

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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PRESENT: Cllr. K Davis (Chair); Cllrs. R Crowther, C Wilson, J Wheeler, J Grocutt,  
L Fox, and J Staniforth from Item 149

IN ATTENDANCE: O Coppard, The Mayor of South Yorkshire, E Chlebicka

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146. To Receive Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Law.
147. Exclusion of the Press and Public  
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
148. Declarations of Interest  
There were no declarations of interest.
149. Attendance by O Coppard, The Mayor of South Yorkshire  
The Chair welcome the Mayor of South Yorkshire, O Coppard, to the meeting.  
Members shared the results of the Town Council's Public Transport Petition, which received signatures from 352 residents who wish to see the Stocksbridge, Deepcar and Bolsterstone area treated as a priority for bus franchising routes. OC explained that the bus franchising process would be commencing in 2027 and is expected to end in 2029, and that a government investment of £350m would be used to purchase depots and contract existing bus companies to run services in the South Yorkshire area, with the aim of using the resulting revenue to redesign and improve these services. Members asked about how data is being used to support the process, and OC responded that it would take time to gather demographic data, and that this will be a work in progress to support future network redesign. OC acknowledged his support for a tram route extension to Stocksbridge area but highlighted that more funding would be required. Members asked about children's use of bus services, and OC informed that school services are a priority.  
The Chair thanked O Coppard for attending the meeting.
150. Public Questions and Petitions  
Cllr J Wheeler raised a question on behalf of a member of the public, who wished to enquire why there is currently no representation from a Town Councillor on the Stocksbridge Towns Fund board, and highlighted the importance of local representation on decisions that affect our local area.  
The Clerk resolved to pass this question on to the Communications Officer for Stocksbridge Towns Fund, J Cadman.
151. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Item 138 (e) - The Clerk reported that, at members' request, Cllr D Fox - Armed Forces Champion for Sheffield City Council - would be attending the Town Council meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

152. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.  
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and  
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chair.
153. 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 Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and  
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring information for November 2025 as supplied by the Clerk.
154. Correspondence  
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from YLCA including:-  
- Weekly News and Notifications – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
- Weekly News and Notifications – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025  
- Weekly News and Notifications – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
- Weekly News and Notifications – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- Sheffield Plan  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Sheffield City Council informing of an opportunity for people to review and comment on a suite of documents relating to the Sheffield Plan, which are available for comment until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December.
- SYMCA Transport System Media Release  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority's (SYMCA) regarding a press release asking people across the region to share their views on the transport system.
- CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from CPRE with updates regarding the local countryside.
- Bus Lane Review Project – Public Consultation  
The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA informing of a Public Consultation from 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026.
155. Clerk's Reports  
The Clerk reported that L Fairest, Engagement & Development Officer for Sheffield City Council, would be attending the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

156. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members

- a) Cllr JG reported that she had attended the ‘Proud to be Me’ Assembly at St Ann’s Catholic Primary School, Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre AGM and board meeting, St Ann’s nativity play, and had visited the local schools to present the winning Christmas cards.
- b) Cllr JS reported that he had attended a magic show at the Inman Pavilion, Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre Christmas fayre, the Senior Citizen’s Christmas Party, and the LAC Christmas Trail on Manchester Road.
- c) Cllr LF reported that she had attended the Senior Citizen’s Christmas Party.
- d) Cllr JW reported that he had attended Deepcar Village Hall, Upper Don Community Energy, a charity Christmas dinner at Ponti’s, Stocksbridge Community Forum, Stocksbridge Junior School, the Senior Citizen’s Christmas Party, an RBL meeting, the LAC Christmas Trail on Manchester Road, and Stocksbridge High School to meet their school council.
- e) Cllr RC reported that he had attended the Senior Citizen’s Christmas Party.

157. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr KD, informed members that he had attended a Community Action Group meeting, the Senior Citizen’s Christmas Party ticket handout and party, the judging of the Christmas card competition, and had visited the local schools to present the winning Christmas cards.

