

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Stocksbridge Town Hall, The ARC, on Tuesday, 1st October 2019

PRESENT:- Cllr. R Crowther (Chair), Cllrs. C Ward, J Staniforth, M Milton

IN ATTENDANCE:- L Thompson, Sustrans representative – Item 4

1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J Grocutt, A Law, S Abrahams, M Whittaker.
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. Sustrans Report
The Chairman welcomed Lee Thompson from Sustrans who tabled a report outlining proposals for a cycle track connecting areas along the Valley from Stocksbridge to Oughtibridge and beyond, commissioned by Stocksbridge Town Council and Bradfield Parish Council. LT gave an overview of the findings noting that he was to attend Bradfield Parish Council meeting on 9th October to present the same. Questions were raised by Councillors regarding the data collected. It was noted that comments be submitted to LT following which the final report would be produced.
The Clerk reported on information obtained from the White Rose update regarding a Places to Ride Programme via a partnership between British Cycling, Sport England and the Department for Culture and Media and Sport, which will fund the development of new or the improvement of existing cycle facilities. LT noted that this funding source had already identified projects but that many opportunities for funding are becoming available for cycling/walking projects.
The Chairman thanked LT for attending.
5. Removal of Toilet Block, Manchester Road
The Clerk reported that Cllr. Grocutt had requested the removal of the toilet block situated on Manchester Road, opposite the Town Hall which was no longer usable. The area has become increasingly unsightly with litter being dumped in the area and people urinating at the rear of the toilet block. The Clerk noted the response received from SCC regarding lack of funds and the request that the Town Council contribute to the cost of its removal, which was being estimated at £9,550. In the meantime SCC had undertaken to do a "one off" clean of the litter in this area.
It was noted that this matter had arisen in 2014 as part of preparations for the Tour de Yorkshire. It was noted at the time that the Town Council do not have funding available for the removal costs and also that it is not within the remit of the Town Council, liability lies with SCC. Councillors noted that the situation with regard to funding and liability is still the same.

There being no further business the meeting closed.