

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 9th January 2025

PRESENT: Cllr. K Davis (Chair); Cllrs. M Whittaker, J A Grocutt, J Wood and J Staniforth

IN ATTENDANCE: A Osborn - Project Manager, Housing Growth Delivery Service – Part 2

147. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. A S Law, C Wilson, and R J Crowther.

148. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Clerk stated that item 151 would be taken under Part 2 of the meeting.

149. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. MW declared an interest in item 163 – To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee.

150. Public Questions and Petitions

There were no public questions and petitions.

Part 2

Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and

RESOLVED:- That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded for the following item(s) of business as the Council considers that the nature of business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest.

151. Potential Affordable Housing Development

The Chairman welcomed A Osborn, Project Manager, Housing Growth Delivery Service who had requested an opportunity to update members on proposed sites for affordable housing development within the area.

AO informed that SCC were looking to increase affordable housing provision within the City and had a shortlist of 14 possible sites, mainly in the North.

Cllr. KD asked if AO could define affordable housing.

AO stated that this was affordable to rent, social rent or shared ownership. Cllr. JAG shared a document providing further information on this topic.

Cllr. MW queried when there would be a release of sites to market.

AO anticipated within the next six months.

The Chairman thanked A Osborn for attending and requested that the Town Council be kept informed of progress.

152. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th December 2024

There were no remarks from the minutes.

153. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th December 2024
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 12th December 2024, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
154. Finances - To Receive and Approve Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring
The Clerk reported that the details of the Monthly Financial Statements had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring information for December 2024 as supplied by the Clerk.
155. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from YLCA including:-
- Weekly News and Notifications – 13th December 2024
- Weekly News and Notifications – 20th December 2024
- Law and Governance Bulletin
Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
156. Waldershelf Singers
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the Waldershelf Singers thanking the Town Council for their donation for their sing at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party which had enabled them to cover the costs of their musical director and pianist for some of their unpaid singing performances in around Stocksbridge during the festive period.
157. Listed Milestones
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from R Morgan requesting that consideration be given to the restoration of two listed milestones on Manchester Road, Stocksbridge which are badly in need of renovation. Could this be considered as part of the Towns Fund street furniture project or via the Town Council's grant scheme?
Councillors requested the Clerk contact SCC Streets Ahead to ascertain if this was their responsibility and if so when maintenance was planned.
158. SYMCA
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA informing of price increases affecting Supertram, Stagecoach and First Bus with effect from 1st January 2025 and Bus Fare Cap changes also effective from 1st January 2025. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
159. STEP Development Trust
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from The Venue informing that Lauren Dixon was no longer with the organisation as Venue Manager. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
160. Clerks Reports
CIL Funding
The Clerk updated members on a meeting held today with A Male and A Towlerton, Ecclesfield Parish Council noting that she had raised the matter of a discrepancy in the CIL funding allocated to the Town Council and also issues arising from installation of the ANPR cameras. A Male had requested the Clerk forward information obtained to date and he would look into the situation.

161. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

- a) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the Stocksbridge NI school nativity play and visited the Skate Park with his sons on a couple of occasions; attended the Tractor Run at Fox Valley. Cllr. JS had also been in contact with R Dewsbury regarding cutting of the hedge at the Smithy Moor playground which had been delayed for some months.
- b) Cllr. JAG reported that she had attended the St Ann's nativity play together with Cllr. KD; undertaken more interviews for the Towns Fund Board, successful applicants had been notified but were not yet in place; Carols in the Square at Bolsterstone; held a surgery in the interim Library; attended the Tractor Run event at Fox Valley; the Underbank Activity Centre was closed for repairs and was to be re-let; the wall adjacent to the bridleway at the rear of Truman Grove was collapsing and she was trying to ascertain ownership; an appeal had been made by the developers in respect of the planning application for Rookery Vale as this had been deferred, Cllr. JAG was currently awaiting responses; the footpath adjacent to the Lidl supermarket leading to Victoria Road had no handrail at the top section which was particularly steep. This was currently compacted with ice and it being a well utilised route for residents, Cllr. JAG had requested one be installed; there was flooding on the new development at Hollin Busk, remedial works should be completed within the next couple of weeks which should alleviate the problems. Cllr. JAG updated members on the situation regarding Stubbin Community Centre, the building was currently undergoing checks by SCC and she had requested a stakeholder group be formed to discuss options as there had been interest from local residents. Cllr. JAG stated that pre-covid the suggestion had been made to set up a central hub for volunteers and that she had recently met with A Male regarding this. Cllr. JAG requested that this item be considered at the next Recreation and Environment Committee.
- c) Cllr. JW informed that she had been going to attend the Bus Consultation but this had been cancelled again due to the snow. Cllr. JW undertook to inform members if a new date was arranged.
- d) Cllr. MW advised that he had viewed the Tractor Run as it passed the King and Miller at Deepcar; attended the Carol sing at Bolsterstone with the Male Voice Choir; noted his empathy with the Steel Valley Beacon at the fire damage to their props/costumes etc offering the Town Council's assistance. Cllr. MW stated that hope should be maintained that the proposed tram/train link from Stocksbridge to Victoria Station would happen one day, a further proposal being presented to Government this Summer.

162. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Deputy Mayor

Cllr. KD reported that he had attended the St Anns nativity and Tractor Run and had also offered his services to Cllr. ASL if he required assistance with TARA.

163. To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee

24/03731/FUL	6 Smithy Moor Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of first floor rear extension and single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
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Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

24/02776/OUT	Quarry Hill Cottage, Wood Royd Road, Deepcar	Outline application (all matters reserved) for erection of residential development.
24/02833/FUL	4 St Joan Avenue, Deepcar	Demolition of existing extension and front porch and erection of a two-storey rear extension and a single-storey side/front extension to dwellinghouse.

24/03205/FUL	6 Hunshelf Park, Stocksbridge	Erection of front dormer extension to dwellinghouse.
24/03209/FUL	66 Victoria Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of conservatory, erection of single-storey side extension and rear porch to dwellinghouse.

164. Grant Applications

a) Steel Valley Project

Members considered a grant application received from Steel Valley Project for funding assistance towards planting a wildflower meadow at Parsonage Farm, Deepcar.

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Steel Valley Project towards planting of a wildflower meadow at Parsonage Farm, Deepcar. This funding to be taken from the Environmental Projects budget head.

165. Grants Policy

The Clerk tabled information for consideration and recommendation regarding the Town Council's Grants Policy as suggested at a Finance Committee meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J Wood and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council authorise an increase in the maximum amount of funding that could be applied for under the current scheme from £1,000 to £1,200 with effect from the new financial year.

166. Budget/Precept 2025/2026

The Clerk referred to the budget/precept proposal recommendations made at the Finance Committee meeting held on 3rd December for approval of the budget/precept 2025/2026, final figures have now been received from Sheffield City Council.

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-

- Set the Budget for 2025/2026 at £175,759
- Set the Precept for 2025/2026 at £136,902
- Any underspend in the following budget heads from 2024/2025 be carried forward to the budget for 2025/2026:- Grants, Community Events
- The funding awarded to 4SLC of £30,000 revenue towards the operation of the swimming pools be paid quarterly in advance
- Council Chamber room hire bookings be increased to £50 for a half day, negotiable for repeat bookings, to take effect from 1st April 2025

167. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

RESOLVED:- (i) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

		<u>Made Under Power</u>	
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	January 2025	£4251.98	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Toilets monthly water Monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14P9)
Look Local	Advert – job vacancy	£ 201.60	LGA72(S111)
Look Local	Christmas message	£ 123.60	“
Viking	Stationery	£ 52.72	“
The Venue	Xmas Party catering/hire of hall	£3375.00	LGA72(S137)

(ii) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-

		<u>Made Under Power</u>	
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning charges	£ 801.56	LGA72(S111)
A Holden	Window cleaning charges	£ 60.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Supply/fit lighting	£ 235.00	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Remote reset – alarm sys	£ 33.60	“
ITI Network Services Ltd	PAT Testing	£ 180.00	“
IPM Group	Security call out	£ 60.00	“
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement – snow shovel	£ 13.95	“
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement – paper cups	£ 50.21	“
Culligan Ltd	Water cooler charges	£ 82.88	“

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debits paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

December 2024:-

		<u>Made Under Power</u>	
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – toilets	£ 57.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC	£ 586.00	“
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History	£ 43.00	“
British Gas Lite	Electricity charges – Xmas Tree – precinct	£ 23.95	“
MJRCC	Broadband/phone charges	£ 45.41	“
MJRCC	Computer charges	£ 31.20	“
SSE	Electricity charges – ARC	£1390.80	“
Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks package	£ 16.80	“
Moorepay	Payroll charges	£ 85.13	“
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	Photocopier lease	£ 147.02	“
Veolia	Waste removal charges	£ 133.38	“

Chairman