

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Stocksbridge on Tuesday, 4th March 2025

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

1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J Grocutt and M Whittaker
The Chairman welcomed the newly appointed Assistant to the Clerk, Helen Jolley to the meeting, this being her first day in her new role.
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. Annual Citizens Award
Members considered nominations for the Annual Citizens Award. The winners to be invited to attend the Town Council's Annual Assembly meeting on 13th May to be presented with a certificate and gift vouchers. Nominations were received for:-
 - Tim and Evelyn Curson for their dedication to the Royal British Legion/Remembrance Day Parade for the past 35 years
 - Alan Rodgers for his community work with Bolsterstone Community Group and the Participatory Budgeting Task GroupProposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and
RECOMMENDED:- That the Annual Citizens Award for 2025 be awarded to:-
 - (i) Tim and Evelyn Curson for their dedication to the Royal British Legion/Remembrance Day Parade for the past 35 years
 - (ii) Alan Rodgers for his community work with Bolsterstone Community Group and the Participatory Budgeting Task Group
 - (iii) That recipients be presented with a certificate and cheque to the value of £50 at the Town Council's Annual Assembly on 13th May 2025
5. Policing
This item be deferred to the Town Council meeting in order that Cllr M Whittaker can provide an update from the recent Community Action Group meeting.
6. Community Day/Volunteer Hub
The Clerk noted that information had been presented at the Town Council regarding a Community Day to be held at The Venue on 6th April and queried whether Councillors wished to have a table. The Clerk also noted that Cllr. J Grocutt had requested consideration of creating a Volunteer Hub which had been deferred due to lack of time from a previous agenda and suggested the Community Day may be an appropriate place for people to register their interest.
Councillors wished for a table to be booked at the event for Councillors noting that they could commence the creation of a Volunteer Hub at the event.
The Clerk noted that the office will prepare any information Councillors may wish to take to the event, if they email their requests in.
7. Public Right of Way Issue
Cllr C Wilson noted that the public right of way that starts on Manchester Road, opposite the bottom of Haywood Lane towards the Don Field, has been blocked off from vehicles. She has reported the matter but not received a response. The Clerk undertook to pass on details of the PROW team.

8. Traffic Lights, Bloors Development

Cllr C Wilson noted that the traffic lights on Manchester Road, at the entrance to the Bloor development site appeared to be on the wrong timings and were causing unnecessary delays. It was noted that these lights are temporary and believed to only be in place for the remainder of this week.

There being no further business the meeting closed.