

MINUTES of the **PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL** held at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley on Tuesday 13th June 2017 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: **Cllr J Pallas*** Cllr C Marshall Cllr C Hampson Cllr A Clegg
 Cllr L Christie Cllr T Armstrong Cllr J Clark Cllr J Tully
 Cllr G Wilkinson Cllr G Graham

***Chairman**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Neil Bradbury (CAB), Cllr D Marshall, Cllr J Nicholson, Cllr D Tully, 3 Members of the Public

18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs J McMahon & B Nair were accepted by the Committee.

19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Marshall declared a pecuniary interest in Stanley Events and a non-pecuniary interest in Beamish FC as they are based at the MUGA in relation to item 6(ii) of the business on the agenda. (*Minute #23(ii)*).

20 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk reminded everyone present to either switch their mobile phones off or set them to silent. He also reminded everyone in attendance that the meeting was being filmed and broadcast live.

The Chairman asked the members of the Committee for their views about moving the start time of the meeting to 6pm. Some Members were not able to make a 6pm start so the meetings will remain at 6.30 pm.

21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of the Communications & Events meeting held on 4th April 2017.

23 REQUESTS FOR FUNDING/ SUPPORT**(i) Citizens Advice Bureau**

Members considered a request for £37,532 grant funding from Neil Bradbury from County Durham CAB. Following a question and answer session with Neil, members **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that:

- (a) The full amount of grant funding requested be provided to enable the Stanley CAB service to continue for the next year, and
- (b) Discussions take place with the CAB and other providers of Advice Services in Stanley to ensure that there is a plan for a sustainable advice service in the future.

(ii) Tractors

Members received requests from Annfield Plain AFC and Beamish FC, requesting that the surplus Kubota tractors to be donated to them for grounds maintenance/ grass cutting purposes. It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that Committee **RECOMMEND** that Full Council:

- (a) Donate the tractors to the two football clubs;
- (b) That the STC logos should be removed, following a press release and handover by the Town Mayor.

24 PROJECT UPDATES**(i) Play in the Park**

Members received an update report from the PA to the Town Clerk in relation to budget allocation for the events planned.

It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr L Christie and **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) To keep the Play in the Park events in budget, events planned for the 26 July and 16 Aug will be cancelled. All other events to go ahead as planned.
- (ii) Evaluation data should be collected at each event i.e attendance figures, feedback from attendees, surveys, qualitative data etc and reported back to Council in due course.

(ii) Armed Forces Day

Members received an update from the Community Development Manager in relation to the Armed Forces Day event on 25 June. He advised that the event would probably come under budget. Cllr D Marshall declared an interest in the Rotary Club. Cllr C Hampson declared an interest in this item as a volunteer at PACT House and a member of the Rotary Club.

Committee were happy with the planning of Armed Forces Day and hoped that it would be a successful day.

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REVIEW OF CURRENT INITIATIVES

Cllr C Marshall reaffirmed the Labour Groups commitment to the pledges they set in their manifesto. He noted there were significant areas of work to develop which need to be properly budgeted for. Members were happy with the report provided by the Town Clerk.

It was **RESOLVED** that Committee would **RECOMMEND** that an Extra-Ordinary meeting of Council should be planned to develop the medium term plan further.

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COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**(i) Louisa Morrison Miner's Memorial**

Members were asked to consider where to relocate the memorial currently situated at St Aidan's Church. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Clerk should liaise with the church to get the memorial secured, removed and stored. More time should be spent with the Community to determine the best location for the memorial. Schools could be asked to participate in a heritage project.

(ii) War Memorial

Members were asked to consider if the War Memorial Steering group would continue, who the members of the group would be and the date of the next meeting. It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr T Armstrong and **RESOLVED** that Cllrs A Clegg, G Graham and M Davinson be appointed to review the project bearing in mind comments of the Committee and with particular regard to the value for money of the project and report back to Committee with recommendations. If the Steering Group wish to do a wider consultation that would be supported by the Committee.

(iii) Veterans Badges

Members agreed during discussion of Item 7, (*minute #24(ii)*) Armed Forces Day, that Veterans Badges should be re-presented to those who have them, by the Town Mayor on Sunday 25 June at Armed Forces Day.

(iv) Youth Council

Members were asked to consider creating a Youth Council in the Stanley Area. It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr C Hampson and **RESOLVED** that this project should be costed properly then brought back to Committee for consideration in the future but it would be difficult to achieve a properly funded youth council project within existing budgets.

(v) Farmers Markets

Members were asked to consider holding Farmer's Markets in Stanley Front Street. It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr C Hampson and **RESOLVED** that it would be a lot of work to organise a Farmer's Market at present, therefore it should be revisited in the Autumn.

(vi) Project Submissions from Elected Members

Cllr A Clegg suggested flying a flag outside the Civic Hall to recognise the Merchant Navy. Members **RESOLVED** to support this submission.

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DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18th July 2017, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall. Meeting rearranged due to Michael Heaviside commemorations.



STC Projects & Initiatives 2017/18

Status Report - July 2017

Project	Budget	Timescale	Comments
Crime Prevention	£7000	none	£7k budget allocation for ad hoc crime prevention projects, nothing has been put forward for consideration so far
Police Cars	£7000	none	£7k has been budgeted but the Police cars STC has been funding cannot continue in service after this October as the Chief Constable will not allow cars over four years old to remain in service. Sgt Dave Clarke has forwarded a proposal for consideration by Committee in respect of this.
Mini Police	£4400	none	A budget was set aside to enable more schools to join the project but this has not been actioned and needs to be evaluated
Road Safety Initiatives	£3000	none	Budget set aside to support CURSI project. No specific criteria were set for the use of the funding.
Defibrillators	£2000	none	The issue of defibrillators was discussed on about six separate occasions in the last Civic year and whilst Council stated it wanted to provide a defibrillator there were mixed views about the location. Buying one to be kept inside the Civic Hall was discussed, on Front Street and at Police Stations. A working group comprising Sgt Dave Clark and former Cllr Darren McMahon recommended Police Stations however this needs to be discussed by Committee.
Music Festival	£5,000	shelved	The idea for a mini music festival was put forward by former Cllr Darren McMahon. Working groups to develop the idea were not attended and Committee decided it wanted a punk/country and western weekend. This has not progressed because the window for it has passed. Committee needs to decide what to do with the budget.

Item 6 - ATTACHMENT B

Project	Budget	Timescale	Comments
Christmas Festival	£10000	not started	Last year a small Christmas market and funfair was provided on a Saturday alongside the general market and a stage with entertainment was provided for a dusk lights switch on. The Council had planned to repeat this, however Committee needs to revisit this to decide what it wants. Putting Santa's grotto back on Front Street is one idea the Clerk wanted to implement last year that had to be pulled but it will not be feasible to put this in the Civic this year due to the Panto so needs to be reviewed.
WWI Commemoration	£5000	not allocated	This budget has been held for a number of years but no projects put forward for it. The spend last year was 0.
Older People's Entertainment	£1000	not allocated	This budget has been used in previous years to pay for local entertainers to visit old people's homes. It has been kept in but not allocated as yet.
Blue Plaque Scheme	£1200	ongoing	The budget will pay for two plaques a year although more could be done if required. The Michael Heaviside one is ordered and we have planned to do one for the Horsley Brothers (founders of Universal Studios and Hollywood, from Craghead).
Heritage Projects	£5825	onging	This budget was created to commission a film but the project could not proceed. Some of the budget was set aside to provide support for the annual West Stanley remembrance and the rest left for ad hoc projects. £2,400 has been allocated to the Heaviside centenary so far this year.
West Stanley Memorial	£400	not started	To cover the cost of the Colliery Band, wreath and some printing for the West Stanley Memorial in February
Christmas Decorations	£23,000	Complete	To Cover rental and install costs for Christmas lights. 2017 is the final year of the current contract - current specification needs to be reviewed.



Stanley Town Council funded neighbourhood police vehicles



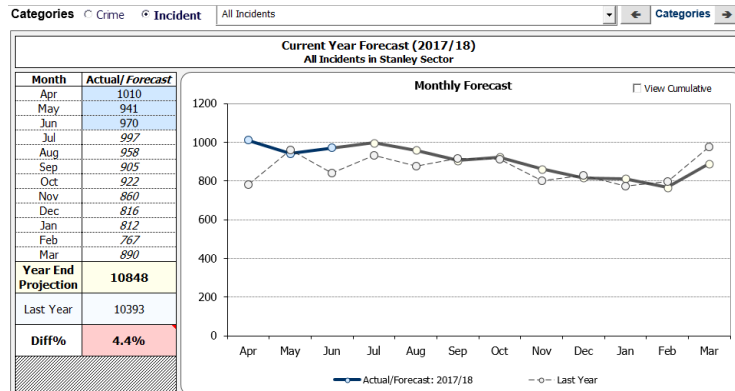
For many years now, Stanley Town Council and Stanley Police have had a fantastic working relationship. The partnership has seen many effective crime and community safety initiatives that have had a positive effect on the lives of those living, visiting and working in Stanley.

