

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 3rd October 2023

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

1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S Abrahams and K Davis.
2. Exclusion of Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of Press and Public.
3. Declarations of Interest
Declarations of Interest were received from Cllr Whittaker for item 4(b), Cllr Staniforth for item 4(d), Cllrs Law, Grocutt & Crowther for item 4(e).
4. Grant Applications
 - a) Sheffield Lip Reading Group
Members considered a transport grant application from the Sheffield Lip Reading Group requesting funding assistance towards an annual trip to the coast for members of group and family members/partners to boost their wellbeing, the majority being elderly and alone and unable to go on other trips due to hearing difficulties and lack of confidence to travel without the support of the group.
Proposed by Cllr. Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That a transport grant of £300 be awarded to the Sheffield Lip Reading Group for funding towards an annual trip to the coast for their members to boost their wellbeing and social isolation.
 - b) Bolsterstone Archaeology and Heritage Group
Members considered a grant application from Bolsterstone Archaeological Heritage Group requesting funding assistance towards the recording of inscriptions on the gravestones in Bolsterstone churchyard from 18th century onwards.
Proposed by Cllr. Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. Law and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £315 be awarded to Bolsterstone Archeology and Group for funding towards the recording of inscriptions on the gravestones in Bolsterstone churchyard from the 18th century onwards.
 - c) Parents of Deepcar School (PODS)
Members considered a grant application from PODS requesting funding assistance towards a Children's Disco to promote social interaction, creativity and physical activity for the children in the community.
Proposed by Cllr. Wood, seconded by Cllr. Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £300 be awarded to PODS towards a Children's Disco to promote social interaction, creativity and physical activity for children in the community.
 - d) 3rd Stocksbridge Scouts Group
Members considered a transport grant application from 3rd Stocksbridge Scouts Group for funding assistance towards a trip to the Yorkshire Air Museum as part of the scouts Air Skills Badge work.
Proposed by Cllr. Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. Law and
RESOLVED:- That a transport grant of £300 be awarded to the 3rd Stocksbridge Scouts Group to enable a trip to the Yorkshire Air Museum near York as part of the scouts Air Skills Badge work.
 - e) Stocksbridge and Upper Don Tenants and Residents Association (SUDTARA)
Members considered a grant application from SUDTARA requesting funding assistance towards a pre-Christmas free Magic Show and 'Take-away Tea' funded by the association, for children in the area.

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

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £170 be awarded to SUDTARA for funding assistance towards a pre-Christmas free Magic Show and 'Take-away Tea' funded by the Association, for children in the area.

5. Remembrance Day

Members considered a donation to the Royal British Legion for the purchase of poppy wreaths for this year's Remembrance Day Service. The Clerk also requested authorisation to pay Amey for traffic management assistance on the day at a cost of £1526.64 + VAT. Loxley Silver Band had also been secured for the Parade for which there would be a charge of £400. D Pindar had arranged for the printing of a leaflet in respect of the re-dedication of the Clock Tower at a cost of £160 + VAT which would be distributed to attendees at the service.

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

RESOLVED:- i) 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.

ii) that approval be given for £1526.64 + VAT to Amey for traffic management assistance at the Remembrance Day Parade.

iii) that approval be given for £400 to Loxley Silver Band to play at the Remembrance Day Parade and Service.

iv) That approval be given for the printing of the re-dedication leaflets of the Clock Tower at a cost of £160 + VAT to be distributed by the Cadets to attendees at the service.

6. Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Members received costings for the Christmas Party to be held on 6th December.

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

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council:-

a) approve expenditure of £300 for entertainment

b) approve expenditure of £400 for gifts/prizes

7. Christmas Card Competition

The Clerk reported that an email had been sent to all primary schools inviting them to participate in this year's Christmas Card competition and requested approval for expenditure based on last year's event.

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

RESOLVED:- that the following be approved:-

a) approve expenditure of £239 for printing of Christmas Cards

b) approve the purchase of photo frames for the finalists

8. Accounts for Authorisation

There were no accounts for authorisation.

9. Summary of Bad Debts

There were no bad debts to report.

10. Bus Consultation

Cllr. Staniforth noted that the South Yorkshire Mayor, Oliver Coppard, was currently holding public consultation events regarding the bus services. Cllr. Staniforth is to attend the one to be held in Stocksbridge Friday 6th October and undertook to raise issues relating to the new timetable.

There being no further business the meeting closed.