTE	SUBJECT:	NOTE/S:	ACTION/S:
CCS.001-	Item 1 -	Apologies received from Councillors Walker and	
15	Apologies	Nixon were accepted by the Committee.	
CCS.002-	Item 2 -	None.	
15	Declarations of		
	Interest		
CCS.003-	Item 3 -	The Chairman thanked the previous Committee	
15	Procedural and	and Cllr Bala Nair for all of his hard work and	
	Appropriate	noted she looks forward to working with this new	
	Announcements	committee in the future.	
	from the		
	Chairman		
CCS.004-	Item 4 -	It was proposed by Cllr C Thompson, seconded by	
15	Minutes	Cllr J Nicholson and <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes	
		of the Committee meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2015,	
		be approved as a correct record.	
CCS.005-	Item 5 - Public	<b>5.1</b> There were no members of the public	
15	Participation	present.	
		<b>5.2</b> James Harper noted that the Council had	
		received a written request from St Thomas	James
		Church to have their grass cut. Following a	
		discussion, it was <b>AGREED</b> that James should	
		contact Durham County Councillors for	
		the Stanley area and Steven Craig at DCC to see if	
		it is something that they can do. The Council	
		and the Groundwork team are not able to	
		provide an ongoing commitment at this	
		time.	
CCS.006- 15	Item 6 – Ward	1 – Craft House – Cllr R Ferris noted some issues	
13	Issues	and concerns with the residents at Craft House.	
		Sgt Clarke noted that this is a home for people	
		with learning disabilities and vulnerable people	
		which the police are aware of the issues.	

		<ul> <li>2 - Liam Bell - Cllr G Graham proposed to the Committee that a local 16 yr old be awarded by the Council for his recent voluntary work and ambition. It was AGREED that Cllr Graham complete the relevant forms to put Liam forward for the Chairmans Medal.</li> <li>3 - Bus Lane - Cllr C Bell noted that the issue with busses pulling out at the filter lane from the Bus Station is still ongoing. James will liaise with Christine and DCC to try and resolve the issue.</li> <li>4 - Leadgate Open Cast - Cllr J Nicholson updated the committee that permission for Leadgate open cast had been given. 64 vehicles</li> </ul>	James
		will go in and 64 vehicles will go out every day. The Committee will work with Planning to find out more information.	
CCS.007- 15	Item 7 – Current Initiatives	<b>7.1 – Pink poo</b> – Brian noted that this initiative had been a success and in a 3 week period, new dog waste was down by 59% in some cases. The Committee needs to decide if the initiative should be continued. Once all of the evaluation forms have been completed, a full update will be provided to the Committee.	Brian James
		<b>7.2</b> – <b>Rats on front street</b> – Brian noted that he is waiting to speak to Environmental Control. James suggested that the Committee invite Andy Denholm from DCC to see what DCC are doing in terms of pest control.	
CCS.008- 15	Item 8 – The Word	James noted that he will have a full report for the next Committee meeting. The Word was a very successful event enjoyed by all who attended and took part. James will be meeting with Kerrin Smith next week for a debrief and to see where to take The Word in the future. The Word backed up the police initiative 'Respect Your Street'. Brian will work on feedback questionnaires which were given to Tanfield School and North Durham Academy.	
		Cllr Nicholson thanked the team who put The Word together. It was a brave initiative to try and it worked. Cllr Nicholson requested the James send thank you'd to Amer and to Sgt Michael McGowan's bosses for their involvement and	James / Brian

		hard work.	
		James noted that the girls involved might be receiving a Chief Super Commendation.	
		It was <b>AGREED</b> that banners with pictures of The Word be made and put up outside the 2 schools with 'We Respect Our Streets' or some other catchy slogan.	
CCS.009- 15	Item 9 – OTIS	9.1 Scanning Process Update – James noted that the OTIS team are nearly finished the scanning process. There has been a good response to the surveys that they have handed out. 60 have been returned so far. Graphs to show trends will be	
		brought to the next committee meeting. The OTIS team plan to use a Durham University Analyst to look independently at the data. OTIS will be meeting soon to look at the next stage, analysis, and the winner of the survey entries will be picked.	
		9.2 Councillor Membership – James noted that Cllr Bala Nair used to sit on the OTIS team as STC Councillor representative as he was the Chair of the Crime committee. Cllr Colin Thompson used to sit on the team as he was Vice-Chair of the Crime committee. Cllr Christine Bell is happy for Colin to continue working on the OTIS team.	
CCS.010- 15	ITEM 10 – Blooming Good Fun	James noted that adverts for the competition are out and we are just waiting for entries to be returned. The committee should think about who wants to sit on the judging panel.	
CCS.011- 15	ITEM 11 – Groundworks	James noted he will provide a full report with recommendations on the objective and future works for Groundworks at the next committee meeting. He advised members to think about what work they want Groundworks to do. Ken should be invited to the next meeting to help members decide on the programme of works.	
CCS.012- 15	Extra Item – Sgt Dave Clarke Update	Sgt Clarke provided the following updates:  1 – The Youth Café had its first trip away and it	

		went very well. They are planning a paintballing trip at the weekend. Thanks to STC for the funding for the café.  2 – The police will be serving their first community protection notice to a 16 year old girl in the upcoming weeks. This means she will be banned from the front street. An update will be provided at the next committee meeting.	
CCS.013- 15	Date, time and venue of next meeting	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2015, 6:30pm, Stanley Civic Hall	
	Notes taken by N. James	Minutes agreed by; (signed)	