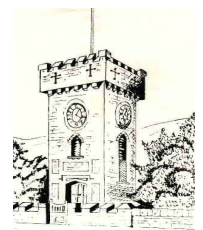


Stocksbridge Town Council



ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been a privilege to have been elected Mayor of Stocksbridge. I have been lucky enough to work with so many different people and community groups in the Valley and beyond.

The Town Council have supported and sponsored a new cycling group, Bolsterstone Village Fayre, Stocksbridge Park Steels F.C., Steel Valley Beacon Arts, Broomhead Show, Scout Group, Pentaqua Swimming Club, Tennis Club, Fire Cadets, In Bloom and many more.

It was nice to see the stone plinth and plaque finished by Steel Valley Project unveiled at the Pea Royd Lane viewpoint.

The beacon at Bolsterstone was erected in Castle Field. This was duly opened by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Cllr. Alan Law, Angela Smith MP and myself.

We have continued giving Citizens Awards for work in the community.

It was a difficult time at Christmas due to the weather conditions but with a team effort the Illuminations were erected.

We hosted a Christmas Lunch for the senior citizens at The Venue which was a huge success.

The In Bloom Group would like to thank the Town Council and people of Stocksbridge for their support. They managed to get a Silver Gilt in 2010 and hope 2011 is a "Golden" year.

The Town Council Offices are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Town Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall. The meetings start at 6.30 pm and are held on the second Thursday of every month except August. These meetings are open to the public, so if you want to find out more about what we do, come along. There's time at the beginning of the meeting for local people to raise issues of concern to them, ask questions and present petitions. Town Council minutes are available in full on our website, or from the office.



Cllr. Mary Kaye
Chairman 2010/11

CHAIRMAN FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2011/2012

At the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th May 2011 it was resolved that Councillor Martin Brelsford be elected as Town Mayor and Chairman.



Cllr. Martin Brelsford

FINANCIAL REPORT 2010/11

The Town Council approved expenditure for the financial year 2010/11 of £136,772. The main items of expenditure being:- maintenance programme for the Clock Tower Memorial Gardens; contribution to Stocksbridge In Bloom and Steel Valley Project; Christmas Illuminations contract; Bench Replacement programme, purchase of play equipment for the Don Field playground and the maintenance and cleaning of 2 public toilet blocks including upgrading of the toilets at Bolsterstone to include hand wash facilities. Grant of £12,711 were awarded to local groups for activities/projects in the area.

The precept collected from the local taxpayers amounted to £98,500. The balance was met from reserves, miscellaneous income and donations from local businesses towards the Christmas Illuminations. The Town Council are the facility managers of the ARC Town Hall building and income/expenditure for the building is also shown within the Town Council's accounts.

The Town Council's accounts are subject to internal and external audit. The final audit report will be displayed after completion of the external audit.

Notes re 2011/12

For the current year 2011/12, budgeted expenditure amounts to £128,495 with a precept of £100,963.

FINANCE COMMITTEE The Finance Committee have awarded many grants throughout the year to local groups and organisations whose activities range from sports to holiday playschemes, entertainment to health services. The activities covered all age groups from the very young to the very old. A full list of grants made during 2010/11 can be found on the website. The Town Council continue to fund the provision of the Christmas Illuminations which brighten up our Town during the festive season and for which many positive comments are received from both local residents and visitors to the area. Our thanks go to the following local businesses/organisations who contributed to the sponsorship scheme for the 2010 Christmas Illuminations:- Abacus Independent Financial Advisors, Bridge Community Shop, Happy Days Card Shop, Lancasters Property Services, Legionnaires Club, Stocksbridge & Upper Don TARA, Voyager Systems/Travel and members of the public who contributed to the bag pack event at the Co-op Supermarket.

Cllr. Jack Clarkson —Chair of Finance

RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE Over the past year, the Recreation and Environment Committee has been very active to improve the quality of life in Stocksbridge.

We have helped promote schemes such as free home insulation and playground improvements in the town. The Committee has also supported the new Walkers are Welcome project in Stocksbridge and has been leading a new programme to tackle flytipping more effectively, with the help of local MP Angela Smith and the City Council.

Litter is a major issue for us and we have successfully put pressure on the Co-op supermarket to clear their grounds of substantial rubbish, thereby helping to significantly improve the Town Centre. We have also supported Valley In Bloom in their sterling efforts to make Stocksbridge an attractive and pleasant place to live which we can take pride in. On the sports and recreation side, we are starting to forge closer links with 'Activity Sheffield' to help improve these services in Stocksbridge.

Amenities such as recycling facilities and public toilets have also been the focus our work. We've also been active to improve the City Council's maintenance of the Clock Tower Gardens, and have held Dransfield Developments and Bloor Homes to public account over the plans for a new retail centre and housing development at Deepcar respectively. We have followed up a pledge we extracted from John Mothersole to develop a master-plan for the entire Town Centre to try and ensure that the new retail centre stimulates rather than damages existing local businesses.

The Committee also recommends recipients for a quarterly Citizens' Award to honour outstanding voluntary contribution to the life of the town. This year's worthy recipients have been:

Volunteer driver David Walters for his courtesy and dedication in assisting people with mobility problems through the Door-2-Door service

Paul Mannion for the tremendous efforts he has put into the refurbishment of the Scout Hut on Nanny Hill

Tracey Nichols of Stocksbridge Fire station for her tireless work with the Fire Cadets

David Goodison, for his unstinting efforts to introduce a much-needed train service between Sheffield and Stocksbridge/Deepcar over many years as Chairman of Don Valley Railway Group

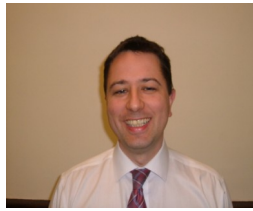
Cllr. Dan Lyons —Chair of Recreation & Environment

Stocksbridge Town Council

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