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

25/03204/FUL	Cricket Pavilion, Bracken Moor Sports Club	Demolition of cricket pavilion and erection of new cricket pavilion
25/03097/FUL	Spencers Barn, Pea Royd Lane	Installation of gate to boundary of dwellinghouse
25/03482/FUL	39 Fox Glen Road	Erection of a single-storey front extension and conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation
25/03479/LD2	17 Pennine View	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for alterations to garage to form habitable accommodation and erection of single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse (Application under Section 192)
25/03518/FUL (Formerly PP-14512990)	Stocksbridge Library, 519 Manchester Road	Demolition of existing building, erection of 3-4 storey building comprising library (Use Class F1), flexible community space, cafe and office space (Use Class E), with secure cycle store and associated ancillary space, hard and soft landscaping and associated works (Application under Section 73 to vary condition nos. 2 (approved plans); 5 and 6

(drainage); 9 (highway works); 16 (external materials and finishes); 17 (large scale details); 23 (landscaping); 24 (bin storage); 25 (cycle storage); and 26 (ecological mitigation); of planning permission 23/04037/FUL) (Application under Regulation 3)

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

25/02719/RG3	Fultons Foods 469-471 Manchester Rd	Alterations/repairs to ground/first-floor of shopping precinct facade to include replacement windows, alterations to fenestration and addition of insulated render system
25/02811/TPO	Sycamore House Spink Hall Lane	Pruning of tree (Tree Preservation Order No. 808/20)

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Condition Application Decided:-

24/02835/COND2	Land Adjacent 74 Hole House Lane	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 9 (External Materials) imposed by planning permission 24/02835/FUL
22/04337/COND1	Land East Of The River Don And To The South West Of Station Road, Deepcar	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 11, 12 and 13 (Drainage) imposed by planning permission 22/04337/FUL

The undermentioned planning applications have been Refused:-

25/02816/FUL	The Stables Langley Brook Farm	Erection of a stable block
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159. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated.  
Proposed by Cllr. J Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and  
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee be accepted.  
Item 4 - the Clerk informed members that she had received an update regarding the ANPR cameras from Acting Police Sergeant C. Shepherd.
160. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated.  
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and  
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.
161. Accounts for Authorisation  
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and

**RESOLVED:-** (i) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

		<u>£</u>	<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	December 2025	4068.08	LGA72(S111)
Lidl	Xmas Party	237.07	LGA72(S137)
	Hampers/Raffle/Gifts		
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water	10.30	LGA72(S111)
	Monitoring		
SBEL Ltd	Venue – Xmas Party	3880.00	LGA72(S137)
	Room/Catering		
City Illuminations	Christmas Illuminations	11874.00	LGA72(S144)
	Contract		
Word for Word Ltd	Christmas Card Printing	354.00	LGA72(S145)
Sheffield Lip Reading Group	Transport Grant	300.00	LGA76(S19)
We Print Lanyards Ltd	Lanyard	10.27	LGA72(S111)
Viking	Stationery	61.24	LGA72(S111)
4SLC	Revenue Funding Qtr 4	7500.00	LGA76(S19)

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

		<u>£</u>	<u>Made Under Power</u>
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water	20.60	LGA72(S111)
	Monitoring – ARC		
Facility Maintenance Solns	6 Monthly External Clean	154.00	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services	Cleaning Charges	895.85	LGA72(S111)
Document Solutions	Photocopying Charges	109.17	LGA72(S111)
A Holden	Window Cleaning Charges	60.00	LGA72(S111)
Stocksbridge Town Council	VAT Transfer – Info Only £859.17	859.17	LGA72(S111)
Culligan UK Ltd	Water Cooler Charges/Supplies	245.25	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Repairs to Office Lighting	185.00	LGA72(S111)

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

November 2025:-		<u>£</u>	<u>Made Under Power</u>
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – Toilets	57.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC	586.00	LGA72(S111)
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – History Society	43.00	LGA72(S111)

Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC Room 10	196.00	LGA72(S111)
British Gas Lite	Electricity Charges – Xmas Tree (precinct)	7.24	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Broadband/Phone Charges	43.90	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Computer Charges	31.20	LGA72(S111)
Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks Package	19.20	LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Payroll Charges	73.25	LGA72(S111)
EDF	Electricity Charges – ARC – Oct	666.28	LGA72(S111)
Veolia	Waste Removal Charges	141.78	LGA72(S111)

Chair