One of the most noticeable initiatives is the provision of two extra police vehicles by the council to support the local Police in the delivery of service in the area, particularly in those aspects of community safety that have a profound lasting effect on the quality of life to residents, such as antisocial behaviour, acquisitive offences, such as burglary and signal crimes such as drugs and vandalism.

Stanley Neighbourhood Policing team has remained relatively protected in numbers, providing vital links between the police and the community, often providing the missing link in solving crimes and the physical reassurance to a victim once a crime has been committed. We currently have an Inspector, two Sergeants, six Constables and eight Community Support Officers – though are carrying some vacancies. Without the two STC vehicles, those officers would have to share two vans that are currently allocated to the teams, covering a main station and two remote section offices at Catchgate and South Moor.

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Police receive around 800-1000 incidents every month and neighbourhood officers will attend a certain percentage of these calls, even if another department attends, we are often required to attend in a 'follow up' capacity, to ensure victim welfare or fit crime prevention devices.



Neighbourhood officers and particularly PCSOs attend the majority of the antisocial behaviour incidents in the area. The amount of calls we are receiving is dropping year on year, which is in part due to increased high visibility patrols and problem solving initiatives, which may not be possible without the STC cars as the warranted officers will be using the two vans to attend crimes in progress, immediate response incidents and to transport violent prisoners to custody hubs, which can be at the opposite side of the county.

The cars get used for a variety of other purposes, such as the pictures below, which were scene preservation and community reassurance at a fatal house fire in Burnopfield and road closure at a fatal RTC in Beamish. Consideration was given to requesting hire vehicles, however the partnership cars, for a slightly higher monthly price than the hire vehicles allow the flexibility of using the blue lights and sirens for emergencies and also for visibility at diversions and road closures. We can fit battenburg style markings to hire vehicles FOC, but not the ancillary equipment.



Durham Constabulary force policy dictates that all marked police vehicles should be under 4 years old. These cars reach the end of their life in September / October and will be withdrawn. The vehicles are sold and the resale value factored into the initial purchase price, which keeps it low, hence the quoted prices being inclusive of all costs and leaving no residual in the vehicles.

These two vehicles were bought for around £30,000 for three years, with an additional year's costs being re-negotiated last year at £7000 – rough total for 4 years being £37,000.

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The Corsa's are no longer available and we would need to look at Peugeot 308 vehicles, with full response livery, servicing, insurance, diesel and all other associated costs for 4 years would be around £21,000 each (VAT would not be included) or £100 per week. To us and the residents of Stanley, they are priceless.

I submit this for your attention and consideration and I will be at the meeting on 18th July to answer any questions.

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Safeguarding Neighbourhoods Command
Protecting Communities, Protecting Vulnerable People

Durham Money Advice Statistics

	2015-16	2016-17	Variance	%Diff
New Clients	199	281	+82	+41%
New Clients/Day	1.5	2	+0.5	+33%
Existing Clients	437	550	+113	+26%
Existing Clients/Day	3.3	3.9	+0.6	+18%
Total Clients	636	831	+195	+31%
Total Clients/Day	4.8	5.9	+1.1	+23%
Insolvency/bankruptcy	£608.9k	£1197.9k	+£588.4k	+97%

Friday, 7 July 2017 at 14:21

Dear Alan,

Thank you.

I think we share a common problem: There is consensus that the memorial stone is important and needs to be moved to a suitable new home, but no agreement yet on where that home should be. We do seek to know where the stone will do before it is released. Sorry!

I cannot give a precise date for the sale of the church, but that business is proceeding and we hope to conclude the sale later this year. May we therefor ask for a proposed new home for the memorial by mid-October, to allow time for formal approval and a move before Christmas.

By all means consult and sound opinion as you wish, but with the clear understanding that this is not binding and that a legal process must follow.

Best wishes.

Bill

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Report highlighting the activities of the Community Environmental Caretaker Service

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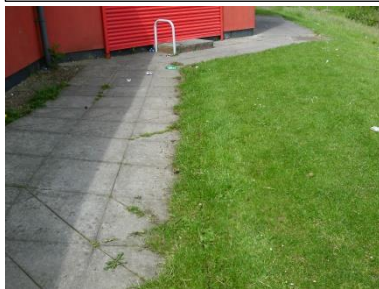
April – June 2017

Week Commencing	Details of works Carried Out/Location
24 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Litter Pick and Fly-tipping Path Maintenance – No Place Minors Cenotaph – Spray and Clean Clear and Weed Planters – All Wards Poster/Banner Erecting (Armed Forces) Civic Hall – Furniture Removal
1 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Litter Pick and Fly-Tipping Civic Hall – Full Grounds Maintenance Ground Clearance and Strim – Kip Hill Public R.O.W Maintenance/Strim and Litter Picks in Tanfield Lea, Tantobie and East Stanley. Removed Overhanging Branches.
8 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Litter Pick and Fly-tipping Signage Works – Stanley Front Street Herbicide Spraying – No Place Tree Pruning and Path Clearance – Craghead Millennium Green Civic Hall/Cenotaph Grass Cutting
15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Litter Pick and Fly-Tipping Path and Car Park Edging/Strim and Litter Pick, Rut Filling with Topsoil – Craghead Millennium Green Empty, Weed and Cultivate Tubs – STC Wards
22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Litter Pick and Fly-tipping Woodland Paths and Pruning – Craghead Millennium Green Civic Hall and Cenotaph Maintenance Footpath Strim and Litter Pick – South Stanley
29 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Litter Pick and Fly-tipping Footpath Maintenance Works, Strimming Cut Back/branches and Litter – C2C Route down from Iceland and RAFA Club area Ground Clearance – Annfield Plain Strim and Clear – Allotment Area in Annfield Plain Civic Hall/Miners Cenotaphs – Maintenance
5 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward Litter Pick and Fly-tipping Continue Ground Clearance and Remove Waste – Annfield Plain Allotments

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support with Delivery of Planters/weed Existing Planters – Catchgate • Depot Clearance/Tool Maintenance (Heavy Rain)
12 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Litter Pick and Fly-tipping • Strim and Cut Paths/Litter Pick and Clear Drainage Channels – Catchgate Millennium Green • Civic Centre and Cenotaph Full Maintenance • Grass Strim and Litter Pick – Kip Hill

Images of work carried out:

Craghead Millennium Green - Paving



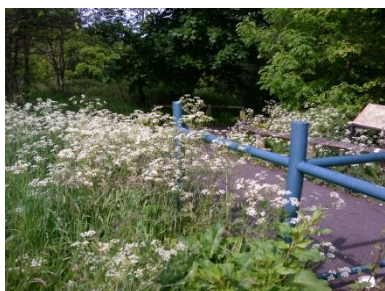
Craghead Millennium Green – Woodland Paths and Trees



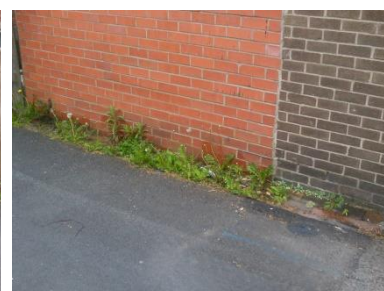
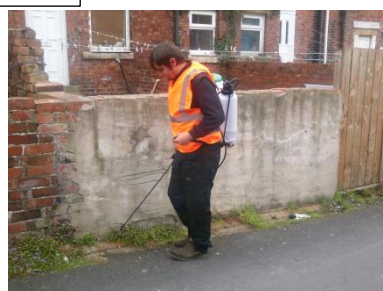
Craghead Millennium Green – Car Park/Drain Channels



C2C Footpath Works



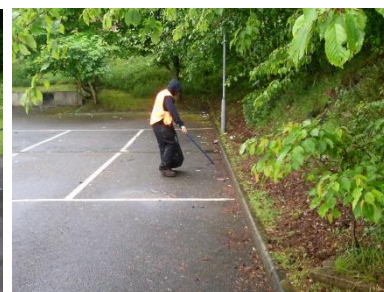
Herbicide spraying – No Place



South Moor Pathway Strimming



Litter Picking – Annfield Plain and Greencroft



Civic Hall and Cenotaph



Other Images



Stanley Town Council - Committee Forward Plan 2017/18

	Projects & Initiatives	Finance & Governance	Council
June			
July	Review of outstanding projects	Review budgets after new priorities set	
August	RECESS - INFORMAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS MEDIUM TERM PLANNING		
September	Review of Summer Events Planning for Christmas Events	External Audit sign off	Grant Funding Applications
October	Outline Bids for Project funding 2018/19	Outline Bids for Project funding 2018/19	
November	Budgets I	Budgets I	Budget Review
December	Budgets II	Budgets II	NO MEETING
January	Tasking for 2018/19 Review of Christmas Events		Approve Budget & Precept
February	Medium Term Plan 1st Draft	Medium Term Plan 1st Draft	Medium Term Plan 1st Draft
March	Publication of Medium Term Plan	Publication of Medium Term Plan Risk Management & Internal Control	Publication of Medium Term Plan Grant Funding Applications Risk Management & Internal Control
April			
May			NO MEETING - AGM