

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Stocksbridge Town Council,
held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Stocksbridge on Thursday 11th May 2023

PRESENT: Cllr. M Whittaker (Chair), Cllrs. R J Crowther, J Staniforth, S Abrahams and A S Law

All members present signed the Councillors Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms.

1. Election of Town Mayor/Chairman
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and
RESOLVED: That Cllr. M Whittaker 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/Chairman
The Mayor, Cllr. M Whittaker then signed and delivered to the Clerk the declaration of acceptance of office as Town Mayor
3. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. J A Grocutt.

Cllr. MW gave great thanks to Cllr. JS for being so good in his year as Mayor and for taking him along to events and teaching him the role.

Cllr. MW stated that it was a great honour to be elected and he will fulfil his Mayoral duties to the best of his ability.

Stocksbridge was facing a time of change, in the past everything had been connected to the steel works, his own great grandfather being Head Chemist and grandfather Pit Supervisor and Mayor of this Town.

New housing developments and people were coming to the area and should be welcomed. We had a great heritage and should strive to embrace diversity and progressive forward looking. The Chairman would like to encourage the preservation of our heritage and march towards modernity.

4. Election of Deputy Town Mayor/Deputy Chairman
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED: That Cllr. A S Law 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 Chairman
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. A S Law then signed and delivered to the Clerk his declaration of acceptance of office as Deputy Town Mayor/Deputy Chairman.
6. Election of Finance Committee and Delegated Powers and Terms of Reference
Proposed by Cllr. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth 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.

- 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. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams 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.
c) That the Terms of Reference tabled be approved.
8. Election of Personnel Committee
Proposed by Cllr. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED: a) That the Personnel Committee of the Town Council comprise of the Chairperson of the Council, the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and the Chairperson of 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. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED: a) That the ARC Management Committee of the Town Council comprise of Cllr. M Whittaker plus Councillors J Staniforth, R J Crowther and A S Law.
b) That delegated powers be given to the Committee for the expenditure of budgeted funds by resolution.
c) That the Terms of Reference tabled be approved.
10. Internal Audit
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council formally appoint Town Parish Audit to undertake the Internal Audit of the Town Council accounts for the financial year 2023/2024.
11. Election of Representative to South Yorkshire Branch of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and
RESOLVED: That due to the differing locations of these meetings any Councillor able to attend be nominated at Town Council meetings.
12. Election of Representative to Steel Valley Steering Committee
Proposed by Cllr. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED: That Cllrs. A S Law and S Abrahams be the Town Council representatives on the Steel Valley Steering Committee.
13. Election of Representative to Peak Park Parishes' Forum
Proposed by Cllr. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- That the Chairman receive the correspondence from the Peak Park Parishes Forum and would attend meetings if he was able.
14. Election of Representative to Bolsterstone Community Group
Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- That Cllrs. A S Law and J A Grocutt be the Town Council representatives on the Bolsterstone Community Group.

15. Election of Representative to Walkers Are Welcome Steering Committee
Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. M Whittaker be the Town Council representative on the Walkers Are Welcome Steering Committee.
16. Election of Representative to Audit and Standards Committee
Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. A S Law be the Town Council representative on the Audit and Standards Committee.
17. Election of Representative to the STEP Board
Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. S Abrahams be the Town Council representative on the STEP Board.
18. Election of Representatives to the Participatory Budgeting Task Group
Proposed by Cllr. A Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and
RESOLVED:- That Cllrs. R J Crowther, J Staniforth and M Whittaker be the Town Council representatives on the Participatory Budgeting Task Group.
19. Election of Representative to the Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership
Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. A S Law be the Town Council representative on the Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership.
20. Election of Representative to the Local Area Committee (LAC) - North
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- That the Chairman be the Town Council representative on the LAC - North.
21. Election of Representative to the Sheffield Transport User Group
Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. J Staniforth be the Town Council representative on the Sheffield Transport User Group.

The meeting then closed.

Chairman.