MINUTES of the FULL COUNCIL of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL held at Stanley Civic Hall on Tuesday 18th October 2022 at 6.00pm

O Milburn* G Binney H Clark **A Clegg**§ L Ferry A Hanson S McMahon J Nicholson M Thompson K Coulson J Kane C Bell

D Fall C Hampson A Jones C Marshall J McMahon J Stephenson

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*Chairman § Vice-Chairman

OFFICERS: Helen Richardson (Town Clerk)

Ann Barry (Finance Officer)

Michelle Robertson (Events & Admin Support Officer)

Peter Burns (Facilities & Events Officer)

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that the meeting will be live streamed via the Stanley Town Council YouTube channel.

105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members **RECEIVED** apologies from Cllr K Coulson and Cllr M Martin.

106. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

107. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements from the Mayor.

The Town Clerk congratulated Stanley Town Council for winning the Silver Guild Award and Best in Class for Large Towns at the Northumbria in Bloom Awards, this was a huge achievement. Thanks were passed to the environmental team for making Stanley and the surrounding areas beautifully in bloom.

A reminder was given to all councilors to RSVP their invitation to the Blooming Good Fun awards.

108. LEADERS STATEMENT

The Leader of the Council welcomed everyone to Full Council and added her congratulations to the team for their success at Northumbria in Bloom.

The Leader stated that the Town Council were currently looking to make decisions with regards to the budget and how it effectively spends this budget for Stanley Town Council 2023/24. Following tonight's Full Council meeting we will be working together to build that budget and there would be some decisions to be made to achieve a balanced budget going forward.

Hopefully this workshop would help the Town Council to debate and make decisions about how to move forward as a Council and everyone would work together to get to that point.

109. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A welcome was given to members of the public in attendance tonight.

The Town Clerk has spoken to the member of the public who has raised a discussion point in relation to the derelict buildings on Stanley Front Street and another vacant pub. The Town Clerk will find out more about this before it is brought back to Full Council.

110. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr G Binney, seconded by Cllr A Hanson and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 27th September 2022 be **APPROVED** and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

111. RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr G Binney, and **RESOLVED** that Council **RECEIVE** the minutes from the Finance & General Purposes Committee held of 20th September 2022.

112. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION

It was proposed by Cllr. A Hanson and seconded by Cllr. S McMahon to **APPROVED** the payments for September 2022 and **NOTED** the bank reconciliation for September 2022.

113. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22nd November 2022, 6.30pm, Stanley Civic Hall.