
MINUTES of the PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall on Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr J Pallas* Cllr J McMahon Cllr C Hampson Cllr L Timbey
Cllr T Armstrong Cllr J Tully Cllr G Wilkinson Cllr B Nair

*Chairman

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public, Cllrs D Marshall, D Tully & J Nicholson

ABSENT: Cllr J Clark

304 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs L Christie, C Marshall & A Clegg were accepted by the Committee.

305 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

306 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk advised that the meeting was being recorded and reminded everyone to switch their phones to silent. He also noted that the agenda had not been updated and that Cllr J Kane was to be swapped with Cllr L Timbey in future.

307 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions were submitted before the meeting. No questions from the floor.

308 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr L Timbey and **RESOLVED** that Committee **APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2018.

309 STANLEY ADVICE SERVICE

It was proposed by Cllr L Timbey, seconded by Cllr B Nair and **RESOLVED** that the partnership should be requested to resubmit their proposal to address the elements in the specification and the budget set by the Council. They should be

made aware that the current proposal gives no indication that the four current partners are aligning their service any more than is presently the case.

310 **ARMED FORCES DAY PROPOSAL**

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** to Full Council that the Youth Connection Theatre Company be granted free use of the theatre and reception area for their performances of "The Lucky Durhams".

311 **ADVICE IN COUNTY DURHAM PROPOSAL**

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** to Full Council that the Town Council host the partnership networking event in June 2018 to enable community groups to get together and work collectively.

312 **COMMITTEE ACTIONS UPDATE**

The Town Clerk updated Members on the following Committee Actions:

- (i) **Road Safety Speed Visor** - This project is still outstanding. The budget will be rolled forward into an earmarked reserve.
- (ii) **Christmas Lights Working Group** - The initial meeting had been held.
- (iii) **Defibrillator** - Ongoing discussions with the job centre.
- (iv) **Grit Bins** - Bins have been replenished and costs are going to finance committee for approval.
- (v) **Stanley in Bloom** - The Community Development Manager to update Committee. STC may struggle to deliver this on its own.
- (vi) **Chairmans Awards** - Nominations have been received and the awards night is on 2nd May.
- (vii) **Christmas Events** - £100 income from the traders has been paid to the Mayor's Charity.
- (viii) **Mini Police** - Officers still cannot get in touch with Craig Johnson.
- (ix) **Youth Council** - This matter has been parked for now and will be re-visited when the work programme permits.
- (x) **Louisa Memorial** - Notices have been posted and faculty forms have been filled in. Matter in progress.

313 **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 items:
Naming recipients of awards prior to the event would be detrimental to the event itself
(Item 11), Commercial Sensitivity (Item 12).*

314 **TOWN MAYORS AWARDS**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the nominations received and to add the additional nomination discussed at the meeting. The policy and criteria for next years awards to be reviewed after the event.

315 **POLICE VEHICLES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Committee **RECOMMENDS** to Council that the Memorandum of Understanding between STC and Durham Constabulary be approved.

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

To be confirmed following Full Council on 24th April 2018.