

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF STANLEY TOWN COUNCILHeld in Stanley Civic Hall on Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: O Milburn* C Bell G Binney H Clark
A Clegg L Ferry C Hampson A Hanson
A Jones J McMahon S McMahon J Stephenson
D Tully

*Chairman

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

ABSENT: Cllr D Fall

184 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members **ACCEPTED** apologies from Cllrs K Coulson, J Kane, C Marshall, M Martin, J Nicholson & M Thompson. Cllr D Fall was absent.

185 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

186 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor had no announcements.

The Deputy Town Clerk, Alan Tubman, informed Members that the Pantomime before Christmas 2021 went well. There has been fantastic feedback and Christmas eve sold out! He thanked the staff for their hard work. Reece is working on a report for the 2022 Pantomime which will come to February Full Council. Members were reminded of the West Stanley Memorial remembrance event which will be held at the Memorial on 16th February 2022. A programme will be circulated.

187 LEADER'S STATEMENT

Cllr J Stephenson thanked the staff for their work on keeping the Pantomime running, especially the Deputy Town Clerk for keeping everyone safe. She advised that she met with the new Town Clerk last week and she will be starting on the 7th February. The Interim Town Clerk is preparing an induction.

188 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from the floor.

1 Question was submitted in writing and answered during the meeting by the Deputy Town Clerk.

QUESTION

Dear Alan, i am writing to ask for this question to be added to the agenda of, and read out at the next Full Council Meeting.

I asked a question several months ago, on what the Council was doing, if anything, to recognise the 50+ years service to this Town's Civic Theatre.

I suggested some plaque or such.

The council decided to delay a decision, for further discussion, my question is:

1. have they had further discussions
2. what have the Council decided to do to honour this lady

I look forward to hearing this read out on the U Tube site.

ANSWER

Thank you Mr Nixon

A report on this suggestion went to Full Council on 28th September 2021, where the Council agreed with the suggestion in principle, but more work was needed around what we do and how we do it/what criteria we would use.

An update report will be coming to full council in the coming months to hopefully get this matter resolved.

189 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr J Stephenson, seconded by Cllr S McMahon and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 26th November 2021 be **APPROVED** and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

190 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr G Binney, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 12th November 2021 be **RECEIVED** by Council.

191 QUEENS JUBILEE 2022

2022 sees the momentous occasion of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, and as such the Town Council could instigate and support a number of local projects within the Town by way of celebration and recognition.

It was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote, that the Town Council should:

- i. Join in national beacon events
- ii. Create a local bespoke project (stones)
- iii. Look into repurposing our existing events i.e. Play in the Park

192 CDALC – DOUBLE TAXATION UPDATE

CDALC are working with local Councils to resolve the issue with Double Taxation (report attachment D).

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would take part in the exercise, and those who are not due to attend the Finance meeting on 8th February attend the CDALC Zoom meeting.

193 TANFIELD TREE PLANTING PROJECT

Members **NOTED** the report (attachment E)

194 TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk noted that the new Town Clerk will start employment at STC on 7th February. Members **NOTED** the update.

195 COMPLAINT – ALLEGED BREACH OF COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Members **NOTED** the ‘no further action’ decision following a complaint to Durham County Council’s Governance Solicitor. Details in Attachment F.

196 TOIL PROCEDURE

It was **RESOLVED** that the small amendments to paragraph 2 be approved and the new procedure adopted.

197 DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

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