

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 2nd September 2025

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

1. Chair'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
Cllrs. A Law and J Wheeler declared an interest in Item 4a, 4b - grant applications
4. Grant Applications
 - a) The Venue – Halloween Party
Members considered a grant application from The Venue requesting funding assistance towards costs for a Halloween Party including a children's entertainer, buffet, and decorations for the event which can also be used for future events.
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £500 be awarded to The Venue towards costs for Halloween Party including a children's entertainer, buffet, and decorations for the event which can also be used for future events.
 - b) The Venue – Christmas Party
Members considered a grant application from The Venue requesting funding assistance towards costs for a Christmas Party including a children's entertainer, buffet, and decorations for the event which can also be used for future events.
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £500 be awarded to The Venue towards costs for Christmas Party including a children's entertainer, buffet, and decorations for the event which can also be used for future events.
 - c) Stocksbridge Aromatherapy Ltd.
Members considered a grant application from Stocksbridge Aromatherapy Ltd. requesting funding assistance towards costs for renovations and a program of workshops and free events for the local community. This Item is to be deferred until further information is sought.
5. Senior Citizen's Christmas Party
Members received costings for the Christmas Party to be held on 3rd December 2025. Members considered options for dessert following a meeting with staff from The Venue.
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- That the following expenditure be approved:-
 - a) £500 inc. VAT for hall hire
 - b) £21 inc. VAT for catering per head
 - c) £300 for entertainment
 - d) £400 for gifts/prizes
6. ID Badges & Business Cards
Members considered a proposal to implement ID badges, business cards & lanyards for Councillors and staff.
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. A Law and

RESOLVED:- That ID badges, business cards and lanyards are purchased for Councillors and staff up to a cost of £200.

7. Christmas Card Competition

The Clerk enquired if the Town Council wished to invite local primary schools to participate in a Christmas Card Competition this year and if so requested approval for expenditure based on last year's event.

Proposed by Cllr. C Wilson, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

RESOLVED:- i) That the Town Council hold a Christmas Card Competition

ii) Approve expenditure of £272 for the printing of Christmas cards

iii) Approve the purchase of photo frames for the finalists

8. Remembrance Day

Members considered a donation to the Royal British Legion for the purchase of poppy wreaths for this year's Remembrance Day Service. The Clerk reported that Amey had been approached requesting costings for traffic management assistance on the day and was awaiting a response. Loxley Silver Band had been secured for the Parade for which there would be a charge of £400.

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

RESOLVED:- i) That approval be given for a donation of £150 to the Royal British Legion for the purchase of poppy wreaths for this year's Remembrance Day Service.

ii) That approval be given for £400 to Loxley Silver Band to play at the Remembrance Day Parade and Service.

9. Accounts for Authorisation

There were no Accounts for Authorisation.

10. Summary of Bad Debts

There were no bad debts to report.

11. Clerk's Reports

The Clerk informed members of the upcoming application deadline for the Participatory Budgeting Scheme and advised that this had been readvertised on social media.

12. Members' Reports

a) The Mayor, Cllr K Davis, informed members that he had been approached by a resident with concerns regarding water running down from the Clock Tower Gardens and has passed this on to Sheffield City Council who have advised they are looking into the issue. Cllr KD also informed members that he had been approached by another resident with concerns relating to Planning Application 25/00922/FUL and requested that Cllr MW look into this.

There being no further business the meeting closed.