

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, The ARC, Stocksbridge on Thursday, 9th January 2020

PRESENT: Cllr. R J Crowther (Chair); Cllrs. M Whittaker, J Staniforth, J A Grocutt, A S Law and S Abrahams from Item 199

192. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. C Ward.
The Deputy Chairman noted with regret the disturbing announcement earlier in the day that Liberty Steels had announced 250 redundancies at their Stocksbridge plant, being around a quarter of the workforce. This was a huge blow and very sad news and would have a knock on effect on families and businesses in the area, whether the people concerned lived in the area or travelled to work here they were still part of the community.
The Deputy Chairman requested that the Town Council write to the Minister of the Northern Powerhouse, Miriam Cates MP, Regional Mayor Dan Jarvis, asking that they do all within their powers to shore up the specialist steels industry in Stocksbridge.
193. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for Exclusion of the Press and Public.
194. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. ASL declared an interest in agenda item 11 – to consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee.
195. Public Questions and Petitions
There were no Public Questions and Petitions.
196. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th December 2019
There were no remarks from the Minutes.
197. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 12th December 2019
Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th December 2019, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

198. 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. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the balances and comparison of spending against budget for December 2019 as supplied by the Clerk.
- Cllr. S Abrahams arrived at this point of the meeting.*
199. Sheffield City Council The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SCC City Growth Department inviting submission of sites considered suitable for development over the next 20 years, for housing, employment, retail, leisure, health, waste, recreational use etc. The call for sites is open from 16th December 2019 to 31st January 2020. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
200. The Wildlife Trusts The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from The Wildlife Trusts informing how nature is being utilised by the Environment Agency and Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership to protect Sheffield and Rotherham from flooding. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
201. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from YLCA including:-
- White Rose Update, December 2019
Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
202. Greave House Farm Trust The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Greave House Farm Trust thanking the Town Council for funding a First Aid course for volunteers and also members of other groups within the area. The course was held at Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre and all participants passed successfully. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
203. Valley React The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Valley React thanking the Town Council for the grant to enable the group to provide entertainment and interactive sessions for their members, which was much appreciated and provided much happiness to a lot of people.
204. Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir thanking the Town Council for the donation for singing at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.
205. Dransfield Properties Ltd The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Dransfield Properties including:-
- news release announcing that Sandersons department store has reported record breaking figures for Christmas trade
Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.

206. Streets Ahead/Amey The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Mohammed Ahmed providing an update on works in the area for December 2019. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members’.
207. Clerks & Councils Direct The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of Clerks & Councils Direct, Issue 127, January 2020.
208. Sustrans Meeting The Clerk reminded members that following circulation of the Scoping Report a meeting had been arranged with interested parties for 23rd January at 10am in the Council Chamber in order to consider the project and take it to the next stage.
209. 57 Bus Service The Clerk reported that she had received a call from a local resident regarding the lack of heating on the 57 bus services. The resident and other bus users had repeatedly reported this to the bus company but nothing had been done. It was apparently an easy task for the engineers to switch the heating on.
Cllr. JAG noted that she had reported this issue some time ago. The Clerk was requested to write to the bus companies noting the complaints from passengers and asking that the situation be investigated as soon as possible in view of the Winter months ahead.
210. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members’
a) Cllr. JAG reported that she was involved in many casework issues following on from the recent flooding etc.
On a positive note Cllr. JAG was pleased to announce that the redundant toilet block at the junction of Manchester Road/Fox Valley Way was to be removed by the end of March.
Cllr. JAG informed that she had attended the first Town Fund meeting on 19th December to work out priorities for what needs doing in the area/what people would like. Cllr. JAG felt that the High Street and a rail link were priorities for the area. This was to be an agenda item on all future Town Council meetings in order that an update could be provided on progress.
Cllr. JAG announced that all Ward Pot funding had been spent until 2021.
Cllr. JAG had chaired the Universal Credit meeting that afternoon and noted there were still many issues with the system.
Cllr. JAG advised that the Hollin Busk planning application would be heard at the SCC Planning Board on 10th March. The group would ensure that the opinions of local residents were known.
b) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended the Science Club at the Inman Pavilion, the Transport meeting at Stocksbridge Library and the Don Valley Railway meeting.
c) Cllr. MW reported that he had been contacted by the organiser of the Valley Music Festival noting his disappointment that The Venue was proving too expensive for local groups to utilise. Cllr. MW noted that he had been impressed with the presentation given at the Finance Committee meeting by representatives of STEP Development Trust, being surprised that they received no subsidies from SCC. Cllr. MW felt that the The Venue was under utilised and on a par with the Sports Centre which received funding support from the Town Council annually. Could this same system be applied to The Venue with a budget head specifically for groups wishing to utilise the main stage for events and the Town Council paying half towards costs?
Cllr. SA noted that this was why she wished to hold a meeting with all groups and volunteers in the area in order to reach some sort of solution.

Members noted that the situation with the Leisure Centre was different as that venue had been earmarked for closure by SCC and the community had come together to prevent this and it was now running very successfully with the assistance of its many volunteers.

Cllr. JAG noted that there were lots of groups/venues in the area in the same position as The Venue struggling for funds and volunteers and felt that the Town Council's grant scheme was accessible and transparent for any group to apply for support towards events. The Town Council was always keen to support any venture that fitted the scheme criteria and would not want to be seen to be supporting any one group over another.

Cllr. ASL shared Cllr. JAG's concerns noting that the Town Council needed to be very careful and inclusive and that vision/leadership needed to come from the groups/venues themselves and not via the Town Council.

Cllr. SA informed that she was to attend a meeting with a company who specialised in sourcing volunteers into appropriate areas/jobs, this was located in the City Centre but they would be willing to look at assisting with local groups in this area. Cllr. SA was also looking to involve University students.

Cllr. JAG noted that the Community Forum had raised the issue of pricing at The Venue at a joint meeting and felt that a list of prices should be advertised on their website in order that potential users knew what costs were involved.

Cllr. ASL stated that it was not up to the Town Council to take ownership.

Cllr. JS noted his agreement with Cllrs. JAG and ASL stating that it was up to The Venue to make a sustainable business model.

Cllr. RJC felt that utilising University students was a good idea, as would be a pricing list for The Venue. The Town Council very much wished to support both groups but was keen to pursue a more transparent scheme and cannot be seen to make a precedent for The Venue with a specific budget head for Performing Arts. The Town Council had a monitoring form for approved grant applications and the Clerk undertook to tighten up on chasing groups who had not responded.

Cllr. RJC asked if it would be possible to compile a list of grants given and for what category ie sport, transport, music etc. over the past 12 months. The Clerk confirmed that this could be undertaken and a quarterly report issued.

Cllr. MW thanked members for their in depth consideration of his suggestion and noted that he would respond to the Valley Music Festival organiser accordingly.

d) Cllr. ASL reported that he had attended the SLLP meetings and the Senior Citizens Christmas Party which had been very good with both the Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir and Deepcar Brass Band in attendance providing the entertainment. The Clerk noted that both had been booked again for this year's event.

e) Cllr. SA reported that she had attended meetings at The Venue, Transport, Valley in Bloom, Friday Drop In and a meeting at The Venue to consider how to co-ordinate volunteers in the area.

f) Cllr. RJC reported that he had attended the following events since the last meeting:-

27th November - Stocksbridge High School presentation evening

30th November - litter pick at Stubbin shops/roundabout

1st December – Science Club at the Inman Pavilion

11th December – Senior Citizens Christmas Party

15th December – Penistone Town Council Christmas Carol Service together with the Mayor

4th January – Science Club at the Inman Pavilion

211. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr. Catherine Ward the Clerk reported that she had attended the following events since the last meeting:-

15th December – Penistone Town Council Christmas Carol Service

18th December – Royal Naval Association Christmas get together

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

19/04361/FUL	6 Whitwell Crescent, Stocksbridge	Erection of two dwellinghouses.
19/04414/HPN	23 Grove Road, Deepcar	Single-storey rear extension - the extension is 5m from the rear of the original dwellinghouse, ridge height no more than 3.5m and height to the eaves of 2.6m.
19/04448/FUL	68 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Alterations to roof including erection of side dormer window and 3x rooflights to opposite side, erection of single-storey extension with roof terrace above to rear of dwellinghouse.

Planning Applications – Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

19/03951/FUL	40 Haywood Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of single-storey front and rear extensions to dwellinghouse.
19/01392/FUL	Land adjacent 22 Belmont Drive, Stocksbridge	Erection of 2x dwellinghouses.
19/03755/FUL	586-588 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of building/outbuilding and erection of 2no. flats (Re-submission of 18/03675/FUL).
19/04035/FUL	20 Carr Grove, Deepcar	Erection of a rear single-storey detached open fronted garage with enclosed room.

