

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held remotely via Zoom,
on Thursday, 11th June 2020

PRESENT: Cllr. C Ward (Chair); Cllrs. R J Crowther, J Staniforth, M Milton, J A Grocutt,
A S Law, M Whittaker

3 members of the public – Item 268

265. To Receive Chairman’s Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. S Abrahams.
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, the first Town Council to be held remotely via Zoom in these unprecedented times and invited both Councillors and members of the public to introduce themselves.
266. Exclusion of the Press and Public
Proposed by Cllr. C Ward, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That agenda items 10 and 11 would be discussed in Part 2 of the meeting as they contained financial information not for the public domain at this time. These items would be moved to the end of the meeting if members of the public wished to remain following the item they wished to raise.
267. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. A S Law declared an interest in any planning applications to be considered.
268. Public Questions and Petitions
The Chairman welcomed the three members of the public who had wished to raised their concerns with respect to the appalling state of public transport in the area, both prior to and during the lockdown.
PL from the Deepcar area stated that it was very confusing what was happening with the 57/57a and SL1 with people unable to get to and from work, the services only operating for a 12 hour period per day. Would the service get back to normal and would alternatives be provided?
RBW from the Stocksbridge area informed that she was acting as a voice for the local community and queried whether there would be a comprehensive community consultation to review the bus situation and what data would be utilised for this, as if the Covid-19 information was used it would provide a false picture. RBW had undertaken a local survey which she felt would be useful but needed it to be given to the appropriate people. In particular, there had been a significant number of responses from the elderly and a number of people stating that they were considering leaving the area.
Cllr. JAG stated that the Town Council should personally invite Dan Jarvis, South Yorkshire Mayor to a future Town Council meeting, he has been given the funding to sort out the bus

services and is now working with SYPTE and Stagecoach. We need to know what the bus service will be going forward and if it will be fit for purpose. The service was bad prior to Covid and needs vital improvement after with more homes being built at Deepcar and Oughtibridge. Most jobs are out of the area necessitating travel so most people use their car. Any emails Cllr. JAG has received from the public have been forwarded on to SYTPE/Stagecoach.

Cllr. JAG was pleased to note that the SL1 and SL1a were to be reinstated on 15th June but was unclear what would happen to the current 57 and 57a following this. The needs of residents in the Unsliven Road area were just not being met with key workers unable to get to work. The Government are saying not enough people are using public transport but the City Centre is opening on Monday, how are the buses going to cope?

Dan Jarvis needed to be made aware of what the community needs and look at the bigger picture. Disappointingly, the railway funding bid had been unsuccessful. Cycle routes into Sheffield were being considered.

JL from Bolsterstone stated that Stagecoach were providing a public service and should include the public in work around the service. The elderly population relied on the bus service to get them to and from GPs, Fox Valley, shops etc.

Cllr. JS reiterated Cllr. JAGs comments/frustrations, he had been contacted by many members of the public and invited any members of the public to attend the Transport Forum meetings held regularly in Stocksbridge Library. Unfortunately, Stagecoach was a business and they wanted to make a profit. Cllr. JS supported the invitation of Dan Jarvis to a future meeting.

RBW undertook to give the data she had collected for review, perhaps a start could be an effective service at the start and end of day to ensure key workers could get to and from work and then look at what the requirements were for the remainder of the day.

JL stated that Stagecoach could lose the franchise if the service did not improve.

Cllr. CW stated that the Town Council would invite Dan Jarvis to a future meeting and the community would be welcome to attend.

PL noted the state of Manchester Road and danger to cyclists using this route into Sheffield.

Cllr. JAG informed that the road had needed time to settle after the relocation of the sewage works and this work had been scheduled prior to the lockdown. Tarmac had furloughed their employees but the works had been re-scheduled to commence on 8th July with night time road closures.

Cllr. JAG stated that the Town Council had been working with Sustrans for the past 12 months on the provision of a cycle route from Langsett to Sheffield utilising some of the Don Valley trail and was hopeful that this would go ahead.

PL queried if cycle marking could be included on Manchester Road whilst the road resurfacing was being undertaken.

Cllr. CW informed that the pavements could be utilised by cyclists down the Bitholmes area.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting.

Members of the public left the meeting at this point.

269. Addendum to Standing Orders

The Clerk reported that the Addendum to the Standing Orders was a requirement by NALC and had been taken from their model draft document. Copies had been previously circulated to members'.

Proposed by Cllr. R J Crowther, seconded by Cllr. J Staniforth and

RESOLVED:- That the Addendum to the Standing Orders be adopted by the Town Council with immediate effect.

270. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th March 2020

There were no Remarks from the Minutes.

271. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 12th March 2020

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th March 2020, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

272. Finances - To Receive and Approve Monthly Financial Statements

The Clerk reported that the details of the Monthly Financial Statements had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for March, April and May 2020 as supplied by the Clerk.

