

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCILHeld in Stanley Civic Hall on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: O Milburn* C Bell G Binney H Clark
A Clegg D Fall L Ferry C Hampson
A Hanson M Martin J Nicholson M Thompson
A Jones J McMahon S McMahon J Stephenson
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*Chairman

OFFICERS: Helen Richardson (Town Clerk)
Stuart Wardle (Interim Town Clerk)
Alan Tubman (Deputy Town Clerk)
Nicola James (Events & Administration Support Officer)
James Harper (Environmental Services Manager)

198 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members **RECEIVED** apologies from Cllrs K Coulson, J Kane & C Marshall.

199 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

200 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk and Town Mayor thanked everyone involved in organising the West Stanley Memorial event.

201 LEADER'S STATEMENT

Cllr J Stephenson welcomed the new Town Clerk to her first Full Council meeting and wished her luck in her time as Town Clerk at STC.

202 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from the floor and no questions submitted before the meeting.

203 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr C Bell, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 25th January 2022 be **APPROVED** and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

204 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr A Clegg, seconded by Cllr G Binney and **RESOLVED** that Council **RECEIVE** the minutes from the Finance & General Purposes Committee held of 14th December 2021 & 11th January 2022.

205 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION

It was proposed by Cllr C Bell, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the payment of accounts for November and December 2021 be **APPROVED** and the bank reconciliation for November and December 2021 be **NOTED**.

206 AAP UPDATE

Members **NOTED** the update circulated by Cllr J Stephenson. It was suggested that the process in tackling ASB in the Town Centre be shared via the Town Council to the public for information.

207 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2021/24

Council **RECEIVED** the letter and information from the Police Crime Commissioner in relation to the Police and Crime Plan 2021/24.

208 DOUBLE TAXATION

Council **APPROVED** the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 15th February 2022, that STC wish to remain part of the process with CDALC considering the Special Expenses Scheme, outlines by Durham County Council.

209 EVENTS 2022

Council **RECEIVED** the minutes from the Events Working Group from 19th January 2022.

Council **APPROVED** the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposed Committee on 15th February 2022 to extend the current events contract for another year to cover the 2022 events and carry out a full review of events and the events contract in 2022.

210 GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

Council **RECEIVED** the minutes from the Governance Working Group on 4th February and **APPROVED** the policies as recommended:

- Appeals policy
- Publicity policy
- Code of Conduct for Members

The Deputy Town Clerk noted he is working with DCC HR to arrange training for Members on the appeals panel.

211 STAFFING UPDATE

Members **NOTED** the staffing update provided by the Town Clerk .

212 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*.

213 PANTOMIME

19:40 Cllr C Bell left the meeting.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr A Clegg, seconded by Cllr J Stephenson and **RESOLVED** that the Council have chosen option B from the report from the Pantomime producer with a breakoff clause for years 2 and 3.

214 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22nd March 2022, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall.