MINUTES of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall on Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 6.00pm

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

*Chairman § Vice-Chairman

OFFICERS: Helen Richardson (Town Clerk) Ann Barry (Finance Officer) Michelle Robertson (Events & Admin Support Officer) Peter Burns (Facilities & Events Support Officer) Vanessa Wilson (Events & Admin Support Officer)

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members **RECEIVED** apologies from Cllr. J Kane, Cllr C. Bell and Cllr. J McMahon.

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

116. PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

No announcements from the Chair.

Updates from the Town Clerk; Announcement of New Events & Admin Officer.

117. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

118. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr. A Clegg and seconded by Cllr. O Millburn **RESOVLVED** that the minutes from the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11th October 2022 be **APPROVED** and signed as a correct record.

119. 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 October 2022 and **NOTED** the bank reconciliation for October 2022.

120. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY AWARD 2022/2023

Members noted the Pay Award

121. UPDATE FROM BUILDING WORKING GROUP

Members **RECIEVED** a verbal update from the Town Clerk in respect to financial input from Durham County Council in relation to the building.

122. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th December 2022, 6.30pm, Masonic Hall Stanley.

123. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To **RESOLVE** that under Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during 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 of excluding the public and press for the consideration of the following items: Discussion falls under the Data Protection Act 2018

124. BAD DEBTORS

Members **RECEIVED** a verbal update from the Town Clerk in respect of a bad debtor and **APPROVED** the recommendation of the Town Clerk.

125. EVENTS UPDATE

Members **RECEIVED** a verbal update from the Town Clerk in relation to Stanley Town Council events and the forthcoming procurement process and **APPROVED** the recommendations.

126. LIVING WITH COVID

Members **RECEIVED** the verbal update from the Town Clerk in respect of the current position in relation to living with COVID and ensuring business continuity.

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.