

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Stocksbridge Town Hall, on Tuesday 4th February 2025

PRESENT: Cllr. J Wood (Chair), Cllrs. K Davis, A Law, R Crowther, M Whittaker, K Davis, J Grocutt
J Staniforth and C Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: T Newman, Steel Valley Project – Item 4
2 members of the public – Item 4

1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
There were no apologies for absence.
2. Exclusion of Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of Press and Public.
3. Declarations of Interest
There were no Declarations of Interest.
4. Steel Valley Project Working Partnership
The Chairman welcomed T Newman who had been invited to update members on projects undertaken during the past financial year and proposals for the 2025/2026 financial year. TN informed of a landscaping project at Oxley Park utilising Participatory Budgeting funding; the Stocksbridge and Bradfield Nature Based Solutions Demonstrator project – a flood management project with £130,000 funding from the Environment Agency. A tree planting project at Parsonage Farm with future management being with SCC. A grant from the Town Council has part funded a meadow planting project at Parsonage Farm. Funding has also been received for a feasibility study for National Grid – Natural Grid project, creating wildlife habitats and eco systems. TN also appraised Councillors with regard to money owing to SVP from Liberty Steels which could have serious financial implications for SVP if not all is recovered. On a positive note TN informed that Ecclesfield Parish Council were to become a new partner of SVP as from 1st April 2025. The Chairman thanked TN for his attendance and informative presentation.
5. Grant Applications
 - a) Valley Music Festival
Members considered a grant application from Valley Music Festival requesting funding assistance for venue hire to support music education and participation. The Clerk undertook to obtain clarity on the schools that were to be involved in the project.
Proposed by Cllr. A Law, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £500 be awarded to the Valley Music Festival requesting funding assistance for venue hire to support music education and participation.
6. Precept Letter
The Clerk tabled a draft Precept letter to be issued to residents with this year's Council Tax bill. Cllr A Law noted he would amend the document accordingly.
7. Internal Auditor
The Clerk tabled quotations received to undertake the Internal Audit of the Town Councils accounts for the financial year 2024/2025, copies of which had been previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and
RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council formally appoint Sabrina Doherty PSLCC to undertake the Internal Audit of the Town Council accounts for the financial year 2024/2025.

8. Computer Equipment

The Clerk tabled quotations for replacement and installation of the PC used for the Clerk's role, this having been in place since 2019 and which was causing issues.

Proposed by Cllr. C Wilson, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and

RESOLVED:- Approval be given for the replacement and installation of the PC used for the Clerk's role at a cost of £930 plus VAT from MJRCC Ltd.

9. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
QRO Solutions Ltd	ANPR Cameras	£12,636.00	LGA+Rat97(S31)

10. Summary of Bad Debts

There were no bad debts to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed.