
MINUTES of the PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr J McMahon* Cllr C Marshall Cllr C Hampson Cllr J Kane
Cllr L Christie Cllr J Clark Cllr J Tully Cllr G Wilkinson
Cllr A Clegg

*Chairman

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs D Marshall, L Timbey, D Tully. Darren McMahon & Ruth Blakey (Stars Youth and Community), 1 member of the public,

ABSENT: Cllr T Armstrong

220 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs J Pallas and B Nair were accepted by the Committee.

221 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared a personal interest in item 6 - Stars Youth and Community as his father is involved in the project.

Cllrs C Marshall and C Hampson declared a personal interest in item 9 - Street Warden Service - as they are both County Councillors.

222 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk advised those present that the meeting was being recorded and reminded everyone to switch their phones to silent.

Members were also reminded that the deadline to commit MIF money is 28th February 2018.

223 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions submitted prior to the meeting and no questions from the floor.

224 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that Committee **APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2017.

225 STARS YOUTH & COMMUNITY

Darren McMahon spoke to the report provided to the Committee.

He advised that there were many young people wanting to take part in the detached youth service being provided, attracting more than DCC services.

Members noted that they were pleased with the progress and that reports of anti-social behaviour appeared to have been reduced following the work with young people. Mr McMahon also advised Committee that PACTivate was very popular with around 60 - 80 young people attending sessions regularly.

Members thanked Darren and Ruth for their work with the Stars and praised the success of the group when youth work was needed.

Request for funding - It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RECOMMENDED** that:

- (i) Funding be granted subject to the application being amended to include carrying out an audit to help the Council fulfil objective 3.2 of the Medium Term Plan.
- (ii) The application should be amended to reflect this and put forward to Full Council on 23 January.
- (iii) The Finance Committee should look at a phased approach to payments.

226 UPDATES

Christmas Lights - The Town Clerk advised that the Community Development Manager would be arranging a meeting with Members to discuss the Christmas Lights contract.

Louisa Morrison Memorial - The Town Clerk noted that the diocese now want to move the memorial to St Thomas' at Harelaw, and that he is arranging a meeting with them to discuss the matter further. Cllr C Marshall requested that the relatives of those who's names are on the memorial be contacted with an update.

Defibrillator - Cllr D Tully requested an update on where the defibrillator would be sited. It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr J Tully and **RESOLVED** that officers look into a location at the bottom of the Front Street and bring back a proposal to Committee.

Outstanding Grants - Committee tasked officers to send the new grants policy to those who had applied for funding and ask them to resubmit their proposal.

227 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC ***

*Recording of proceedings was stopped at this point.

Council **RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

*Justification for excluding the public and press from consideration of the following item:
The Committee will be considering information provided in confidence by Durham County Council in respect of the existing warden service operated by DCC.*

228 **STREET WARDEN SERVICE**

It was **RESOLVED** that a meeting with Oliver Sherratt and Ian Hoult be arranged as soon as possible to give an overview of the Warden Service at DCC.

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

Tuesday 13th February 2018, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall