
MINUTES of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL
held at **Stanley Civic Hall** on **Tuesday 14 February 2023** at **6.30pm**

G Binney *
J Nicholson
A Clegg[∞]

A Hanson §
O Milburn [∞]
D Tully

H Clark
J McMahon

L Ferry
S McMahon

*Chairman § Vice-Chairman [∞]Ex-Officio

OFFICERS: Helen Richardson (Town Clerk)
Ann Barry (Finance Officer)
Karen Snowdon (PA & Business Support Officer)

170. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members **RECEIVED** apologies from Cllr A Jones - Cllr J Kane was not in attendance.

171. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

172. PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

No announcements from the Chair.

The Town Clerk requested that the Events meeting being held tomorrow at 6pm, be cancelled as the only item on the agenda could be discussed tonight. This was **APPROVED** by Cllr Joan Nicholson.

173. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

174. 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 13th December 2022 be **APPROVED** and signed as a correct record.

- Those in attendance at the meeting on the 13th December had become confused with those who were not in attendance. This would be rectified.
- The Town Clerk **CONFIRMED** that following the Full Council meeting on the 26th October 2021, Stanley Town Council made the decision to dispose of the electric Christmas Tree, in relation to the remainder of Christmas decorations whilst the outcome was still to be confirmed that it was likely that they had met the same fate as the Christmas Tree.

- The Town Clerk **CONFIRMED** that we had only received the additional financial payment for one of our apprentices, which was likely due to the type of apprenticeship being undertaken and possibly the age of each apprentice.

The Committee **ACCEPTED** the above.

175. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION

It was proposed by Cllr O Milburn, seconded by Cllr A Clegg and **RESOLVED** that the Committee take papers as one item and **APPROVE** the payment of accounts for both December 2022 and January 2023, and **NOTED** the bank reconciliation for both December 2022 and January 2023.

Following a query from a Town Councillor, the Town Clerk gave an update on Events staff – it was **AGREED** that a document on all staffing costs would be prepared and shared.

176. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS

Members confirmed that they had **RECEIVED** the Internal Audit reports. Members **RECOMMENDED** that they be **RECEIVED** and the recommendation by the Internal Auditor be **AGREED** by Full Council at the February 2023 meeting

177. EVENTS

Members **RECEIVED** a verbal update from the Town Clerk in relation to Events going forward; namely the King's Coronation on 5th, 6th and 7th May 2023. The Town Clerk's suggestion of an inside street party at Civic Hall was **AGREED** and funding will be applied for. Suggestions noted as : inside event, come & go basis, individual tea boxes, flags, old footage and screening live of Coronation, long tables, kids crown crafting – free event but tickets issued to monitor capacity.

Members were reminded that a memorial for the West Stanley Mining Disaster was being held at 3.15pm on Thursday 16th February 2023.

178. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14 March 2023, 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.