

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 6th June 2023

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

1. Election of Chairman
Proposed by Cllr. Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. Law and
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. R Crowther be Chairman of the Finance 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. Grant Applications
Steel Valley Project
Members considered a grant application from Steel Valley Project for funding towards replacement of the rotting head of the Wantley Dragon sculpture located in Bitholmes Wood.
Proposed by Cllr. Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Steel Valley Project for funding towards replacement of the rotting head of the Wantley Dragon sculpture located in Bitholmes Wood.

Yorkshire Air Ambulance
Members considered correspondence received from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance requesting a donation towards continued provision of the Air Ambulance services in the area.
Proposed by Cllr. Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That if, during the current financial year, the air ambulance is called into action in the Town Council area then consideration would be given to donating to the service.
6. Annual Accounts 2022/23 and Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23
The Clerk reported that the internal audit for the accounts for the financial year 2022/23 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). There were no matters arising on the Internal Audit report. 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.
Proposed by Cllr. Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. Staniforth and
RECOMMENDED:- that the Town Council:-
 - a) Approve and accounts for the year ended 2022/23
 - b) Approve Section 1 of the AGAR, Annual Governance Statement 2022/23
 - c) Approve Section 2 of the AGAR, Accounting Statements 2022/23
 - d) To receive the report of the Internal Auditor
 - e) To authorise the Clerk to display the necessary noticesAll members were in agreement.
7. Accounts for Authorisation
There were no Accounts for Authorisation.
8. Summary of Bad Debts
There were no bad debts to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed.