

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, 6th June 2023

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Keith Tomkins and Nichola Baker, Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership – Item 5

1. Election of Chairman

Proposed by Cllr. Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. Law and

RESOLVED:- That Cllr. R Crowther be elected as Chairman of the Recreation and Environment Committee for the Council year 2023/24.

2. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S Abrahams and J Grocutt.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public

There were no items for exclusion of press and public.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership (SLLP)

The Chairman welcomed Keith Tomkins (KT) and Nichola Baker (NB) to present to members the outcome of projects undertaken as part of the SLLP scheme. It was noted that the original funding granted by the Heritage Lottery Fund was £3.4m but that almost £4.1m had been received covering 20 projects. The project had been extended due to the pandemic and all targets for outcomes had been exceeded. The scheme is due to complete in April 2024. The Partnership is now working on a Nature Recovery Plan (NRP), alongside the South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authorities NRP, and have produced a 10 year plan, including a range of projects predominately landscape orientated but also continuing to engage with volunteers and the community. Commitment and funding for the Partnership are already in place and the Town Council is invited to continue as a partner. The re-launch of the legacy of the SLLP will take place on 28th June.

Councillors asked questions relating to projects under the current SLLP and potential for the 10 year plan.

The Chairman thanked KT and NB for their attendance and informative presentation and they left the meeting.

Councillors further discussed the SLLP legacy noting how successful the Partnership had been to date. It was noted that there would be no financial commitment to continuing on the Partnership but that consideration could be given to funding opportunities/projects in the Town Council area as they arise.

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

RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council continue to be a partner on the Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership (SLLP) and appoint Cllr Whittaker to be a representative on the SLLP alongside Cllr Law.

6. Stocksbridge Community Care Group

The Clerk informed that she had been approached by B Horsman to enquire if there was a possibility of sharing Room 16 as they were not utilising the facility to its full potential. Councillors discussed the request noting the potential for other organisations to share the room.

Proposed by Cllr. Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. Law and

RESOLVED:-

- a) Stocksbridge Community Care Group be offered the number of days they require per week, based on being the same day(s) each week.
- b) SCCG receive a refund on rent already paid for the year based on the reduction in days.
- c) Other organisations be offered the use of the room on the vacant days.
- d) Any organisation utilising the room would need to ensure that minimum equipment/records are left in the room and what is left is secured and at their own risk.

7. BBQ Fires

Cllr. Grocutt had informed members via email that there had recently been a fire at the Golf Club caused by a disposable BBQ, she asked that consideration be given to writing to local supermarkets once again requesting that they either stop selling these items or put an age restriction on, being over 25's only. The Clerk noted she had also raised this at the recent LAC meeting and that Sgt Ross Master stated this was an issue being looked at by the Police due to recent events across the area. Councillors fully discussed the issues and agreed this was a matter to be dealt with by the Police.

There being no further business the meeting closed.