

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 12th December 2019

PRESENT: Cllr. C Ward (Chair); Cllrs. M Whittaker, J Staniforth, and J A Grocutt until Item 174

IN ATTENDANCE: D McCloud and M Gillott, SYP Firearms Officers – Item 173

2 Members of the public

169. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. R J Crowther, A S Law, S Abrahams and M Milton

170. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no items for Exclusion of the Press and Public.

171. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

172. Public Questions and Petitions

A member of the public had attended to request an update on the issue of parking outside the Junior School on Cedar Road.

Cllr. JAG noted that this was a serious concern to the Town Council, with all local schools being affected. Various ideas had been tried, patrols had been effective but the lull only lasted for a couple of weeks before parents were once again parking illegally and with no thought for either children getting into school safely or neighbouring properties being able to access/egress their own homes. The schools had been involved in a number of campaigns but there did not seem to be an effective deterrent. The Enforcement Officer was due to visit the area again and the PCSO's would be doing extra patrols.

Cllr. JAG suggested that in the new year Headteachers from all the local schools be invited to a Town Council meeting in order to try to get everyone on board and working together before there was an accident. Cllr. JAG assured the resident that the Town Council were as concerned as the local residents and would continue to endeavour to find a solution to this problem.

173. Local Firearms Shop

The Chairman welcomed David McCloud and Mary Gillott, SYP Firearms Officers, who had been invited following concerns raised by members of the public at the opening of a firearms shop on the main road through the Town, with no parking facilities. The Chairman noted that the owners of the shop had been invited to attend the meeting.

DMcC introduced himself and MG noting that it was his role to grant certificates to people wishing to own a gun and MG visited and vetted everyone to ascertain their suitability to own a gun. Only certificated weapons can be purchased by people who had been through the system which had very strict standards to adhere to. Anyone found walking in the street with a gun in a public place would be committing an offence, even leaving a gun in the boot of a car whilst shopping is an offence. All employees of the local shop had also been vetted. SYP have access to medical records on which it can be noted if people own a gun and they can be notified immediately if GPs/hospitals feel there is a requirement to intervene. South Yorkshire is one of the strictest Police Forces in the country and run courses for other Police Forces as they are recognised as using best practice.

Cllr. MW queried what type of people the marketing was aimed at.

DMcC stated that there were not many dealers in South Yorkshire and in the S36 area approximately 521 certificated owners of guns. The shop would deal mainly in storage/repairs/ammunition and people buying for groups such as clay pigeon shooting etc.

Cllr. JS asked how often such shops were reviewed.

DmcC advised that reviews were undertaken every 3 years on dealers certificates and a full audit undertaken every six months when books were looked through, a full audit of shot gun cartridges was carried out and ammunition monitored.

A member of the public noted that the guns were visible to passers by which she felt promoted the products on sale and queried whether anyone could just walk into the shop and stated that the branding was the same as a gun shop in America which had a different gun culture to Britain.

MG stated that there was security to gain access to the building and it was usually the older generation who owned a gun. The number of guns held in the shop was controlled by SYP.

Guns not in use should be dismantled and ammunition kept separately when not in use, therefore, if a gun was stolen it would not be viable.

MG stated that she had spoken to the owners of the new gun shop on several occasions and visited the shop, which had building security which was second to none. MG stated that she would be visiting the shop again to update them on issues discussed at the meeting and would bring to their attention the branding of the shop which was currently under review.

The Chairman thanked both D McCloud and M Gillott for attending the meeting.

Cllr. J A Grocutt left the meeting at this point.

174. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th November 2019
With reference to item 163 d) Anti-social Behaviour. The Clerk reported that a litter pick had been held on 30th November around the Stubbin roundabout area.

The Clerk noted that she had received correspondence from Sargent Frain informing that since the reporting of anti-social youths around the Stubbin roundabout, further issues had been reported around the Linden Crescent/Pot House Lane area. Patrols had not managed to locate the group, however, PCSO Carol Raynes had worked hard and using some CCTV that at a local store had passed on and with assistance from Stocksbridge High School almost all of the youths had been identified. PCSO Raynes and PC Wilson will now be visiting each of the children and their parents, with action to follow.

175. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 14th November 2019
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th November 2019, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
176. To Receive and Approve Balances and Comparison of Spending Against Budget
The Clerk reported that the details of the Balances & Comparison of Spending Against Budget had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for November 2019 as supplied by the Clerk.
177. Steel Valley Project The Clerk reported that she had received minutes of the Steel Valley Project Steering Committee and AGM held on 11th November 2019.
178. CPRE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from CPRE enclosing a copy of Peakland Guardian, Winter 2019, also a copy of Countryside Voices and Fieldwork, Winter 2019.
179. Stocksbridge Community Care Group The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Stocksbridge Community Care Group enclosing a copy of their Newsletter for December 2019.
180. SYPTE The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYPTE informing of Christmas Travel arrangements over the Christmas and New Year period. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
- Further correspondence from SYPTE informing of changes to South Yorkshire TravelMaster and Stagecoach products and an annual ticket price increase. Also noting that Supertram will be making changes to some of their fares effective from 2nd January 2020. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
- Further correspondence providing an update on developments with First South Yorkshire and their issues with service performance and customer complaints. SYPTE are maintaining contact with First management to ensure they are putting in place suitable mitigations to resolve the problem. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
181. Streets Ahead/Amey The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Mohammed Ahmed providing an update on works in the area for November 2019.
182. Dransfield Properties Ltd The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Dransfield Properties including:-
- news release announcing that Santa would be in his Grotto in the Fox Valley bandstand over the weekend 14th/15th December with all proceeds going to charity
 - news release informing that Fox Valley has become the latest location to benefit from InstaVolt’s rapid electric vehicle charges with six being installed for visitors to the site
- Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

183. Morehall Fly Fishing Club The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Morehall Fly Fishing Club thanking the Town Council for their contribution to the Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership Community Grant, enabling the Club to undertake reservoir landscaping and improvement works at Morehall Reservoir. The work has been undertaken by Steel Valley Project and has now been completed.
184. Memorial Stone – Clock Tower Gardens The Clerk reported that she had been informed by T Curson, Royal British Legion that the Stocksbridge branch of the British Legion have been given a commemorative stone from St Matthias Church. The stone was placed in the church to mark the 50th Anniversary of VE and VJ day. The British Legion were hoping to site the stone in the Clocktower Gardens and requested the necessary permissions. The desired location is on the wall at the top of the steps rising from Manchester Road. The plaque is made from stone and is approx. A2 size. A local builder has offered his services to install it on the wall. The Clerk had contacted Lisa Firth asking for consideration of the request and was pleased to announce that this had been authorised and the British Legion had been given the go ahead.
185. Sustrans Scoping Report The Clerk informed members that following release of the Sustrans Scoping Report a request had been made for a meeting with interested parties to take the project to the next stage. This had now been arranged for Thursday, 23rd January 2020 at 10am in the Council Chamber. An agenda will be issued a week prior to the meeting.
186. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members?
- a) Cllr. MW advised that he had attended the Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome meeting and they were going from strength to strength. Cllr. MW had handed out tickets for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party and also attended the party the previous day, which had been very good. Cllr. MW had also attended the Hustings event held at The Venue. Cllr. MW had been involved in some casework with a local resident and noted that Cllr. SA had provided invaluable assistance and undertaken to contact the resident on his behalf, it being an area where she had a lot of knowledge/experience.
 - b) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended both the Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre and Bolsterstone Christmas Fayres, all of which had been well supported by the community. Cllr. JS had also attended the Husting event held at The Venue.
 - c) In her absence Cllr. SA provided a list of her engagements since the last meeting:-
 - 15/11/19 - Dementia café Musical event, approximately 30 attended including groups from Alpine Lodge and Belmont.
 - 16/11/19 - Bolsterstone Fayre - well attended
 - 17/11/19 - Greyhound Trust - well attended
 - 18/11/19 - Monday Drop In, Christchurch - various individual issues to follow up. However, a number raised need for more support in area as prevention mental health issues. Cllr. SA has agreed to introduce the Community Development Worker who will be in post in New Year. Also met the new group facilitator Katie Travis who will develop activities and starts beginning of December
 - 20/11/19 - Attended BAHG meeting - since moving to Christchurch, significant increase in both membership and attendance, around 30 on this occasion.

24/11/19 - Attended Sports Centre Christmas Fayre - informed Upper Don Health Wellbeing Strategy had been successful in securing grant £100K for working mental health, focus will be on 13- 25 year olds.

26/11/19 - Stocksbridge Town Hall - distribution tickets for Town Council Christmas party

27/11/19 – BAHG Committee meeting to plan next year events

27/11/19 - Community Forum - low attendance, therefore AGM postponed. Speakers cancelled. Discussion local events also suitability of venue for future meetings

28/11/19 - STEP Board meeting - lengthy meeting scrutiny of each enterprise. Next year 10th anniversary celebration and review. Sam Tarf, board member would like to attend Town Council R & E meeting in January to summarise current situation and possible new development at Welfare Hall.

28/11/19 - Stocksbridge Town Hall - distribution of Christmas party tickets

28/11 19 - visit to Fox Glen Road following issue raised by resident on the condition of the guttering on houses. A number of the house roofs on this road are in poor condition with no guttering. Issue raised with SCC Housing who noted problem, there is delay in getting scaffolding services to carry out repairs, they will stress urgency

2/12/19 - Monday Drop In - handed out couple more tickets for Christmas party, and fed back on issues previously raised.

d) In her absence Cllr. JAG had provided a list of engagements since the last meeting:-

Liaison with the Library re 2020 year of reading and the Town Council hosting read aloud for adults in the Council Chamber.

Inman Pavilion - involved with enquiries regarding the lease.

Litter pick with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor around the Stubbin shops area

Cllr. JAG was looking at a number of flood issues across the Town and was awaiting an update/meeting with relevant officers.

