

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

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

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1. Election of Chair of the Finance Committee  
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. A Law and  
RESOLVED: That Cllr. R Crowther be elected as Chair of the Finance Committee until the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council.  
A vote was taken – all in favour.
2. Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
There were no apologies for absence.
3. Exclusion of Press and Public  
There were no items for exclusion of Press and Public.
4. Declarations of Interest  
Cllr J Grocutt declared an interest in item 5c – Penistone & Stocksbridge Fairtrade grant application.
5. Grant Applications
  - a) Valley in Bloom  
Members considered a grant application from Valley in Bloom requesting funding assistance towards grass cutting and maintenance for the land at the junction of Manchester Road and Haywood Lane.  
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. A law and  
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,200 be awarded to Valley in Bloom towards costs towards grass cutting and maintenance for the land at the junction of Manchester Road and Haywood Lane.
  - b) Steel Valley Project  
Members considered a grant application from Steel Valley Project requesting funding assistance towards costs to repair and resurface the path network between Manchester Road, Edward Street, Victoria Road and Nanny Hill, inclusive of labour and material costs to install a drainage pipe and footpath resurfacing materials.  
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and  
RESOLVED:- That funding of £1,250 be awarded to Steel Valley Project towards costs to repair and resurface the path network between Manchester Road, Edward Street, Victoria Road and Nanny Hill, inclusive of labour and material costs to install a drainage pipe and footpath resurfacing materials. This to be taken from the Environmental Projects budget.
  - c) Penistone & Stocksbridge Fairtrade  
Members considered a grant application from Penistone & Stocksbridge Fairtrade requesting funding assistance to purchase a publicity banner to use at events.  
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and  
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £390 be awarded to Penistone & Stocksbridge Fairtrade requesting funding assistance to purchase a publicity banner to use at events.
6. Fox Valley Lunchfest  
Members considered information received from Fox Valley regarding sponsorship packages for Lunchfest 2025.  
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and  
RESOLVED:- Not to provide funding on this occasion.

7. 2024/25 Annual Accounts, Annual Governance & Accountability Return & Internal Auditor's Report  
The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit for the Accounts for the financial year 2024/25 had been completed. Copies of the Accounts and Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) had previously been circulated. The Internal Auditor's report was tabled for discussion. The Clerk reported that she had received notice that the External Audit of the Town Council's Accounts would take place this year in July. Notice of the audit and electors rights would be advertised accordingly, the dates being 16<sup>th</sup> June - 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025.  
Members discussed and considered recommendations within the Internal Auditor's report.  
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and  
RESOLVED:-  
a) To receive the report of the Internal Auditor and to consider any further recommendations of the Internal Auditor in due course.  
b) The Accounts and Sections 1 & 2 of the AGAR be presented to Council for approval.  
c) To authorise the Clerk to display the necessary notices.  
All members were in agreement.
8. Accounts for Authorisation  
There were no accounts for authorisation.
9. Summary of Bad Debts  
There were no bad debts to report.
10. Clerks Reports  
The Clerk reported correspondence received from Stocksbridge High School with respect to the Student Celebration evening. The Mayor kindly accepted the invitation to attend the event. Councillors received the request for assistance towards the event noting that the new Headteacher is to attend the July Town Council to meet with Councillors, at which point discussion could take place over consideration of a Citizenship award from the Town Council.
11. Members Reports  
There were no members reports.

There being no further business the meeting closed.