

MINUTES of the SPECIAL FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: G Binney* H Clark A Clegg A Hanson
A Jones S McMahon O Milburn D Tully
J Kane J McMahon L Ferry J Nicholson

*Chairman

OFFICERS: Stuart Wardle (Interim Town Clerk)
Alan Tubman (Deputy Town Clerk)
Helen Richardson (Town Clerk)
Nicola James (Events & Admin Support Officer)
Ann Barry (Finance Officer)

198 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members **ACCEPTED** apologies for absence from Cllr J Kane.

199 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

200 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Deputy Town Clerk noted the West Stanley Memorial remembrance event will be taking place outside of North Durham Academy tomorrow 16 Feb 2022.

201 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present and no questions had been received in advance.

202 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr A Clegg, seconded by Cllr J McMahon & **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 14 December 2021 and 11 January 2022 be **APPROVED** and signed as a correct record.

203 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS & BANK RECONCILIATION

It was proposed by Cllr A Hanson, seconded by Cllr S McMahon and **RESOLVED** that the Committee **APPROVES** the payment of accounts for November & December 2021, and **NOTES** the bank reconciliation for November and December 2021.

204 DOUBLE TAXATION

The Interim Town Clerk noted that there is a lot of work to be done within the process discussed at the CDALC meeting last week. Members **AGREED** that the Council will go through the process and contribute, and wait to see what the end result will be.

205 BUDGET 2022/23

Cllr Ferry raised a concern with the agreed raise in the Town Councils precept following the latest impact of Gas and Electric costs rising. Cllr Ferry suggested the budget be revisited. It was advised that this was only possible with a signed motion from 11 Members. The discussion was **NOTED**.

206 EVENTS 2022

Committee **RECIEVED** the minutes of the Events Working Group on 19th January 2022.

Following advise from the The Deputy Town Clerk and Interim Town Clerk Committee **AGREED** that the current events contract be rolled over for 2022 and reviewed before agreeing future contracts.

207 GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

Committee **RECIEVED** the minutes of the Governance Working Group on 4th February 2022 and **APPROVED** the following amended policies:

1. Appeals policy
2. Publicity policy
3. Code of Conduct for Members

208 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 8th March 2022, 6.30 pm Civic Hall, Stanley.