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**MINUTES of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Masonic Hall on Tuesday 13 December 2022 at 6.30pm**

G Binney\*  
A Jones  
L Ferry

A Hanson§  
D Tully

H Clark  
A Clegg

S McMahon  
J Nicholson

\*Chairman    § Vice-Chairman

**OFFICERS:** Helen Richardson (Town Clerk)  
Ann Barry (Finance Officer)

**127. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Members **RECEIVED** apologies from Cllr. A Hanson, Cllr A Jones, Cllr L Ferry, Cllr S McMahon.

**128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

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

No announcements from the Chair.

The Town Clerk thanked the Finance Officer for her support over the last few weeks whilst the Town Clerk had been on annual leave.

**130. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**131. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr. A Clegg and seconded by Cllr. H Clark **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 8 November 2022 be **APPROVED** and signed as a correct record.

**132. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION**

It was proposed by Cllr H Clark, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the committee take papers as one item and **APPROVES** the payment of accounts for November 2022 and **NOTED** the bank reconciliation for November 2022.

There was some discussion around some of the entries including the inserting and removal of the Christmas Tree, previously purchased Christmas lights and a grant payment for one of Stanley Town Councils apprentices.

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**133. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS**

Members confirmed that they had **RECEIVED** the Internal Audit reports and were pleased to see that they were all full assured. Members **RECOMMENDED** that they be **RECEIVED** and **AGREED** by Full Council at the January 2023 meeting.

**134. QUARTER 2 BUDGET MONITOR REPORT**

Members **NOTED** the quarter 2 budget monitoring report for 2022 – 2023.

**135. NOTIFICATION OF TAX BASE, LOCAL COUNCIL REDUCTION SCHEME GRANT ALLOCATION AND REQUEST FOR PRECEPT 2023/24**

Members **NOTED** the correspondence Durham County Council. It was confirmed that the amount had slightly increased from the previous year to 108K.

**136. UPDATES REGARDING THE BUILDING**

Members **RECEIVED** a verbal update from the Town Clerk in relation to Stanley Civic Hall.

**137. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 14 February 2023, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall.

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*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.*