

## 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> February 2026

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PRESENT: Cllr. R Crowther (Chair), Cllrs. K Davis, A Law, J Grocutt, J Staniforth, L Fox.

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1. Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J Wheeler and C Wilson.
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. Grant Applications
  - a) Stocksbridge Community Care Group  
Members considered a grant application from Stocksbridge Community Care Group requesting funding assistance towards room hire and insurance costs for their Friday Drop-In Group and Friendly Visitor Service.  
Proposed by Cllr. L Fox, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and  
**RESOLVED:-** That a grant of £1,200 be awarded to Stocksbridge Community Care Group towards room hire and insurance costs for their Friday Drop-In Group and Friendly Visitor Service.
  - b) Monday Art Group Stocksbridge  
Members considered a grant application from Monday Art Group Stocksbridge requesting funding assistance towards room hire, tutor costs and material costs.  
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and  
**RESOLVED:-** That a grant of £750 be awarded to Monday Art Group Stocksbridge towards room hire, tutor costs and material costs.
  - c) Upper Don Community Energy  
Members considered a grant application from Upper Don Community Energy requesting funding assistance towards speakers fees, travel time and travel expenses.  
Proposed by Cllr. L Fox, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and  
**RESOLVED:-** That a grant of £895 be awarded to from Upper Don Community Energy towards speakers fees, travel time and travel expenses.
5. Review of Risk Assessments, Audit Arrangements, Financial Regulations  
Members reviewed the Town Council's risk assessment, system of internal audit and financial regulations and all potential hazards and controls associated with them. The Clerk noted the Fidelity Guarantee sum of £500,000 would be adequate for the financial year 2026/27.  
Proposed by Cllr. A Law, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and  
**RECOMMENDED:-** That the Town Council accept the risk assessment forms, system of internal audit forms and financial regulations as supplied by the Clerk and noted that the Town Council have sufficient controls in place to accommodate the potential hazards faced by the Town Council.
6. Gov.uk domain  
Members considered purchasing a Gov.uk domain for the Stocksbridge Town Council website and emails.  
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and  
**RECOMMENDED:-** That the Town Council approve the purchase of a Gov.uk domain for the Town Council for costs up to £20 + VAT per annum, and individual Gov.uk emails for each Councillor for costs up to £60 + VAT per annum per email.

7. Quarterly Newsletter  
Members considered the publication of a quarterly newsletter. The Clerk undertook to obtain further costs for a wider range of options and to defer to the next Finance Committee.
8. Accounts for Authorisation  
There were no accounts for authorization.
9. Summary of Bad Debts  
There were no bad debts to report.
10. Clerk's Reports  
There were no Clerk's reports.
11. Members' Reports  
There were no members' reports.

There being no further business the meeting closed.