MINUTES of the EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL Held on the video communications platform Zoom on Tuesday 28th July 2020 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: C Hampson* C Bell G Binney H Clark J Clark
D Marshall A Clegg M Davinson J McMahon B Nair
J Nicholson J Stephenson L Timbey D Tully J Tully

G Wilkinson (18:53)

*Chairman

OFFICERS: Alan Tubman (Deputy Town Clerk)

Nicola James (Senior Administration Officer)

Ann Barry (Finance Officer)

James Harper (Operations Manager)

ABSENT: Cllr J Pallas

239 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Cllrs J Kane & C Marshall were accepted by Council.

240 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

24 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor took the opportunity to make the following announcement.

Since our last meeting, I have continued to be active within our communities by supporting our residents who need help, like most of you have been doing yourselves. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all organisations, businesses and individuals who have continued to give help and support throughout our area when and where it is needed. We couldn't have done it without you all, so thank you very much.

242 LEADERS STATEMENT

Cllr L Timbey made the following statement.

I would like to wish everyone a happy recess as we have gone through a lot in the last few months. When we come out of recess, Covid will still be a priority and will affect everyday life. I believe a second wave will strike the country. We all need to continue to support our community groups who are doing a fantastic job, and as a Council we have got to be aware of the job losses that potentially will affect those who we represent and how we will support those going forward.

243 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions have been asked from members of the public and no members of the public have joined the Zoom meeting tonight.

244 COVID 19 MEMORIAL

It was proposed by Cllr L Timbey, seconded by Cllr M Davinson and **RESOLVED** that the following motion be approved, the Deputy Town Clerk look into costings, work with the AAP to see if they would jointly fund the project and report back to Full Council:

The Council to commission a memorial stone for the victims of Covid 19, within the Town. The memorial stone to be sited, close to the Louise Morrison Memorial stone, and seating to be provided within this area.

Cllr Timbey noted that this memorial stone would be to acknowledge the key workers, NHS, carers and all the community groups who have worked together to help those affected in the Stanley Town Council area.

245 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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: Commercially sensitive information & discussion of personal information.

246 **2020 PANTOMIME UPDATE**

Cllr Timbey provided an update to Council in relation to the planned 2020 pantomime.

It was proposed by Cllr L Timbey, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that Stanley Town Council will defer the 2020 pantomime for 1 year.

247 STAFF RECRUITMENT

Cllr L Timbey provided an update to Council in relation to the recruitment of the Town Clerk.

It was proposed by Cllr M Davinson, seconded by Cllr J Stephenson and **RESOLVED** that the position of Town Clerk be offered to James Black as recommended by the recruitment panel.

248 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged.