

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, 31st May 2022

PRESENT: Cllr. S Abrahams (Chair), Cllrs. R Crowther, M Whittaker

1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. J Staniforth, A Law, J Grocutt and C Ward.
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. Grant Applications
 - a) W.I.
Members considered a funding request from the W.I. for assistance towards an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That funding of £200 be awarded to the W.I. towards an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
5. SLLP Grant Application
Stocksbridge & District History Society
The Clerk tabled a grant application from Stocksbridge & District History Society requesting SLLP funding towards a project Lives Revealed in Bolsterstone Graveyard.
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £951 be awarded to Stocksbridge and District History Society towards a project Lives Revealed in Bolsterstone Graveyard.

Wilder Ewden and Wharnccliffe (WEW)
The Clerk tabled a grant application from Wilder Ewden and Wharnccliffe (WEW) requesting SLLP funding towards a project WEW Nest Box and Bird Monitoring (NBBM).
Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,248 be awarded to Wilder Ewden and Wharnccliffe (WEW) towards a project WEW Nest Box and Bird Monitoring (NBBM).
6. Christmas Illuminations 2022
The Clerk tabled a quotation from City Illuminations Ltd for the Town Council's Christmas Illuminations 2022. As per last year, in view of the impending improvement works to Manchester Road agreement had been reached with City Illuminations that they would work around any building works at that time.
Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept the quotation from City Illuminations Ltd of £9,895 plus VAT for the Town Council's Christmas Illuminations 2022, any revisions required due to potential building works on Manchester Road to be discussed and agreed at the time if required.
7. Annual Accounts 2021/22 and Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22
The Clerk reported that the internal audit for the accounts for the financial year 2021/2022 had been completed. Copies of the Internal Auditor's report had been previously circulated together with copies of the Accounts and Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).
The Clerk reported that she had received notice that the external audit of the Town Council's Accounts would take place this year in July. Notice of audit and electors rights had been advertised accordingly.
The Clerk noted the recommendation of the Internal Auditor that the Council investigate the use of a corporate visa card.

Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council:-

- a) Approve the accounts for the year ended 2021/2022
 - b) Approve Section 1 of the AGAR, Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022
 - c) Approve Section 2 of the AGAR, Accounting Statements 2021/2022
 - d) To receive the report of the Internal Auditor
 - e) To authorise the Clerk to display the necessary notices
 - f) Authorise the Clerk to investigate a corporate visa card for further consideration by Council
- All members were in agreement.

8. Accounts for Payment

W.I	QPJ funding	£200.00	<u>Made Under Power</u> <u>LGA72(S145)</u>
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9. Summary of Bad Debts

There were no bad debts to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed.