**MINUTES** of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL** held at **Stanley Civic Hall** on **Tuesday 12th July 2022** at **6.30pm**

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| G Binney\*  |   | A Hanson§  |   | H Clark  | S McMahon |
| A Jones  |   | D Tully |   | A Clegg | J Nicholson |
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\*Chairman § Vice-Chairman

**OFFICERS**:   Helen Richardson (Town Clerk)

Michelle Robertson (Events & Admin Support Officer)

Peter Burns (Facilities & Events Officer)

**44.** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Members **RECEIVED** apologies from Cllr. L Ferry, Cllr. O Milburn, Cllr. J McMahon and Cllr. J Kane.

# 45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

 No declarations of interest were received.

**46.** **PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

No announcements from the Chair.

The Town Clerk updated members re the Boiler House, two boilers are now working, with one of those capped off due to insufficient ventilation in the boiler house. We are waiting for an update from DCC on the next steps in regard to this.

Town clerk reminded members a decision must be made, which members will sit on the small working groups as discussed at Full Council meeting and hoped this will be confirmed at the next Full Council Meeting on 26th July 2022

# 47. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

# 48. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr. A Clegg and **RESOVLVED** that the minutes from the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 14th June 2022 be **APPROVED** and signed as a correct record.

# 49. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION

It was proposed by Cllr A Hanson, and **RESOVLED** that the committee take papers as one item and **APPROVES** the payment of accounts for May 2022 and **NOTED** the bank reconciliation for May 2022.

**50. RESERVES**

**FINANCIAL SERVICE COMPENSATION SCHEME**

Town Clerk explained to members that although this could be done, by spreading over 6 individual accounts, it would create a significant amount of additional work for the accounts team.

She would also be curious to know how DCC manage their accounts. Cllr. J Nicholson confirmed DCC operates in the same way as STC, there is concern there that our funds should be protected, and that other smaller councils do in fact spread over additional accounts providing them with a level of protection.

Cllr. S McMahon agreed that there are concerns over protecting council funds, but the members should be conscious of the impact on staff.

Council **DECIDED** further investigation was needed before a decision could be made.

# 51. ACTION LOG

Members **NOTED** an update from the Town Clerk, there are some updates to be made to the Action Log and this will be brought to the next Finance & General Purpose meeting 13th September 2022**.**

# 52. EVENTS UPDATE

Members **NOTED** an update from the Clerk, that the Events Working Group met 15th June 2022, with its new membership. A good meeting looking at this year’s events schedule, with each event well into it planning. Meeting to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

# 53. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th September 2022, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall.

*In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press are welcome to attend the meeting. Members of the public will only be permitted to speak at the beginning of the meeting during Public Participation.*