**MINUTES** of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL** held at **Stanley Civic Hall** on **Tuesday 11th October 2022** at **6.30pm**

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| G Binney\*  |   | A Hanson§  |   | H Clark  | S McMahon |
| A Jones  |   | D Tully |   | A Clegg | J Nicholson |
| L Ferry |   | J Kane |   |  |   |

\*Chairman § Vice-Chairman

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

Ann Barry (Finance Officer)

Michelle Robertson (Events & Admin Support Officer)

Peter Burns (Facilities & Events Support Officer)

**95.** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Members **RECEIVED** apologies from Cllr. O Milburn and Cllr. J McMahon.

# 96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

 No declarations of interest were received.

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

No announcements from the Chair.

Updates from the Town Clerk;

Following a recent meeting of the Area Action Partnerships. Stanley Town Council have been approached to manage their Welfare Assistance Scheme. This would be a small grants scheme covering 6 venues, this would be a step in the right direction for partnership working if Stanley Town Council were to manage the scheme. As this is a small fund, after discussions with our Finance Officer, the Town Clerk proposes that the Finance Apprentice manage the scheme under supervision.

Town Clerk met with Fr Daniel the new Priest at St Joseph’s RC Church, Stanley. Spoke about a memorial for the mass grave of those who died in the West Stanley mining disaster which is in St Joseph’s Church graveyard.

Budget Workshop – propose bringing the Full Council meeting of the 25th October 2022 forward to the 18th October 2002 followed by the budget workshop. Appears councilors are happy with this to ensure maximum attendance. Town Clerk will send the agenda out this evening for this.

# 98. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

# 99. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr. A Clegg and seconded by Cllr S McMahon **RESOVLVED** that the minutes from the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 13th September 2022 be **APPROVED** and signed as a correct record.

# 100. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION

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

**101. UPDATE FROM BUILDING WORKING GROUP**

The Town Clerk updated members that we have finally received the inception report from Durham County Council for the building, this will be shared with the building working group first so they can read through the recommendations, which will then be reported back to Full Council.

# 102. PROPOSED ST CUTHBERT’S SEATING AND CROSS INSTALLATION FOR

# TANFIELD VILLAGE

# Stanley Town Council has been approached by AAP, along with number of other organisations. As part of Jack Hair’s final work of local history, St Cuthberts Cross. Questions have arisen regarding the maintenance of any installation; this will consideration by the council.

# 103. REQUEST FOR PLANNING PERMISSION SUPPORT

 Stanley Town Council have received a request for a letter of support for a forth coming planning application in relation to South Moor Golf Club.

Recommendation is to let the planning process take it’s course and when Stanley Town Council are requested to feedback, this would be the appropriate time offer support.

# 104. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th November 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.*