The Clerk informed that approval was required for cheques signed in between meetings during the Coronavirus lockdown, authority having been given by the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Cllr. JAG, a list of which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

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

(i) That approval be given for cheques signed in between meetings during the Coronavirus Lockdown, in settlement of the undermentioned accounts.

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
YLCA	Annual Subscription 2020/21	£1457.00	LGA72(S111)
T Bisatt	Train Tickets Refund	£ 201.75	“
Look Local	Advert - Help in Community	£ 174.60	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Bolsterstone toilets water	£ 10.00	LGA72Sch14P9
	Temps monitoring		
Steel Valley Project	Partnership Funding (via BACS)	£6000.00	LGA76(S19)
Valley in Bloom	2020/21 Funding	£1600.00	“
Wallgate Ltd	Public toilets service contract	£ 573.60	LGA72Sch14P9
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Bolsterstone toilets water	£ 10.00	“
	Temps monitoring		
Look Local	Advertisement	£ 162.00	LGA72(S111)
T Bisatt	Printer Cartridges	£ 25.98	“
T Bisatt	NHS Flag	£ 37.50	“
CPRE	Annual Subscription	£ 36.00	“
Stocksbridge Cricket Club	Participatory Budgeting Award	£21465.00	LGA76(S19)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Bolsterstone toilets water	£ 10.00	LGA72Sch14P9
	Temps monitoring		

S/B Comm Leisure Centre 2nd Quarter Revenue funding £5000.00 LGA76(S19)
(ii) That approval be given for cheques signed in between meetings during the Coronavirus Lockdown, in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier Usage	£ 7.57	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Lighting Works	£ 671.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	ARC water temps monitoring	£ 20.00	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier Usage	£ 3.66	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning Contract - March	£ 610.51	“
NRC Services Ltd	Supplies	£ 651.15	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions	ARC Water temps monitoring	£ 20.00	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier Usage	£ 5.90	“
Micro Alarms Ltd	Alarm Repair	£ 222.00	“
Facility Maintenance Solns	ARC water temps monitoring	£ 140.00	“
Aquapoint Ltd	Watercooler Charges	£ 50.51	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning Charges	£ 226.56	“
IPM FM Group Ltd	Security Call Out	£ 54.00	“

273. Security Incident Policy

The Clerk reported that a draft Security Incident Policy had been previously circulated to members. This is part of the GDPR regulations and came into force recently.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. J A Grocutt and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council adopt the Security Incident Policy, as circulated by the Clerk, with immediate effect and would be reviewed frequently.

274. Roof/Gutter Maintenance – Town Hall

The Clerk noted that quotations for works to the roof/gutters on the Town Hall building had been previously circulated to members.

Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council approve the quotations for roof/gutters works to be undertaken on the Town Hall building as received from Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd being; £695 and £1330 including VAT. The works to be undertaken as soon as possible.

275. SLLP Community Grant Application

a) East Park Countryside Associates CIC

Members considered a grant application from East Peak Countryside Associates CIC requesting funding assistance towards a Lakeland Dad's Army project, the contribution of the Home Guard in the Lakeland area during WW2.

Cllr. CW felt that this project would be of particular interest to the older members of the community and as such would benefit from an actual presentation rather than a virtual experience and suggested that it be considered once the pandemic was over.

Cllr. JAG noted that this area was land locked and queried whether anyone had contacted the History Society to ascertain if they had any information. Last year the project on the Land Jills had been shared with the people with a proper presentation.

Cllr. MW informed that there was local history in the Langsett area where tanks and testing of equipment had taken place during that time.

Cllr. ASL noted there had been a USA Army base at Midhope.

Cllr. RJC felt it could be a worthwhile project which required further consideration after the lockdown and needed to be presented properly.

Cllr. CW suggested that it could be linked to one of the drama groups to put on a show.

The Clerk noted we were only in year two of a three year programme of the SLLP Scheme and suggested the application be deferred to the next financial year for further consideration and recommendation with the possibility of linking a presentation with the arts.

276. Clerks Reports

a) Annual Accounts – It was noted that the Annual Accounts have been prepared and are currently with the Internal Auditor. They will be emailed to Councillors, together with the Internal Auditor’s report once received and submitted to the July Council for approval.

b) Christmas Illuminations – It was noted that the contract for the Christmas Illuminations is due for renewal as at December 2020. The Clerk undertook to commence the tendering process with submission of tenders to be received at the September Council meeting.

c) Annual Meeting – Due to the Coronavirus Annual Meetings do not have to be held, however, it would be good practice to hold a meeting once meetings in person resume. This will be in order to confirm annual appointments to committees and outside bodies. Many Councils, including Sheffield City Council, are to continue with their current Chairman/Mayor until May 2021. It would be advisable for the Town Council to adopt the same process.

Cllr. ASL noted that Sheffield City Council are to keep the same appointments for Committees etc., for the remainder of the year as well as the current Mayor.

