

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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PRESENT: Cllr. A S Law (Chair); Cllrs. K Davis, M Whittaker, J A Grocutt, C Wilson, J Wood and J Staniforth from item 218

IN ATTENDANCE: Representatives from Upper Don Renewable Energy Group including students – item 218  
Steven Wright, Highway Coordination Engineer, and Gareth Barret, SCC – item 219

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214. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. R J Crowther.
215. Exclusion of the Press and Public  
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
216. Declarations of Interest  
Cllr. M Whittaker declared an interest in item 230 – To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee.
217. Public Questions and Petitions  
There were no public questions and petitions.
218. Climate Re-Assemblies Live Project  
The Chairman welcomed representatives from Upper Don Renewable Energy Group and Students from the University of Sheffield who had requested an opportunity to present research findings.  
Dr J Carrick and students from the University of Sheffield outlined their project on Placing Climate Policy. Dr JC informed that their recommendations had been published by SYMCA and presented to a number of assemblies. Students informed of their interest in facilitating further creative engagement with local communities to open conversations about climate policy and lowering the area's carbon footprint.  
Cllr. J Grocutt stated that the impact of climate change is a matter of interest to residents and asked if the Town Council could assist by writing to the SYMCA.  
Dr JC stated that that this would be appreciated as it could help to push their research forward. The Chairman thanked the representatives from Upper Don Renewable Energy Group and Students from the University of Sheffield for attending the meeting and the Clerk undertook to write to SYMCA to express interest in how they are implementing their recommendations.
219. Bitholmes Closure, Manchester Road  
The Chairman welcomed S Wright and G Barret from Sheffield City Council who had requested an opportunity to update members on the closure of the Bitholmes due to the forthcoming works relating to the Cadent Gas Scheme.

SW and GB informed of the plans to replace 200 meters of gas mains on the Bitholmes which they explained is necessary due to corrosion. The closure will require a full diversion and will affect the bus route. A full road closure will be required for thirteen days between 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Conversations with Stagecoach suggest a possible diversion to Stocksbridge via Bolsterstone with full diversion signage to be provided.

SW and GB reported conversations with Cadent Gas Scheme around holding two open days in Stocksbridge and Hillsborough to allow the public to view the scheme and discuss its impact. The Chairman thanked S Wright and G Barret for attending the meeting and the Clerk undertook to circulate information in relation to bus route diversions via social media.

220. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
With reference to item 197, penultimate paragraph – Growing Yorkshire Project. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Jon Dallow who relayed that he was in initial discussions regarding the proposition, noting that various council protocols and procedures are yet to be explored.

The Clerk reported that she had also received correspondence from Faye Tomson thanking the Town Council for their time at the Town Council meeting and updating on her meeting with Jon Dallow regarding a possible site at Parkwood Springs, also enclosing copies of the Growing Yorkshire Business Plan which had been previously circulated to members.

With reference to item 208(f), third paragraph – Policing. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Inspector Nik Dodsworth informing that the area will not be losing an officer as the post is due to be replaced as soon as possible. Additionally, there is a plan for another officer to join in June therefore we should be gaining an officer in the next three months. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

221. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.  
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and  
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
222. 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. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and  
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring information for March 2025 as supplied by the Clerk.

223. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from YLCA including:-
- Weekly News and Notifications – 14<sup>th</sup> March
  - Weekly News and Notifications – 21<sup>st</sup> March
  - Weekly News and Notifications – 31<sup>st</sup> March
  - Weekly News and Notifications – 4<sup>th</sup> April
- Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

224. SYMCA  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA advising that South Yorkshire's Mayor, Oliver Coppard, has taken a decision to bring buses back under public control in South Yorkshire. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
225. Upper Don Trail Trust  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Upper Don Trail Trust informing of an invitation to join efforts to clear litter and vegetation along Club Mill Road and Beeley Woods, meeting on Clubmill Road, Neepsend on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (9.30am-12.30pm). Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
226. The Bridge Community Shop  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the directors of The Bridge Community Shop who wished to invite members to the re-opening on 25<sup>th</sup> April (11am). Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
227. Bus Service Changes in South Yorkshire  
Correspondence received from SYMCA regarding changes to some Sheffield bus services. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.
228. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'  
a) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the Dad's Football and Saturday Kids Clubs at SCLC; a Craft Club held at the Inman Pavilion; the STEP Community Day held at The Venue.  
b) Cllr. CW reported that she had attended the STEP Community Day.  
c) Cllr. MW reported that he had attended the STEP Community Day and Marie Tidball's Steelworks event. Cllr. MW advised members of plans to attend a Valley at War event on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr. MW also advised members that he had been in contact with Men in Sheds, an organisation which aims to support wellbeing and tackle loneliness in men.  
d) Cllr. JW reported that she had attended the STEP Community Day and the reopening of The Bridge Community Shop.  
e) Cllr. KD reported that he had attended his first Stocksbridge and Upper Don TARA meeting and a Royal British Legion meeting. Cllr. KD informed members of a TARA open day to be held at the Christian Centre, Cedar Road on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr. KD informed members of plans to attend the Bolsterstone Community Group beacon lighting on 8<sup>th</sup> May as part of the VE Day Celebrations. Cllr. KD also updated members on the water ingress issue in the Clock Tower Gardens and his communications with Sheffield City Council.  
f) Cllr. JAG reported that she had attended a TARA toddler group; SCLC board meeting; the STEP Community Day. Cllr. JAG informed members that she had reported the following issues to Sheffield City Council: the water issue on Manchester Road; potholes on Nanny Hill; the swings at Oxley Park; fly-tipping in the Co-op car park. Cllr. JAG updated members in relation to Food Matters bringing in new workers to support with discussions around food banks. Cllr. JAG also updated members regarding the grass cutting issue on the land at the bottom of Haywood Lane.  
Cllr. CW suggested the land be used as a wildflower meadow area and members agreed this was worth consideration.

229. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor  
 The Mayor, Cllr. A S Law reported that he had attended the following events since the last meeting:-  
 6<sup>th</sup> April – STEP Community Event Day held at The Venue  
 Royal British Legion meetings  
 Stocksbridge and Upper Don TARA meetings  
 The Mayor, Cllr. A S Law also reported plans to attend the following upcoming events:-  
 4<sup>th</sup> May – Valley at War breakfast meeting to be held at The Venue

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

25/00752/FUL	Sycamore Hall, Sunny Bank Road, Ewden	Installation of Air Source Heat Pump to front of dwellinghouse
25/00761/FUL	Bryncelyn, Bitholmes Lane	Alterations to dwellinghouse including demolition of attached garage, erection of single-story rear extension with formation of rear gable and side dormer window, rear porch and detached garage
25/00772/CHU	Yew Trees Farm, Yew Trees Lane	Change of use of 2x fields from agricultural to equestrian use
25/00827/FUL	5 Townend Lane	Installation of Air Source Heat Pump to rear of dwellinghouse

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning application has been Granted Condition Application Decided:-

24/00120/COND5	Land At Junction With Carr Road Hollin Busk Lane	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 8 (Landscape & Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)), 18 (Species Rich Grass Land), 21 (Open Space and Equipped Play Space) and 28 (Hard & Soft Landscaping) imposed by planning permission 24/00120/OUT
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231. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated.  
 Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J Wood and  
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee be accepted.  
 (ii)

232. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated.  
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. J Wood and  
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.  
(ii) That the Town Council accept the amended Financial Regulations as tabled by the Clerk with immediate effect.
233. Annual Citizens Award  
Members considered a further nomination for the Annual Citizens Award. The winner to be invited to attend the Town Council's Annual Assembly meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May to be presented with a certificate and gift vouchers. A nomination was received for:-  
- Karen Lindley for her services to the Town over the past 24 years.  
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and  
RESOLVED:- That an Annual Citizens Award for 2025 be awarded to Karen Lindley for her services to the Town.
234. Grant Applications  
Stocksbridge Pentaqua Swimming Club  
Members considered a grant application from Stocksbridge Pentaqua Swimming Club requesting funding assistance towards costs associated with their annual gala.  
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker seconded by Cllr. K Davis and  
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1200 is not awarded to Stocksbridge Pentaqua Swimming Club on this occasion.
235. Accounts for Authorisation  
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and  
RESOLVED:- (i) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

		£	Made Under Power
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	April 2025	4602.39	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water	7500.00	LGA72(Sch14p9)
4SLC Trust	Revenue Funding - Qtr	50.85	LGA76(S19)
Viking	Stationery	1756.00	LGA72(S111)
YLCA	Annual Subscription	536.52	LGA72(S143)
Sheffield City Council	ANPR Cameras - New	4576.00	LG+RAT97(S31)
STC - ARC Management	Socket		
	History Society Room	2000.00	LGA72(S111)
	Rent Grant		
Valley in Bloom	Valley in Bloom	200.00	LGA76(S19)
St Anns School	VE Celebration Funding	200.00	LGA76(S19)
Valley React	VE Celebration Funding	200.00	LGA76(S19)
S/B Community Care Group	VE Celebration Funding	200.00	LGA76(S19)
The Venue	VE Celebration Funding	200.00	LGA76(S19)
S/B & District TARA	VE Celebration Funding	200.00	LGA76(S19)
Valley at War	VE Celebration Funding	200.00	LGA76(S19)
Don Valley Probus Group	VE Celebration Funding	200.00	LGA76(S19)
Royd NI School	VE Celebration Funding	200.00	LGA76(S19)
Deepcar St John's School	VE Celebration Funding	200.00	LGA76(S19)
T & E Curson	Citizens Award	50.00	LGA72(S137)

A Rodgers	Citizens Award	50.00	LGA72(S137)
A Ford	Citizens Award	50.00	LGA72(S137)
K Lindley	Citizens Award	50.00	LGA72(S137)

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

		£	<u>Made Under Power</u>
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring - ARC	20.60	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning Charges	758.88	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services Ltd	Supplies	114.95	LGA72(S111)
A Holden	Window Cleaning Charges	60.00	LGA72(S111)
IPM Group	Security Call Out	60.00	LGA72(S111)
Culligan UK Ltd	Water Cooler Charges	142.45	LGA72(S111)
Crofton Carpets	Reimbursement to Petty Cash	954.00	LGA72(S111)

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

		£	<u>Made Under Power</u>
March 2025:-			
British Gas Lite	Electricity Charges – Xmas Tree (precinct)	12.22	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Broadband/Phone	42.43	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Computer Charges	31.20	LGA72(S111)
SSE	Electricity Charges – ARC	1471.99	LGA72(S111)
Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks Package	19.20	LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Payroll Charges	72.47	LGA72(S111)
Business Stream	Water Charges - Public Toilets	322.54	LGA72(S111)
Siemens Financial Services	Photocopier Lease	147.02	LGA72(S111)
Veolia	Waste Removal	114.38	LGA72(S111)

Chairman