

## 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, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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

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1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S Abrahams, C Ward.
2. Exclusion of Press and Public  
Cllr. A Law noted he wished to raise an item in Part 2 of the meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest  
There were no Declarations of Interest.
4. Participatory Budgeting Event  
The Clerk reported that a meeting of the PB Task Group had taken place prior to this meeting. It had been resolved to place an advertisement in Look Local during July/August informing of the upcoming event in order that groups could consider their applications and that £60,000 of the CIL funding would be allocated to bid for, the remaining funds being kept back to build up for future events.
5. Wood Royd Road Playground  
The Clerk reported that she had, together with Cllrs. Law, Grocutt, Whittaker, SCC and LAC officers and City Cllr Chinchon, attended a site visit this morning at Wood Royd Road playground to consider options for new/replacement playground equipment. Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and  
**RECOMMENDED:-** That the Town Council approve the funding of £2,500 towards new play equipment for Woodroyd Road play area as part of partnership working.
6. Langsett Reservoir Car Park  
Cllr J Grocutt noted a public meeting was held in Langsett, attended by Yorkshire Water (YW), to discuss public concerns over YW's intention to impose car parking charges on the car park at the reservoir. There is huge public opinion against this proposal given that visitors will very likely avoid the charges and park on the busy surrounding road network causing a safety hazard to all road users. The Clerk undertook to write to the following:-
  - a) Langsett Parish Council offering the Town Council's support for any endeavours to stop YW imposing car parking charges.
  - b) Local Police requesting their views on such proposals and asking if they have been consulted on the proposals.
  - c) National Highways highlighting the potential safety issues of vehicles parking along the A616 stretch of busy highway
  - d) Yorkshire Water expressing the grave concerns of the Council to the proposals, asking what charges are to be placed on the parking area, times of charges and fines to be imposed. Also requesting to see sight of the consultation exercise carried out. Requesting the amount of money YW feel will be raised annually by such parking charges.
7. Smithymoor Play Area  
Cllr. J Staniforth noted that some areas of the grass at the play area at Smithymoor had not been cut. Cllr. J Grocutt noted that grass is cut up to the tree line in order to encourage wildflower areas to grow for ecological purposes.

Proposed by Cllr. A Law, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther

RESOLVED:- That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded for the following item of business as the Council considers that the nature of business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest.

8. Stocksbridge and Upper Don TARA

Cllr. A Law updated members on the outcome of recent meetings held in respect of SUDTARA.

There being no further business the meeting closed.