

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, 3rd March 2026

PRESENT:- Cllr. R Crowther (Chair), Cllrs. J Staniforth, L Fox, C Wilson.

1. Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J Wheeler, K Davis, J Grocutt and A Law.

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 12th May to be presented with a certificate and gift vouchers. A nomination was received for Margaret Derbyshire for her ongoing community work with local groups including Stocksbridge Community Care Group, Stocksbridge & Deepcar Townswomen's Guild, VMC Patient Participation Group, The Bridge Community Shop, and Stocksbridge & District Women's Institute.
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. L Fox and
RECOMMENDED:- That the Annual Citizens Award for 2026 be awarded to:-
 - (i) Margaret Derbyshire for her ongoing community work with local groups including Stocksbridge Community Care Group, Stocksbridge & Deepcar Townswomen's Guild, VMC Patient Participation Group, The Bridge Community Shop, and Stocksbridge & District Women's Institute.
 - (ii) That the recipient be presented with a certificate and cheque to the value of £50 at the Town Council's Annual Assembly on 12th May 2026.

5. Clerk's Reports
The Clerk noted an invitation received from Food Matters Stocksbridge to their inauguration event on Saturday 28th March. Due to limited spaces they have requested that only two members from each organisation attend.

The Clerk noted a response from Stocksbridge Towns Fund following our query about having a Town Council representative on the board – they informed that the Town Council may nominate someone and put them forward to join the board, which they would add to the next board meeting agenda. The Clerk undertook to gather further information regarding time commitment.

6. Members' Reports
There were no members' reports.

There being no further business the meeting closed.