

## STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Stocksbridge Town Hall, The ARC on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

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PRESENT: Cllr. J Staniforth (Chair), Cllrs. R Crowther, J Grocutt, C Ward, M Whittaker, S Abrahams

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1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. Law and Milton.
2. Exclusion of Press and Public  
There were no items for exclusion of Press and Public.
3. Declarations of Interest  
Cllrs Grocutt and Crowther declared an interest in items 4 and 13 - Royal British Legion.
4. Grant Applications
  - a) Royal British Legion  
The Clerk tabled a grant application from the Royal British Legion requesting funding to purchase a Rowan tree to be planted in the Clock Tower Gardens to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal British Legion 1921-2021.  
Proposed by Cllr. Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. Ward and  
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £60 be awarded to the Royal British Legion for the purchase of a Rowan tree to be planted in the Clock Tower Gardens to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Royal British Legion 1921-2021.
5. SLLP Grant Applications
  - a) East Peak Countryside Associates CIC  
The Clerk tabled a grant application from the East Peak Countryside Associates CIC requesting SLLP funding towards a Lakeland Dad's Army and the ARP project.  
Proposed by Cllr. Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. Ward and  
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,250 be awarded to East Peak Countryside Associates CIC towards a Lakeland Dad's Army and ARP project.
  - b) Christ Church, Stocksbridge  
The Clerk tabled a grant application from Christ Church, Stocksbridge requesting SLLP funding towards a Sheldon Woodland Project, to be used for the benefit of the whole community.  
Proposed by Cllr. Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. Abrahams and  
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £2,500 be awarded to Christ Church, Stocksbridge towards their Sheldon Wood project.
6. Rundle Road Playground  
Cllr. Abrahams updated members on the refurbishment works required at Rundle Road playground. The Clerk tabled further information she had requested in respect of the quotations which had been received today. It was suggested that an official opening of the playground be arranged once works are complete.  
Proposed by Cllr. Crowther, seconded by Cllr. Whittaker and  
RESOLVED:- That approval be given to funding of £2,500 towards essential works in Rundle Road playground in order that the area can be re-opened.
7. Senior Citizens Christmas Party  
The Clerk reported that she had confirmed the booking of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December made with The Venue for this year's Senior Citizens Party in the form of an Afternoon Tea. Members discussed arrangements for bingo/raffle prizes and gifts. Discussion took place regarding measures that could be put in place to mitigate the risks associated with Covid. It was agreed that attendees would be required to show proof of vaccination and boosters and that face coverings are to be worn by all in attendance including staff and volunteers when not seated and social distancing measures be adhered to as far as possible at The Venue.

Item 7 continued

The Clerk noted that tickets would be available on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November and asked which Councillors would be available for the ticket hand out. The event will be advertised in Look Local and local venues week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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

RESOLVED:- That approval be given for expenditure of up to £300 for prizes/gifts.

8. Christmas Card Competition

The Clerk reported on costings associated with this year's Christmas Card competition, namely printing of the cards and frames for the winning entries.

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

RESOLVED:- That approval be given for costs associated with the Town Council's Christmas Card competition for printing and frames for the winning entries.

9. Accounts for Payment

There were no Accounts for Payment.

10. Summary of Bad Debts

There were no bad debts to report.

11. Steel Valley Project

The Clerk reported that she had received a request from Steel Valley Project for permission to install an EV charging point on the wall adjacent to their store room at the rear of the Town Hall. This would enable them to charge their electric vehicle on site when not in use. In addition to this they have requested permission to clear an area of vegetation and surface this with aggregate, allowing the EV to be parked on this area and maintaining access for their other van to access the drive and storage facility. The work will be carried out at the expense of Steel Valley Project. The Clerk undertook to ask the Council's Insurers if there would be any issues with the installation of an electric charging point.

Proposed by Cllr. Ward, seconded by Cllr. Whittaker and

RESOLVED:- That providing the Council's Insurers have no issues then approval be given for Steel Valley Project to undertake works to install an electric charging point and clear an area for parking an additional vehicle.

12. Water Heaters – Town Hall

The Clerk tabled quotation for replacement of the two water heaters and plunge taps located in the ladies toilets and cleaners cupboard.

Proposed by Cllr. Ward, seconded by Cllr. Whittaker and

RESOLVED:- That the quotation received from Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd of £1232.00 for replacement of the two water heaters and plunge taps located in the ladies toilets and cleaners cupboard be approved.

13. Royal British Legion

Members considered a donation to the Royal British Legion for the purchase of poppy wreaths for this year's Remembrance Day Service.

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

RESOLVED:- That approval be given for a donation of £150 to the Royal British Legion for the purchase of poppy wreaths for this year's Remembrance Day Service.

There being no further business the meeting closed.