# MINUTES of the PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: CIIr J Pallas\* CIIr | McMahon CIIr C Marshall CIIr C Hampson

Cllr J Kane Cllr L Christie Cllr G Wilkinson Cllr B Nair

\*Chairman

**OFFICERS:** Alan Shaw (Town Clerk)

Nicola James (PA to the Town Clerk)

James Harper (Community Development Manager)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: 2 member of the public, Cllrs D Marshall, L Timbey & M Davinson

## 270 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs J Clark, J Tully, A Clegg & T Armstrong were accepted by the Committee.

## 271 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

## 272 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.

## 273 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Billy Nixon wrote to the Town Clerk to ask what the ratio of salt to grit is in our grit bins. The Community Development Manager advised the Committee that we do not know the ratio, the grit we use is provided for free from Durham County Council under the partnership arrangement. The Community Development Manager will reply to Mr Nixon and advise that enquiries relating to the mix should be directed to them.

#### 274 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr J Kane and **RESOLVED** that Committee **APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2018.

## 275 GRIT BIN SERVICE

The Community Development Manager requested that members consider additional grit bins to the 13 that the Town Council currently provide. It was proposed by Cllr C Marshall, seconded by Cllr B Nair and RESOLVED that:

- (i) The grit bins we currently are kept replenished with grit,
- (ii) The Community Development Manager will finalise the list of additional bin locations following further requests from members and the public,
- (iii) The Projects and Initiatives Committee support the request to provide additional bins, and
- (iv) The Finance & Governance Committee be requested to examine how these additional locations can be funded in the future.

#### 276 STANLEY IN BLOOM

Members **NOTED** the report from the Community Development Manager. The Community Development Manager was requested to bring more a detailed report relating to the timescales and resources required for the project to Committee for further consideration.

## 277 COMMITTEE ACTIONS UPDATE

The Town Clerk updated members on the following Committee Actions:

- (i) Youth Council This has not progressed as it is not a priority of the Council.
- (ii) Mini Police Officers have requested Craig Johnson to submit a proposal and one has not been received..
- (iii) Armed Forces Preparations are underway.
- (iv) Christmas Events Income from the traders was collected and a cheque for the Mayors Charity will be raised.
- (v) Road Safety Acting Insp. Dave Clarke advised that there are issues putting the speed visors on lamp columns, he is in talks with DCC. This budget will be carried forward to 2018/19.
- (vi) Christmas Lights The Community Development Manager is organising a Working Group. Members of the group will be Cllrs D Marshall, B Nair, J McMahon & G Wilkinson.
- (vii) **Defibrillators** The Job Centre is keen to have a defibrillator at their building and the Community Development will take this forward.

## 278 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th April 2018, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall