
MINUTES of the FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr M Davinson* Cllr D Marshall Cllr D Carmichael Cllr J Pallas
Cllr J Kane Cllr H Clark Cllr J Nicholson Cllr D Tully
Cllr B Nair Cllr A Clegg

*Chairman

OFFICERS: Nicola James (PA to the Town Clerk)
Alan Shaw (Town Clerk)

208 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllrs J Stephenson & L Christie were accepted by the Committee.

209 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

210 **PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk reminded everyone to turn their phones off or switch them to silent and that the meeting was being recorded.

211 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No written questions were received in writing. No questions from the floor.

212 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr A Clegg, seconded by Cllr J Kane and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on 15th November be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

213 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION**

It was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr D Carmichael and **RESOLVED** that the Committee **APPROVE** the payment of accounts for November 2017, and **NOTE** the Bank Reconciliations for November 2017.

214 **MEMBERS INITIATIVE FUND**

Members **NOTED** the MIF payments in the current year to date.

215 RECOMMENDATIONS OF PROJECTS & INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

Members **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the advertising and marketing budgets be brought together for the Civic Hall and the Town Council and that there be one budget.

216 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 a wide range of options to produce a final budget for 2018/19. The discussion will encompass services, staffing and matters which are currently commercially sensitive relating to users and events at the Civic Hall. The Committee will publish details minutes and the options report at a later date when they are no longer sensitive.

217 CIVIC HALL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Committee considered the reports and requested that the Town Clerk make changes to the draft budget to be considered again in January.

218 BUDGET SETTING

Committee considered the reports and requested that the Town Clerk make changes to the draft budget to be considered again in January.

219 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

10th January 2018, 6:00pm, Stanley Civic Hall.