The undermentioned planning applications have been given Condition Application Decided:-

18/00162/COND3	Land adjacent 14 Park Drive Way and at rear of 4 to 26 Paterson Close, Park Drive Way, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 6 and 7 (Highway Improvements) imposed by planning permission 18/00162/FUL.
18/00162/COND4	Land adjacent 14 Park Drive Way and at rear of 4 to 26 Paterson Close, Park Drive Way, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details in relation to condition number(s): 3 (Intrusive Investigation), 4 (Remediation) and 15 (Remediation - Validation Report) imposed by planning permission 18/00162/FUL.

18/00162/COND5	Land Adjacent 14 Park Drive Way and at rear of 4 to 26 Paterson Close, Park Drive Way, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details in relation to condition number 18. External materials and 19. Large scale details; imposed by planning permission 18/00162/FUL.
14/00029/COND2	Land between 574 and 582 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Application to approve details in relation to condition numbers 11. Renewable/Low Carbon Energy, 21. Remediation Strategy Report, 22. Remediation and 23. Validation Report; Relating to planning permission 14/00029/OUT.

The undermentioned planning application has been Refused:-

19/03385/FUL	Land To The Rear Of 16 Newton Avenue, Stocksbridge	Erection of a dwellinghouse with associated parking.
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213. Recreation and Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 7th January 2020, copies of which were tabled at the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Recreation and Environment Committee be accepted.

With reference to item 5 – Sheffield Local Plan Call for Sites. The Clerk reported that the sites suggested at the meeting had been submitted to SCC today.

With reference to item 6 – SCC Big Conversation. The Clerk noted that the event taking place in Fox Valley on 10th January between 10am and 2.30pm had been added to the Town Council's facebook page.

With reference to item 7, final paragraph – Otium Living. The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Otium Living office located in Stocksbridge and invited a representative to attend the next Town Council meeting on 13th February 2020 to update members on their housing proposals for the elderly in the area. The Clerk noted that members had been invited to visit their office to look at the plans in detail, informing that she would be visiting on 16th January. The lady had been very enthusiastic and keen to become involved within the community and would be taking brochures to The Venue and 50+ group etc. The Clerk suggested that B Horsman and S Parry be invited to attend the next Town Council meeting for this item.

214. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 7th January 2020, copies of which were tabled at the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

RESOLVED:- (i) That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted.

(ii) That the Town Council approve a grant of £1000 to Stocksbridge and District Pentaqua Swimming Club towards their annual Open Swimming Gala.

215. Budget/Precept 2020/2021

The Clerk noted that she had incorporated the amendments to the budget/precept for the financial year 2020/2021 as discussed at the Finance Committee meeting held on 7th January 2020.

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-

- a) Set the Budget for 2020/2021 at £146,034
- b) Set the Precept for 2020/2021 at £132,628
- c) Any underspend in the following budget heads in 2019/2020 be carried forward to the budget for 2020/2021:- Grants and Community Events
- d) The funding awarded to 4SCLC of £20,000 for revenue towards operation of the swimming pools to be paid quarterly in advance

216. Accounts for Payment

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	Jan	£3207.07	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Bolsterstone toilets water	£ 10.00	LGA72Sch14P9
	Temps monitoring		
Look Local	Christmas Greetings ad	£ 108.00	LGA72(S111)
Look Local	Public Thank you advert	£ 162.00	“
Stocksbridge & District	Grant Aid	£1000.00	LGA76(S19)
Pentaqua Swimming Club			

(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	New padlock/keys for SVP	£ 35.00	“
	Log store		
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning – Dec	£ 610.51	“
A W Electrics Ltd	Periodic and annual wire/	£1279.20	“
	Emergency lighting testing		
AquaPoint Ltd	Water supply/rental/service	£ 25.45	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier usage	£ 5.33	“
Firths Window Cleaning Serv	Windows cleaned – Dec	£ 55.00	“

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debit payments made in December 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	£ 71.17	“
Veolia	Euro bin lift	£ 81.12	“
Yorkshire Water	Bolsterstone toilets supply	£ 427.85	LGA72Sch14P9

Chairman