

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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PRESENT: Cllr. J Wood (Chair), Cllrs. K Davis, A Law, R Crowther, K Davis, J Staniforth and C Wilson

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1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J Grocutt and M Whittaker
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) Valley Recreational Activity Community Group  
Members considered a grant application from Valley Recreational Activity Community Group requesting funding assistance for transport costs.  
Proposed by Cllr. C Wilson, seconded by Cllr. J Wood and  
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,000 be awarded to the Valley Recreational Community Activity Group for funding assistance for transport costs.
  - b) Bolsterstone Community Group  
Members considered a grant application from Bolsterstone Community Group requesting funding assistance towards participation in the national beacon lighting event to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day plus provision of a free concert with Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir and Deepcar Brass Band for the entertainment of the wider community and to increase community cohesion.  
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and  
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £575 be awarded to Bolsterstone Community Group towards participation in the national beacon lighting event to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day plus provision of a free concert with Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir and Deepcar Brass Band for the entertainment of the wider community and to increase community cohesion.
5. Stocksbridge History Society  
Members considered the request from Stocksbridge History Society for assistance with room rental and business rates for the Valley Museum for the financial year 2025/26.  
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and  
RESOLVED:- That approval be given for Stocksbridge History Society to use Rooms 4 and 5, exempt of rental charges and business rates, for the purpose of the Valley Museum for the financial year 2025/26.
6. Review of Risk Assessments and Audit Arrangements  
Members review the Town Council's Risk Assessments and system of internal audit and all potential hazards and controls associated with them. The Clerk noted that the Fidelity Guarantee sum of £500,000 would be adequate for the financial year 2025/26.  
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. A Law and  
RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council accept the risk assessment forms and system of internal audit forms 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.

7. Town Council Insurance

The Clerk tabled a quotation from Zurich Insurance received in respect of the Town Council's ongoing insurance requirements, noting that this was for a further 3 year period.

Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council accept the quotation from Zurich Insurance plc of £2,531.34 inclusive of insurance premium tax for a three year term agreement commencing 2025/26.

8. VE Day Celebrations

The Clerk informed members of funding made available from the LAC for VE Day celebrations planned by local groups. The LAC have transferred money to the Town Council. Discussion took place regarding running a similar scheme to the previous Queen's Jubilee and Coronation of King Charle, whereby groups apply for funding to hold a celebratory event.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk write to local groups/schools inviting them to send a request for funding to the Town Council towards a celebratory lunch/coffee and cake event or similar, the upper limit being £200.

9. Accounts for Authorisation

There were no accounts for authorization.

10. Summary of Bad Debts

There were no bad debts to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed.