# 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 29th September 2026

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PRESENT:- Cllr. J Grocutt (Chair), Cllrs. R Crowther, K Davis, C Wilson, J Wheeler

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1. Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A Law, J Staniforth and L Fox.

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 and District History Society
Members considered a grant application from Stocksbridge and District History Society requesting funding toward project costs for memorial plaques to be mounted on the walkways in the Clock Tower Gardens and the production of leaflets for the 100th Anniversary of the Clock Tower Gardens. The Clerk undertook to request further information from the group and to defer to a future Finance Committee.

b) Wings and Verse CIC
Members considered a grant application from Wings and Verse CIC requesting funding toward start up fees, running costs for the set up and development of their first projects.
Proposed by Cllr. J Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £500 be awarded to Wings and Verse CIC toward start up fees, running costs for the set up and development of their first projects.

c) Deepcar Village Community Association
Members considered a grant application from Deepcar Village Community Association requesting funding toward continuing the internal modernisation and improvement of Deepcar Village Hall.
Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Deepcar Village Community Association toward continuing the internal modernization and improvement of Deepcar Village Hall.

d) Steelers Healers (Men in Sheds)
Members considered a grant application from Steelers Healers (Men in Sheds) requesting funding toward equipment and supplies.
Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £450 be awarded to Steelers Healers (Men in Sheds) toward equipment and supplies.

5. Senior Citizen's Christmas Party
Members received costings for the Christmas Party to be held on 2nd December 2026.
Proposed by Cllr. J Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That the following expenditure be approved:-
a) £525 inc. VAT for hall hire
b) £21 inc. VAT for catering per head
c) £300 for entertainment
d) £400 for gifts/prizes

6. Christmas Card Competition
The Clerk enquired if the Town Council wished to invite local primary schools to participate in a Christmas Card Competition this year and if so requested approval for expenditure based on last year's event.
Proposed by Cllr. C Wilson, seconded by Cllr. J Wheeler and

RESOLVED:- i) That the Town Council hold a Christmas Card Competition
ii) Approve expenditure of £299 plus VAT for the printing of Christmas cards
iii) Approve the purchase of photo frames for the finalists

7. Remembrance Day
Members considered a donation to the Royal British Legion for the purchase of poppy wreaths for this year's Remembrance Day Service. The Clerk reported that Amey had been approached for traffic management assistance on the day and had agreed to provide this free of charge. Loxley Silver Band had been secured for the Parade for which there would be a charge of £400.
Proposed by Cllr. C Wilson, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and
RESOLVED:- i) That approval be given for a donation of £150 to the Royal British Legion for the purchase of poppy wreaths for this year's Remembrance Day Service.
ii) That approval be given for £400 to Loxley Silver Band to play at the Remembrance Day Parade and Service.

8. Christmas Illuminations Contract
The Clerk tabled a quotation from City Illuminations Ltd for a further one year contract for this year's Christmas Illuminations in view of impending works commencing on the precinct, a date for which was not known at the present time.
Proposed by Cllr. J Wheeler, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and
RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council approve to extend the Christmas Illuminations contract for a further one year with City Illuminations Ltd at a cost of £9,895 plus VAT.

9. Business Cards
Members considered authorising the purchase of further business cards for councillor use.
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council approve the purchase of additional 100 business cards for a cost of up to £26.

10. Accounts for Authorisation
Proposed by Cllr. K Davis, seconded by Cllr. C Wilson and
RESOLVED:- (i) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

| | | £ | Made Under Power |
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| Valley in Bloom | Grant | 1,200.00 | LGA76(S19) |

11. Summary of Bad Debts
There were no bad debts to report.

12. Clerk's Reports
The Clerk noted that the external audit report had been received today and noted that there were no matters arising. This will be presented at next week's Town Council meeting for formal acceptance of the report. The necessary notice has been displayed on the Town Council website and public notice board.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed.