

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

Held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT:**

<b>B Nair*</b>	G Graham	J Stephenson	T Armstrong
H Clark	D Marshall	L Timbey	D Carmichael
A Clegg	J McMahon	D Tully	L Christie
M Davinson	J Nicholson	J Tully	J Clark
C Hampson	J Pallas	G Wilkinson	

\*Town Mayor

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 7 members of the public + Neil Bradbury

**39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr C Marshall were accepted by Council.

**40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr M Davinson declared a non pecuniary interest in item 8 as he is working closely with Daniel O'Brien from the AAP on the Heaviside Commemoration.

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

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

The Clerk noted that no persons present were recording the meeting, however STC were broadcasting the meeting on Facebook.

The Clerk reminded Members of the training session on Saturday at 9:30 at the Venue, and also read out an invitation from John Ullathorne to a Road Safety event at North Durham Academy on Friday 30th June.

The Town Mayor advised Council that Cllr C Marshall had stood down from the Finance & Governance Committee and would be replaced by Cllr D Carmichael.

**42 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions from any public in attendance and no written questions were submitted prior to the meeting.

**43 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr A Clegg, seconded by Cllr L Christie and **RESOLVED** that the Council **APPROVE** the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16th May 2017 as a correct record.

It was proposed by Cllr A Clegg, seconded by Cllr J Nicholson and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 30th August 2016 be **APPROVED** as a correct record.

#### 44 **MINUTES OF OTHER MEETINGS**

It was proposed by Cllr L Christie, seconded by Cllr C Hampson and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Projects & Initiatives Meeting held on 13th June 2017 **RECEIVED** by Council.

It was proposed by Cllr D Marshall, seconded by Cllr L Timbey and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & Governance Meeting held on 14th June 2017 **RECEIVED** by Council.

#### 45 **RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

##### **(a) PROJECTS & INITIATIVES**

- (i) **Citizens Advice** - Following a discussion and a majority vote of support, it was **RESOLVED** that the £37,532 funding requested be provided to the CAB.
- (ii) **Tractors** - Following a unanimous vote from Members it was **RESOLVED** that the two surplus tractors be donated to Beamish FC and Annfield Plain FC.
- (iii) **Review of Current Initiatives** - Following a unanimous vote from Members it was **RESOLVED** that an extra-ordinary meeting of Council be schedules to consider medium term planning in detail.
- (iv) **Louisa Morrison Memorial** - Following a unanimous vote from Members it was **RESOLVED** that the stone should be kept safe to make sure nothing happens with it and that further consultation with the residents be carried out.

**Decisions of Committee** - Members were informed that:

- (v) **War Memorial** - Committee appointed Cllr Clegg, Graham and Davinson to the steering group and asked them to identify whether there was public support for the building of the memorial and whether it would represent value for money and report back to the Committee.
- (vi) **Play in the Park** - Committee reviewed the costings for the Play in the Park programme and decided to cancel two of the events at Parks that had two events scheduled in order to keep the project within budget.

##### **(b) FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**

- (i) **Protocol on the use of Council Facilities and Resources by Councillors** - It was proposed by Cllr L Timbey, seconded by Cllr T Armstrong and **RESOLVED** that Council adopt the policy.

46 **MICHAEL HEAVISIDE COMMEMORATIVE STONE**

Following a discussion and a unanimous vote in favour, it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council will take on responsibility for maintenance of the stone after its unveiling on 12th July.

47 **ASSET TRANSFER**

- (i) **Annfield Plain Community Room** - Members were asked to provide signage for the building and consider a community notice board in the next budget setting process. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr J Nicholson will use her MIF to pay for the signage outside of the Community Room.
- (ii) **Council Offices** - Following a discussion and a unanimous vote in favour, it was **RESOLVED** that a Steering Group be established to consider the survey in detail and report back to Council. The Steering Group will consist of Cllrs Stephenson, Pallas, D Marshall, L Timbey and Nair.

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

Tuesday 25th July 2017, 6:30pm, Civic Hall Stanley.