

STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL: PLANNING COMMITTEE			
MINUTES OF MEETING			
MEETING: TIME: 18.30hrs; DATE: 17/02/15 VENUE: Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley, DH9 0NA			
PRESENT – CLLRS: w. Nixon (Chair), R. Harrison, C. Thomspson, D. Walker, G. Graham, J. Nicholson, C. Bell and A. Clegg			
OFFICIALS – Brian Hall (Community Services Officer) and Nicola James (PA / Note Taker)			
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – 1 Member of the Public.			
MINUTE	SUBJECT	NOTE/S	ACTION/S
PLG.01-14	Item 1 - Apologies	None.	
PLG.02-14	Item 2 - Declarations of Interest	Cllr Christine Bell declared an interest as Chair of the Traders.	
PLG.03-14	Item 3 - Procedural and Appropriate Announcements from the Chairman	None.	
PLG.04-14	Item 4 - Minutes	It was proposed by Councillor Clegg, seconded by Councillor Harrison and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 th September 2014 be approved as a correct record.	
PLG.05-14	Item 5 - Public Participation	5.1 There were no questions from any members of the public at the meeting. 5.2 There were no questions submitted before the meeting.	
PLG.06-14	Item 6 – Destination Plan	Members discussed the Destination Plan and made the following suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In regards to the Alun Armstrong Theatre, Stanley Town Council will continue to implement their own ideas, which they have had since taking over the Civic Hall. STC will not alter the running of the Civic Hall or Theatre to coincide with the Destination Plan. STC have a duty to the public to provide what they want to see. - DCC need to come up with a short term goal to get businesses into the Front Street. - DCC need to do something with the Tesco site, or pull it down. - Signs should be put up on the Sustrans Track pointing to Stanley. - Shop Fronts need to be improved. - Burnt out buildings on the Front Street need to be addressed. DCC need to be pro active. - DCC should be trying to get Wetherspoons to take over the old Board School. They should offer free rates rather than requesting commercial rates. - DCC should liase with STC. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More and new signage to direct public to the Civic Hall & Alun Armstrong Theatre. <p>Doug Carmichael from Catchgate suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cycling Festival - Golf trail - Building accommodation - Building a high tower with climbing walls <p>Members discussed looking into Genesis Funding. Cllr Clegg suggested turning Stanfield House into a hotel if STC could get Genesis Funding.</p> <p>It was the view of the Committee that the Plan wasn't worth the paper it was written on.</p> <p>Members asked Brian to look into who owns the land at Clearance Bargains, look at the possibilities for using the Board School and look into improving signage to the Civic Hall.</p>	Brian / Nicola
PLG.07-14	Item 7 – Front Street Progression	Brian updated the Committee and informed them that James and Derek are in the process of having a report produced by an independent inspector, in relation to the works done on the Front Street. Derek will be meeting with DCC after his annual leave and James will be updating the Committee in April.	
PLG.08-14	Item 8 – Tesco	Ian Thompson will be coming to the Full Council meeting on 24 th Feb. Members came up with the following questions to be put to Ian: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is Tesco definitely not building in Stanley? - The Stanley site was put together quicker than the Consett site. So why build Consett first before Stanley? - If Tesco do not come to site, will they develop a management committee to look after the safety of the site? 	
PLG.09-14	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	7 th April 2015, 6:30pm, Stanley Civic Hall	
	Notes taken by Nicola James	Minutes approved by: _____(Chair); _____(Date)	