

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Stocksbridge Town Council,
held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Stocksbridge on Tuesday 12th May 2026

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

1. Election of Town Mayor/Chair
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. A Law and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. R Crowther be elected as Town Mayor until the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council.
A vote was taken – all in favour.
2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of the Town Mayor/Chair
The Mayor, Cllr. R Crowther then signed and delivered to the Clerk the declaration of acceptance of office as Town Mayor.
3. To Receive Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
There were no Apologies for Absence.
The Mayor, Cllr. R Crowther, expressed his thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. K Davis, for his diligence, dedication, and good humour throughout the past year and over his many years of service to the Town Council.
4. Election of Deputy Town Mayor/Deputy Chair
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. A Law and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. J Grocutt be elected as Deputy Town Mayor until the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council.
A vote was taken – all in favour.
5. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy Town Mayor/Deputy Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. J Grocutt, then signed and delivered to the Clerk their declaration of acceptance of office as Deputy Town Mayor.
6. Election of Finance Committee and Delegated Powers and Terms of Reference
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. L Fox and
RESOLVED:- a) That the whole Council comprise the Finance Committee.
b) That delegated powers be given to the Committee for the expenditure of budgeted funds by resolution, subject to Financial Regulation 4.1.
c) That the Terms of Reference tabled be approved.
7. Election of Recreation & Environment Committee and Delegated Powers and Terms of Reference
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J Wheeler and
RESOLVED:- a) That the whole Council comprise the Recreation & Environment Committee.
b) That delegated powers be given to the Committee for the expenditure of budgeted funds by Resolution, subject to Financial Regulation 4.1.
c) That the Terms of Reference tabled be approved.

8. Election of Personnel Committee
Proposed by Cllr. J Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. A Law and
RESOLVED:- a) That the Personnel Committee of the Town Council comprise of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Council, the Chair of the Finance Committee and the Recreation & Environment Committee.
b) That the delegated powers and Terms of Reference tabled be approved.
9. Election of ARC Management Committee and Delegated Powers and Terms of Reference
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and
RESOLVED:- a) That the ARC Management Committee of the Town Council comprise of all members of the Town Council.
b) That delegated powers be given to the Committee for the expenditure of budgeted funds by Resolution, subject to Financial Regulation 4.1.
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10. Election of Representative to South Yorkshire Branch of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- That due to the differing locations of these meetings any Councillor able to attend be nominated at Town Council meetings.
11. Election of Representative to Steel Valley Steering Committee
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. J Wheeler and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. K Davis be the Town Council representatives on the Steel Valley Steering Committee.
12. Election of Representative to Peak Park Parishes' Forum
Proposed by Cllr. J Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- That the Chair receives the correspondence from the Peak Park Parishes Forum and will attend meetings if they are able.
13. Election of Representative to Bolsterstone Community Group
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- That Cllrs. J Grocutt and A Law be the Town Council representatives on the Bolsterstone Community Group.
14. Election of Representative to Audit and Standards Committee
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. A Law be the Town Council representative on the Audit and Standards Committee.
15. Election of Representative to the STEP Board
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. J Wheeler and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. A Law be the Town Council representative on the STEP Board.
16. Election of Representatives to the Participatory Budgeting Task Group
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. L Fox and
RESOLVED:- That Cllrs. R Crowther, J Staniforth and J Wheeler be the Town Council representatives on the Participatory Budgeting Task Group.

17. Election of Representative to the Stocksbridge and Upper Don Activity Meeting (LAC)
Proposed by Cllr. J Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- That the Chair be the Town Council representative on the Stocksbridge and Upper Don Activity Meeting.
18. Election of Representative to the South Yorkshire Transport User Group
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. J Staniforth be the Town Council representative on the South Yorkshire Transport User Group.
19. Election of Representative to the Stocksbridge Food Bank Board of Directors
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. A Law and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. J Grocutt be the Town Council representative on the Stocksbridge Food Bank Board of Directors.
20. Pensions Policy for Exercise of Discretionary Functions
Councillors reviewed the Pensions Policy, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. A Law and
RESOLVED:- a) That the Town Council reviewed and accepted the Pensions Policy for Exercise of Discretionary Functions.
b) That the Pensions Policy be reviewed annually.
21. Authorisation of Payment of Invoices In Between Meetings
Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- That approval be given for authorisation of payment of invoices in between meetings for the year 2026/2027, should the need arise.

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