It was felt that the Town Council should therefore follow this lead until the next Annual Meeting in 2021.

d) Planning Applications

20/01553/FUL – Site of Stocksbridge Club and Institute, New Road, Stocksbridge
Members discussed the planning application noting that concerns from Cllr. SA regarding on street parking in the location and bus stops, making it congested at times and slowing traffic on Manchester Road when someone wishes to make a right turn onto New Road, had been submitted to SCC Planning.

Cllr. JAG reported that she had contacted the Planning Officer regarding concerns raised by a resident with respect to road safety measures in the area to establish what action/evidence was to be considered in this regard.

Following further discussion Cllr. RJC undertook to put together a response to be submitted to SCC Planning Department.

277. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members?

a) Cllr. RJC reported that he had attended, via Zoom, Garden Village Community Association and School Governors meetings. Cllr. RJC wished to pass on his thanks to Cllr. JAG and the office for keeping the business of the Town Council moving forward.

b) Cllr. JS reported that he had attended, remotely, two Don Valley Railway meetings together

with Cllr. JAG noting with disappointment the bid to bring a rail link to the area had been turned down. Cllr. JS had also been in contact with Miriam Cates MP regarding food supplies for the elderly.

c) Cllr. JAG advised that she had been in contact with Revd Ian Lucraft regarding a celebration event for the volunteers and key workers in the area once the Lockdown was over. There were now 40+ volunteers in the area.

Cllr. JAG regularly attended the Thursday Community Support HUB Group meetings and reported that the Food Bank were doing a great job. Cllr. CW noted that the boxes for the Food Bank in the Co-op required emptying every day.

Cllr. JAG reported that she was trying to ascertain ownership of the land within the Co-op car parking area that housed the recycling bins. She had been informed by SCC that it belonged to the Co-op but that they would undertake to clean the area as it was in a disgraceful state.

Cllr. JAG advised that she had been inundated with casework, the Towns Fund group was still meeting and, to date, had been informed that they were still to receive the money to revitalise the area, whether this would change moving forward she was not sure.

Cllr. JAG had attended remotely the Don Valley Railway meetings and was pleased that she was now able to share information with Councillors regarding the Covid updates.

Cllr. JAG was pleased that approval had been given for the Stocksbridge Cricket Club to receive the Participatory Budget grant and they were now able to commence the restoration of the pavilion. The Valley Music Festival were to YouTube their event this weekend, the Clerk undertook to add to the Town Council's Facebook and website pages.

Cllr. JAG noted that help may be required by local groups setting back up after the Covid Lockdown and what assistance the Town Council grant scheme may provide.

Cllr. JAG noted the concerns with respect to the sale of disposable BBQ's and recent fires on moorland/woods as a result. Cllr. CW informed of what the Co-op were hoping to put in place. The Clerk undertook to write to other local stores informing of the Co-op's lead in this matter.

Cllr. JAG informed that the Hollin Busk planning application was to go to the Planning Board in July, there would be a link in to watch the proceedings but SCC would not be aware of numbers until after the meeting. It had been hoped that members of the public could attend in person in an effort to make Planning aware of the strength of feeling locally to this application. The Friends of Hollin Busk Group were to put together a press release. One good point was that the 5 year land supply target required by the Government had already been met by SCC without the inclusion of Hollin Busk.

Cllr. JAG informed that there were further documents on the planning proposals for Ingfield House on the planning site, the Crook Barn had been granted £100,000 for restoration but it would not be visible from the road, this application would go to the Planning Board in August.

d) Cllr. MM reiterated his thanks to members for keeping the Town Council business moving forward during these strange times and thanked Cllr. JAG for working on the SL1 issues following correspondence received from a local resident.

Cllr. MM had also delivered leaflets locally regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.

e) Cllr. MW reiterated his thanks to Cllr. JAG for all the work she had undertaken with respect to the SL1/57 issues in the area.

f) Cllr. ASL noted that he had been inundated with casework and had attended meetings held via Zoom, the SVP meeting being held recently and felt that lessons could be learnt that meetings could be held remotely in future, once things were back to normal, if it was deemed appropriate.

278. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. Catherine Ward reported that the pandemic had been a learning curve for all. She had been approached by many members of the public whilst working in the Co-op regarding the lack of/poor state of provision of buses in the area which she had forwarded to Cllrs. JAG and JS and thanked them for their hard work on this situation.

Cllr. CW informed that she had been approached by a member of the public wishing to replace a bench in the Park Drive area, with a plaque for a family member who had recently died of the Covid virus. The Clerk undertook to contact Amey to ascertain if this was possible.

Cllr. JAG informed that there had been 403 deaths in the Sheffield area from the virus.

Cllr. CW queried whether a memorial in the Clock Tower Gardens, possibly the planting of a tree, would be appropriate to mark the Coronavirus pandemic.

Cllr. JAG suggested that perhaps this could be incorporated into the service with Revd Lucraft.

Cllr. MW felt that the Town Council should wait to ascertain the mood of the country and any guidelines issued from the Government, there may be a national memorial set up.

Cllr. CW felt that something was needed for members of the community.

Chairman