

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Stocksbridge on Tuesday, 5th December 2023

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

1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Exclusion of Press and Public

There were no items for exclusion of press and public.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. Biodiversity Duty

The Clerk informed of action to be taken following recent legislation with regard to biodiversity duty. Councils must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. Members discussed a draft biodiversity policy as tabled. It was noted an amendment to the document be made referring to future biodiversity reporting. The Clerk also undertook to write to YLCA noting the short amount of notice given for timescales for the policy to be adopted, which had not allowed time for full discussion/consultation.

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

RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council formally adopt the biodiversity policy with amendments as discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed.