
MINUTES of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 6.30pm

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

OFFICERS: Alan Tubman (Deputy Town Clerk)
 Ann Barry (Finance Officer)

83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members **ACCEPTED** an apology for absence from Cllr J Kane, Cllr J McMahon and Cllr D Tully

84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

85 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Cllr Binney stated that the meeting will be live streamed via the Stanley Town Council Youtube channel. He has also requested Item 9 The Electronic Christmas Tree be removed from the agenda for further information and costs into options available.

The Deputy Town Clerk stated that:

- CDALC training in respect of finance had been circulated to all members and anybody wishing to be included should let him know and he'll arrange to book.
- The internal auditor will be carrying out audits in October and these will be reported back to committee
- Over the last 2 weekends 2 weddings had been held in the Civic Hall, both had been well received
- The RAF flag is being flown at the Civic Hall for Battle of Britain day

86 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

87 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr S McMahon, seconded by Cllr A Clegg that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 13h July 2021 be **APPROVED** as a true record.

88 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

It was proposed by Cllr A Clegg, seconded by Cllr A Hanson that the Council **APPROVE** the schedules of payments and receipts and **NOTE** the bank recocillation

89 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Finance Officer reported that the external audit report had been received and there were no issues. A copy of the report and the AGAR document will be posted on the website and and the notice board in line with official guidelines.

90 SUMMER EVENTS & CIVIC HALL

The Deputy Town Clerk gave a verbal report on the summer events, and the summer cinema. Feedback had been overwhelmingly positive and a more detailed financial report will be presented to committee in the coming months.

91 MEMORIALS AND RECOGNITION

Members **NOTED** the report, and requested some work be carried out to develop criteria on who the Council would like to recognize and how. Deputy Town Clerk requested members provide suggestions to him and he will report back to committee.

92 STRATEGIC GRANT FUND

Members **NOTED** the report and officers comments that a transfer of funds to a secondary organization is not within the Strategic Grant Fund criteria. The Deputy Town Clerk is to contact the recipient and advise them accordingly

93 EVENTS WORKING GROUP

Members **NOTED** the report.

93 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 12th October 2021, 6.30 pm Stanley Civic Hall.

