

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held at Stanley Civic Hall on Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: A Clegg* C Bell L Christie J Clark G Binney
 C Hampson H Clark B Nair J Kane D Marshall
 J McMahon J Nicholson J Pallas J Stephenson L Timbey
 D Tully J Tully G Wilkinson

***Town Mayor**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public, Kevin Howe & Sarah Kirk

132 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs C Marshall and M Davinson were accepted by Council.

133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J McMahon declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15 (Minute #146) as a relative is involved with the project. He stated that he would not take part in the discussion but he will remain in the chamber during consideration of the item.

134 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk reminded Members to wait until recognised by the Town Mayor and to stand when speaking. He announced that the meeting was being recorded by STC and that mobile phones should be switched off or turned to silent.

Cllr L Timbey announced that he is taking part in the Boxing Day Dip at Seaburn and any money raised will be donated to PACT House.

135 LEADER'S STATEMENT

Cllr David Marshall noted that he had attended the Love Beamish and Stanley launch, which was well attended. They should be invited to come along when the Town Council look at the County Plan and form a part of the decision. He noted he had taken part in Durham Constabulary week of hate crime and made a recorded statement for the Police to use of their website.

136 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions were received in writing and there were no questions from the floor.

137 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr L Timbey, seconded by Cllr D Marshall and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25th September 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record:

138 COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr D Marshall and **RESOLVED** that Council **RECEIVE** the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 9th October 2018.

139 RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE

Schedule of Meetings - It was proposed by Cllr D Marshall, seconded by Cllr B Nair and **RESOLVED** that the meetings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee are reverted back to Wednesday evenings, in accordance with the attached Schedule of Meetings.

140 SHAID - Feedback from Funding

Kevin Howe presented an update to Members to inform them how the funding has been used and what the outcomes have been of the service. Members **NOTED** the update and requested that the Town Clerk distribute the slides of the presentation to Members.

141 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Members **NOTED** the letter received from Rev. Geoff Lawes, thanking the Town Council for inviting him to attend and speak at the rededication of the Louisa Morrison Memorial.

142 MIF APPLICATION

Members considered a request for funding which relates to an individual request for support. The MIF policy states that Members are unable to fund individuals so the decision in this instance requires the opinion of Council to determine if the request "will bring direct benefit to their area".

It was proposed by Cllr D Marshall, seconded by Cllr B Nair and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council will not fund this request, however if the individual organises a charity event to raise money, a MIF could be arranged to support fund raising.

143 STAFF FEEDBACK ON MEDIUM TERM PLAN

Members considered the feedback from staff in relation to their view and ideas on achieving the objectives of the Medium Term Plan. It was proposed by Cllr D Marshall, seconded by Cllr B Nair and **RESOLVED** that staff and Members get together every few months to get the ideas from staff. Members should look at the feedback and see how the ideas fit with the Medium Term Plan and feedback with staff. Civic Hall ideas will go to the Civic Hall Working Group.

144 HERITAGE PLAQUE SUBMISSION

The Council received a nomination from a heritage plaque from Tanfield Railway in relation to Matthew Kirtley. It was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr D

Marshall and **RESOLVED** that the Council support the recommendation and recognise Matthew Kirtley under the heritage plaque scheme.

145 **COUNCIL ACTIONS UPDATE**

The Town Clerk provided the following update on Council Actions:

DBS Checks - The Town Clerk has looked into this matter and discovered that Councillors are unable to have enhanced DBS checks. Standard checks could be requested for Members. It was proposed by Cllr D Marshall, seconded by Cllr J Kane and **RESOLVED** that the DBS action be changed to complete and that other avenues be explored.

Dying to Work - The Town Clerk has a meeting on 7 November for the charter to be signed by the Town Mayor, Unions and TUC.

War Memorial - James Harper to provide an update at a later meeting.

Pantomime - This has been fed into the Civic Hall Working Group.

Media Consultants - This has been fed into the Civic Hall Working Group.

CLLD Update - The Town Clerk to progress.

Beacons of Light - The Beacon is being manufactured and will go on the plinth where the Christmas Tree sits. The event will be publicised soon.

Christmas Lights - The Town Clerk and James Harper met with the DCC officers from Street Lighting and Assets today. An update will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

Defibrillator - James Harper has received a reply from the DWP, which outlines a schedule of costs for the Town Council to install the Defibrillator.

Members **NOTED** the updates.

146 **REQUEST FOR USE OF COUNCIL FACILITIES**

Council were asked if Stars YC could use the Annfield Plain Communal Room (Old Mans Hut) on nights when the space is vacant.

It was proposed by Cllr B Nair, seconded by Cllr J Kane and **RESOLVED** that as Stars YC are carrying out Youth Work funded by the Town Council, they should be allowed to use the Communal Room when it is vacant.

147 **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:
Staff Confidentiality*

148 **STAFFING MATTER**

Council considered the reports attached and the verbal report from Cllr D Marshall. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council will ask the Internal Auditor to review relevant Town Council policies and make **RECOMMENDATIONS** to Council.

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

Tuesday, 27th November 2018, 6.30pm, Civic Hall, Stanley