
MINUTES of the CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr C Bell* Cllr R Ferris Cllr J Charlton Cllr M Wilkinson
Cllr D McMahon Cllr J Nicholson Cllr W Nixon

*Chairman

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Geoff Dawson, Sgt Dave Clarke & John Ullathorne

262 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs Thompson and Elliott were accepted by the Committee.

263 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D McMahon declared a non-pecuniary interest as a director and trustee of PACT House.

264 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk noted that no one was recording this meeting.
Cllr M Wilkinson was co-opted onto the Committee at her request.

At the request of Cllr Charlton, a minutes silence was observed in respect of the death of 7 year old Katie Rough who died in York on 9th January.

265 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public present and no questions submitted prior to the meeting.

266 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Crime and Community Safety Meetings held on **8th June 2016** and **8th November 2016** be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

267 GRIT BIN SERVICE

The Community Development Manager advised that since the locations for the original 11 grit bins had been agreed, 2 further locations at New Kyo and Frosterley Gardens have been added, bringing the total to 13.

Members **RESOLVED** to wait and see how the Groundworks team get on with these 13 bins before rolling out any more. Members also approved the purchase of 5 more grit bins as spares with the remaining budget allocated.

268 REVIEW OF INITIATIVES DELIVERED**Blooming Good Fun Awards**

Members agreed that the Awards night was fantastic and the recipients of the awards really enjoy their night. It was **RESOLVED** that the Community Development Manager look to having the Awards night between mid September - mid October in 2017.

269 ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUPS

Members put themselves forward to be on the following working groups:

Project	Budget	Lead Officer	Members
Environmental Services	£67,500	James Harper	J Charlton, J Nicholson, B Nixon, R Ferris, M Wilkinson, C Bell, G Graham
Detached Youth Project	£30,000	James Harper & Sgt Dave Clarke	D McMahon, J Charlton, J Nicholson, R Ferris
Road Safety	£3,000	James Harper, Sgt Dave Clarke & John Ullathorne	B Nixon, R Ferris, C Bell, J Nicholson
Mini Police	£4,400	James Harper & John Ullathorne	C Bell, J Nicholson, J Charlton
Defibrillators	£2,000	James Harper, Sgt Dave Clarke & John Ullathorne	D McMahon
Money Advice	£30,000	Alan Shaw	D McMahon, J Charlton, J Nicholson, R Ferris, C Bell

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the detached youth project and environmental services project both be looked at by the Crime and Community Safety Working Groups, to draft up a specification, and the Finance and General

Purposes Committee, to oversee any procurement exercises required. The Crime and Community Safety Committee would then monitor both projects.

270 **NEW INITIATIVES**

Members were asked if they had any new crime prevention initiatives they wished to put forward. Cllr M Wilkinson would like to see some sort of dog waste poster campaign. The Town Clerk advised that STC could explore opportunities to work with DCC and Durham Constabulary on this.

271 **UPDATES FROM PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**

(i) **Geoff Dawson - Groundwork NE**

Geoff advised that when tasking from Members was low, the Groundworks team carried on with proactive work wherever possible. Next year, litter picks will be programmed in on a regular basis and the team will work to the specification drafted by the working group which will in turn enable better publicity of the work being done. Geoff also advised that his report for Members will be image focused and that he will also provide regular before and after photos to the office so jobs can be publicised.

He asked for Members to request more work through the STC office. As the budget for 2017-18 has been reduced by STC, Geoff advised that he was looking to reduce the team to 4 days per week instead of 5, further details will be given to the Town Clerk in February.

(ii) **John Ullathorne - CURSI**

John advised members that CURSI has recently carried out the second Road Safety event at North Durham Academy on 2 December 2016, focused on drink driving. He hopes that 4 schools will take part in this event this year, the next one being at Tanfield Comprehensive focusing on the use of mobile phones whilst driving.

John commented that DCC/AAP have funded £4,000 worth of new bollards in Loud Terrace, which he felt were not needed. He stated that there are issues in New Kyo where this money could have made a more significant difference.

John requested authorisation to take CURSI to St Bedes school. The Town Clerk advised John that the initiative was Durham Constabulary's and no such authorisation was required.

(iii) **PS Dave Clarke**

PS Clarke noted that ASDA had been approached to be involved in a drink drive campaign however he has heard nothing back. There might be a possibility to do the campaign at the Civic Hall instead.

PACT House is going from strength to strength with a number diverse community groups using the building. PS Clarke advised that DCC are using the building for their regeneration meetings.

New HD cameras have, after some delays, been approved to go up at the bottom of the Front Street.

PS Clarke thanked the Council for providing further funding for the police cars. He hopes to see will continue in future years.

PS Clarke is organising a new Purple Poo campaign. Cans of purple chalk spray have been ordered thanks to MIF support. Stickers and badges have been ordered and PS Clarke will be going into schools to educate the pupils about the importance of picking up dog waste. He would like to use some of the Committees £7,000 for Crime Prevention Initiatives, for some posters and a golden ticket project alongside the Purple Poo campaign.

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DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th February 2017, 6:30pm at Stanley Civic Hall.