

## STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Stocksbridge Town Hall, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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

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1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. C Ward, A Law, J Grocutt and S Abrahams
2. Exclusion of Press and Public  
The Clerk noted that she wished to raise an item in Part 2 of the meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest  
There were no Declarations of Interest.
4. Grant Applications
  - a) Stocksbridge Christian Centre Lunch Club  
Members considered a grant application from Stocksbridge Christian Centre Lunch Club for a transport grant towards the costs of members attending the Lunch Club who travel by community transport.  
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and  
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £300 be awarded to Stocksbridge Christian Centre Lunch Club for assistance with community transport costs for members attending the Lunch Club.
  - b) Bracken Moor Sports and Social Club  
The Clerk reported that, despite two requests the information required in order that the application could be considered had still not been received.  
Members requested that the grant application be deferred to the next meeting for consideration with a further request being made for the information requested.
  - c) Friends of Oxley Park  
Members considered a grant application from Friends of Oxley Park for funding towards the creation of a sensory garden in Oxley Park, extending the current path, to enable less able bodied visitors to access the garden and orchard with ease.  
Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and  
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1 ,000 be awarded to Friends of Oxley Park for funding towards the creation of a sensory garden in Oxley Park, extending the current path, to enable less able bodied visitors to access the garden and orchard with ease.  
Councillors requested confirmation of who would be maintaining the garden going forward.
  - d) Cornerstone Café — Stocksbridge Christian Centre  
Members considered a grant application from Cornerstone Café, Stocksbridge Christian Centre for funding towards the running costs of the social café.  
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and  
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1 ,000 be awarded to the Cornerstone Café, Stocksbridge Christian Centre for funding towards the running costs associated with the social café.
5. Disability Awareness with Sport (DAWS)  
Members reviewed a previous grant of £1 ,000 awarded in 2017 to DAWS to facilitate the purchase of an Invictus wheelchair treadmill. As a consequence of refurbishment works at the Leisure Centre followed by the Covid outbreak the order for the treadmill was put on hold. Consequently the funding remains unspent and the group has presented options for consideration by the Town Council.  
Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and  
RESOLVED:- That the grant of £1 ,000 awarded to DAWS in 2017 be returned to the Town Council.

6. Review of Risk Assessments, Audit Arrangements, Financial Regulations and Standing Orders  
 Members reviewed the Town Council's risk assessment, system of internal audit, financial regulations and Standing Orders and all potential hazards and controls associated with them. The Clerk noted the Fidelity Guarantee sum of £500,000 would be adequate for the financial year 2023/24.

Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept the risk assessment forms, system of internal audit forms, financial regulations as supplied by the Clerk and noted that the Town Council have sufficient controls in place to accommodate the potential hazards faced by the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council accept the amended Standing Orders as tabled by the Clerk.

7. Stocksbridge History Society

Members considered the request from Stocksbridge History Society for assistance with room rental and business rates for the Valley Museum for 2023/24.

Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and

RESOLVED:- That approval be given for Stocksbridge History Society to use Rooms 4 and 5, exempt of rental charges and business rates, for the purpose of the Valley Museum for the financial year 2023/24.

8. Accounts for Payment

Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and

RESOLVED:- That cheques be signed in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
IPM Group Ltd	Security Services - Jan	£ 54.00	LGA72(S111)
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Sheffield City Council	PB funding for Friends of Fox Glen Park	£19,349.00	LGA76(S19)
Davrus Technology Ltd	Website/email hosting	£ 300.00	LGA72(S111)

9. Steel Valley Project

Cllr. MW noted questions raised at the SVP Steering Committee asking if the Town Hall building had a carbon footprint plan, also did the solar panels have a battery attached. The Clerk noted no in response to both questions.

10. Summary of Bad Debts

There were no bad debts to report.

Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. M Milton and

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

11. Town Council Website

The Clerk updated members with regard to the situation in respect of the Town Council's website.

There being no further business the meeting closed.