Cllr. JAG had started enquiries to establish ownership of the land behind the shops on the Stubbin estate with a view to getting it tidied up.

Cllr. JAG had reported pot holes on Nanny Hill and Townend Lane and the problem on Pot House Lane had now been resolved.

187. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. Catherine Ward reported that she had attended the following events since the last meeting:-

17th November – Greyhound Trust Christmas Fayre at The Venue

30th November – litter pick at Stubbin roundabout

4th December – WI meeting

7th December – WI Craft Fayre

11th December – Senior Citizens Christmas Party held at The Venue

188. To Consider Planning Applications and Receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee

19/04231/FUL	Greens (Yorkshire) Ltd, 496 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Erection of three-storey building comprising 4xc apartments (use Class C3) and 2x commercial units (use Classes A1/A2).
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19/04189/FUL	Midge Hall Farm, Manchester Road, Deepcar	Use of garage as dwellinghouse, including changes to doors and windows.
19/04157/FUL	2A Vaughton Hill, Deepcar	Remodelling of front elevation and entrance to office building.
19/03878/FUL	58 Coal Pit Lane, Stocksbridge	Provision of a window to the side elevation of dwellinghouse.
19/04314/FUL	6 Haywood Avenue, Stocksbridge	Alterations and extension to roof to form additional living accommodation, alterations to include erection of rear dormer extension to dwellinghouse.
19/02949/FUL	St Matthias Church, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Use of Church (use Class D1) as 5no dwellings (use Class C3) with associated alterations including rooflights to front and rear, formation of balconies with glazed baulstrades, bin and cycle storage to rear, provision of entrances to front with level access, parking and landscaping works.

Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

19/03504/ADV	Paperchase, 9 Harry Brearley House, 6 Fox Valley Way, Stocksbridge	1x internally illuminated fascia signs 1x internally illuminated hanging sign.
19/03878/FUL	58 Coal Pit Lane, Stocksbridge	Provision of a window to the side elevation of dwellinghouse.
19/04096/FUL	27 Cross Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of 2 dormer windows to front, 1 dormer to rear with Juliet balcony, erection of two-storey side extension and stepped access to rear of dwellinghouse.

189. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd December 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.
190. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 3rd December 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted.
(ii) That the Town Council adopt the amended Financial Regulations, as received from NALC.

191. Accounts for Payment

Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

(i) That the cheques be paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts.

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	Dec	£3030.22	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Bolsterstone toilets water	£ 10.00	LGA72Sch14P9
	Temps monitoring		
Look Local	Advert for Senior Citizens	£ 120.00	LGA72(S137)
	Party		
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for	£ 153.00	“
	Christmas party puddings		
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for hampers	£ 162.12	“
	and raffle prizes for party		
T H Bisatt	Reimbursement for	£ 18.00	LGA72(S111)
	Christmas cards		
Word for Word (WFO) Ltd	Remembrance Day booklets	£ 174.40	“
Viking	Stationery/postage stamps	£ 100.78	“
The Venue	Senior Citizens Christmas	£3020.00	LGA72(S137)
	Party		
Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir	Entertainment at Senior	£ 150.00	“
	Citizens Christmas party		
Deepcar Brass Band	Entertainment at Senior	£ 150.00	“
	Citizens Christmas party		
4SLC Trust	Quarterly grant	£5000.00	LGA76(S19)
(ii) That cheques be paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-			
Facility Maintenance Solutions	ARC Water temps monitoring	£ 20.00	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Installation of CCTV system	£ 960.00	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning – Nov	£ 631.25	“
Firths Window Cleaning Serv	Windows cleaned – Nov	£ 55.00	“
AquaPoint Ltd	Water cooler service/rental	£ 50.51	“
Safetyshop	CCTV signage	£ 46.46	“
IMP FM Group Ltd	Callout charge	£ 54.00	“
IPM FM Group Ltd	Annual contract fee	£	
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier usage	£ .95	“
Siemens Financial Services Ltd	Photocopier rental	£ 447.10	“
K Lindley	Reimbursement for keys for	£ 54.00	“
	Office 7		
Viking	Key cupboard + tags	£ 45.58	“
(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debit payments made in November 2019:-			
Sheffield City Council Business Rates:-			LGA72(S111)
ARC Management	Stocksbridge History Society	£ 39.00	“
ARC Management	Communal Areas	£ 516.00	“
Stocksbridge Town Council	Bolsterstone toilets	£ 59.00	“
Moorepay	Monthly charge	£ 50.11	“
Veolia	Euro bin lift	£ 99.30	“

British Telecommunications plc	EMCS line	£ 43.16	“
Southern Electric	ARC supply	£1775.23	“
(iv) That authority be given for a cheque paid in settlement of the undermentioned account at the Finance Committee meeting on 3 rd December 2019:-			
City Illuminations Ltd	Annual Christmas Lights contract	£11,044.80	LGA72(S144)

Chairman