Annual Assembly 11th May 2023

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, STOCKSBRIDGE ON THURSDAY, 11TH MAY 2023

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

A S Law

1. Minutes of the Last Annual Assembly

Minutes of the last Annual Assembly held on Tuesday, 10th May 2022 were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. S Abrahams and

RESOLVED:- That the minutes be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

2. <u>Matters Arising</u>

There were no Matters Arising.

3. Chairman's Report

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. J A Grocutt.

The Chairman thanked members for the honour of being elected to serve the areas of Stocksbridge, Deepcar and Bolsterstone and to the Deputy Mayor for his assistance on visits they had undertaken together. Also thanks to Teresa and Karen for their support.

The Chairman noted that it had been a busy 12 months with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, 3 Prime Ministers and the Coronation of King Charles III, with Town Councillors providing stability to the area during these difficult times.

Highlights of the year had been the Remembrance Day Parade and Service, laying wreaths both at the Clock Tower and at St Mary's Church, Bolsterstone. The Christmas Card competition; the flag competitions for both the Jubilee and Coronation events and delivering the replica banners to each of the 6 schools in the area. Judging of the Easter Bonnet Parade at St Ann's RC school; attending Yorkshire Day with Cllr. Richard Crowther; School Council's holding their meetings in the Council Chamber with very pertinent questions being asked of him; fayres and galas throughout the Town and all the Jubilee and Coronation events and the Proclamation in Sheffield. Switching on the Christmas Lights in Fox Valley as well as opening Go Outdoor and the reinstated market. Chairing of the monthly Town Council meetings, particularly those with many members of the public attending to raise transport issues and one being cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions.

The Chairman thanked everyone again for the great honour of being selected as Mayor and wished much Good Luck to the new Mayor.

4. Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

5. Annual Citizens Awards and Presentations

The Chairman welcomed Reverend Ian Lucraft one of the Town Council's Annual Citizens Award winners to the meeting and was pleased to present a certificate and gift voucher. The award being presented as recognition for his work in establishing the Food Bank and Social Café.

Best Dressed Window Competition

The Chairman was also pleased to present a certificate and cheque to Early STEPS Nursery, winners of the Town Council's Best Dressed Window competition as part of the celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III.

The meeting then closed.

Chairman