

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 28th March 2023

PRESENT: Cllr. J Staniforth (Chair), Cllrs. J Grocutt and M Milton

1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. C Ward, A Law, S Abrahams, M Whittaker and R Crowther.
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) Bracken Moor Sports and Social Club
The Clerk tabled the further information requested in respect of the grant application from Bracken Moor Sports and Social Club for funding towards a community family fun day for all residents to celebrate our local heritage and culture and local artists.
Proposed by Cllr. Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,500 be awarded to Bracken Moor Sports and Social Club for funding towards a community family fun day for all residents to celebrate our local heritage, culture and local artists.
5. Coronation of King Charles III Funding Requests
 - Balfour House
Members considered a request from Balfour House for funding towards a buffet for tenants and raffle prize to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.
Proposed by Cllr. Milton, seconded by Cllr. Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- That funding of £250 be awarded to Balfour House towards a buffet for tenants and raffle prize to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.
 - Helliwell Court
Members considered a request from Helliwell Court for funding towards a buffet for tenants to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.
Proposed by Cllr. Milton, seconded by Cllr. Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- That funding of £250 be awarded to Helliwell Court towards a buffet for residents to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.
 - Friends of Oxley Park
Members considered a request from Friends of Oxley Park for funding towards hosting a community picnic for volunteers and residents and to mark the official opening of the Sensory Garden as part of the Coronation of King Charles III celebrations.
Proposed by Cllr. Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. Milton and
RESOLVED:- That funding of £250 be awarded to Friends of Oxley Park towards hosting a community picnic for volunteers and residents and to mark the official opening of the Sensory Garden as part of the Coronation of King Charles III celebrations.
 - Hazey Dayz Childminding
Members considered a request from Hazey Dayz Childminding for funding towards bunting/flags/balloons, party food and a pencil keepsake for children to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.
Proposed by Cllr. Milton, seconded by Cllr. Staniforth and
RESOLVED:- That funding of £50 be awarded to Hazey Dayz Childminding for funding towards bunting/flags/balloons, party food and a pencil keepsake for children to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Steel Valley Beacon Arts

Members considered a request from Steel Valley Beacon Arts for funding towards a Big Sing event followed by a party for those taking part, with 3 performances planned, one of which will take place on the day of the Coronation of King Charles III.

Proposed by Cllr. Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. Staniforth and

RESOLVED:- That funding of £250 be awarded to Steel Valley Beacon Arts for funding towards a Big Sing event followed by a party for those taking part, with 3 performances planned, one of which will take place on the day of the Coronation of King Charles III.

Valley Recreational Activity Community Project

Members considered a request from Valley Recreational Activity Community Project for funding towards 2 traditional afternoon tea parties with singalong entertainment for people aged 19 and over who are lonely, isolated and depressed to celebrate as part of the Coronation of King Charles III.

Proposed by Cllr. Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. Milton and

RESOLVED:- That funding of £250 be awarded to Valley Recreational Activity Community Project for funding towards 2 traditional afternoon tea parties with singalong entertainment for people aged 19 and over who are lonely, isolated and depressed to celebrate as part of the Coronation of King Charles III.

Stocksbridge Area Rangers

Members considered a request from Stocksbridge Area Rangers, a section within Girlguiding, for funding towards a Coronation Fun Day event for Brownies and Guides in the area, to include crafts, games and picnic as part of the Big Lunch, the planning of which will go towards their Event Planner badge.

Proposed by Cllr. Milton, seconded by Cllr. Grocutt and

RESOLVED:- That funding of £250 be awarded to Stocksbridge Area Rangers for funding towards a Coronation Fun Day event for Brownies and Guides in the area, to include crafts, games and picnic as part of the Big Lunch, the planning of which will go towards their Event Planner badge.

Coronation Flag/banners

The Clerk requested that authorisation be given for the production a flag and fence banners for the schools contribution to the Coronation.

Proposed by Cllr. Staniforth, seconded by Cllr Grocutt and

RESOLVED:- That the approval be given for costs of £55 for the flag and £35 for each fence banner a maximum total of 7 banners

6. Valley In Bloom

Members considered a request from Valley In Bloom for funding assistance towards planting within the area for the financial year 2023/2024. The Clerk noted that this expenditure had been approved as part of the budget for 2023/2024.

Proposed by Cllr. Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. Milton and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council approve funding of £2,000 to Valley In Bloom for the financial year 2023/2024.

7. Citizens Awards

The Clerk requested authorisation to purchase vouchers for the winners of the Annual Citizens Award 2023, being £50 each.

Proposed by Cllr. Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. Milton and

RESOLVED:- That approval be given for the Clerk to purchase vouchers to the value of £50 for each recipient of the Town Council's Annual Citizens Award 2023.

8. Finance Reports – To Receive and Approve Monthly Financial Statements

The Clerk noted that the details of the Monthly Financial Statements for February, deferred from the March Town Council meeting due to it be cancelled due to weather conditions, had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. Grocutt and

RESOLVED:- That the Finance Committee accept the details of the Monthly Financial Statements for February 2023 as supplied by the Clerk.

9. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. Grocutt and

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

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	March 2023	£3622.09	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly Water monitoring	£ 10.30	“
Zurich Municipal	Insurance premium 2023/24	£ 575.89	“
Look Local	Advert – Coronation event	£ 384.00	“
Stocksbridge Food Bank	Grant Aid	£4180.00	LGA76(S19)
Monday Art Group Stocksbridge	Grant Aid	£ 500.00	“
Stocksbridge Christian Centre	Grant Aid – transport	£ 300.00	“
Cornerstone Café	Grant Aid	£1000.00	“
Friends of Oxley Park	Grant Aid	£1000.00	“

(ii) That cheques be signed in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions	Repairs to office 12 door	£ 37.50	“
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning charges – Feb	£ 693.85	“
Zurich Municipal	Insurance premium 2023/24	£1776.13	“
Firths Window Cleaning Services	Window cleaning	£ 55.00	“
Waterlogic Ltd	Water cooler charges	£ 56.28	“
Pollards Wholesale Ltd	Coffee supplies	£ 46.45	“
Elite Lift Solutions	Lift repairs	£1363.20	“
Wright Brothers Ltd	Heating repairs	£ 415.39	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopier charges	£ 12.67	“

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debits paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

February 2023:-

			<u>Made Under Power</u>
SG Equipment Finance	Photocopier lease	£ 194.40	LGA72(S111)
Eon Next	Electricity charges – xmas tree	£ 16.29	“
British Gas Lite	Electricity charges – xmas tree	£ 105.65	“
British Telecommunications plc	EMCS line	£ 43.16	LGA72(S111)
British Telecommunications plc	Phone charges	£ 127.99	“
Moorepay	Payroll monthly charge	£ 74.90	“
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 16.80	“
Veolia	Waste removal	£ 101.87	“

10. Summary of Bad Debts

There were no bad debts to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed.