

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 11th April 2024

PRESENT: Cllr. M Whittaker (Chair); Cllrs. R J Crowther, J Wood, J A Grocutt, K Davis,
A S Law, S Abrahams for item 222, Cllr. J Staniforth from item 224

The Chairman presented a grant cheque to Stocksbridge Food Bank to Revd. Ian Lucraft, who thanked the Town Council for enabling them to progress further with the project. Revd. Lucraft noted that a recent grant to the Wharnccliffe Side development Group to fund a Youth Worker had been unsuccessful and that it appeared that the Stocksbridge and Upper Don Ward had received no funding from this particular funding pot for which he was most concerned. However, on a high note Christ Church had successfully obtained a fully funded worker for 5 years.

222. To Receive Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. J Staniforth who would be arriving late.

The Chairman referred to the comments made by Cllr. K Davis at the March Town Council meeting relating to Cllr. Abrahams and the Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting. Cllr. Abrahams having been absent from the March Town Council, responded to Cllr. K Davis' comments.

Cllr. SA left the meeting.

223. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.

Cllr. J Staniforth arrived at the meeting.

224. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. K Davis and J Staniforth declared a personal interest in agenda item 16 - ARC Management – quotations for replacement of carpets.

225. Public Questions and Petitions

There were no public questions and petitions.

226. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th March 2024

With reference to item 197 – Public Questions and Petitions – Development at Ingfield House, 11 Bocking Hill, Stocksbridge. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from J Atherton, Planning Officer, SCC in response to serious concerns raised by both a member of the public and Town Councillors noting that they were aware of the situation and have been investigating under Planning Enforcement. However, in light of continued breaches of conditions the matter had been escalated to the Council's Planning Enforcement Manager who was seeking to serve a formal breach of condition notice in order to further seek to remedy the

issues. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members and the member of public.

The Clerk reported that she had also received correspondence from the Health and Safety Executive in connection with the Ingfield House site stating that concerns should be reported to Highways Department, the local authority, Police and Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

Cllr. JAG stated that there had been a vast improvement in the area, however, it had been noted recently that builders were working without wearing protective hard hats, which was a Health and Safety Executive issue.

With reference to item 199 – Litter on Stocksbridge By-pass. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence via Cllr. JAG regarding the litter picking situation on the by-pass slip road at Deepcar from Cllr. L Chinchin. He informed that Amey had been asked to quote for ad hoc cleaning of the slip road, the cost for which he expected to be significant due to the nature of maintenance on major roads required to mitigate risk and ensure workers are kept safe. This highlighted the importance of slip roads being maintained professionally and not by the efforts of voluntary litter pickers, which whilst admirable was simply too dangerous for them to undertake. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

Councillors noted that the Stocksbridge Litter Pickers group had done a magnificent job of clearing the by-pass slip road into Deepcar with several sacks of rubbish/litter being collected.

227. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 14th March 2024
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 14th March 2024, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
228. Finances - To Receive and Approve Monthly Financial Statements
The Clerk reported that the details of the Monthly Financial Statements had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. J Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and
RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements for March 2024 as supplied by the Clerk.
229. Yorkshire Local Councils Associations
Correspondence including:-
- White Rose Update, 15th March
- White Rose Update, 29th March
Copies previously circulated.
230. Licensing Application
The Clerk reported that she had received notification of the undermentioned Licensing application:-
Applicant – Boxed Off Ltd
Premises – Oxley Park, SCC Site – 1 day event 1st June 2024
Type of Premises – Open Field

Type of Application – Grant

Application Details – Plays, dance, recorded and live music, alcohol sales (on)
10:00-22:00 hours

231. Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Strategic Transport, Sustainability and Infrastructure – City Futures, SCC regarding Traffic Regulation Orders that affect local areas. Strategic restrictions will be advertised in early April and all documents available to the public during the consultation process. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

232. SYMCA

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SYMCA informing that effective from 22nd March SYMCA will take over running Supertram services from Stagecoach when its operating contract ends. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

The Clerk reported that she had received further correspondence from SYMCA advising that they are exploring opportunities for renewal, improvement and even extension of the tram network and are engaging in public consultation which will close after 30th April. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

233. CPRE

The Clerk reported that she had received from CPRE a copy of Countryside Voices, Spring/Summer 2024.

234. City Futures, SCC

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from V Penman informing that SCC is at the start of work to explore how Sheffield needs to respond to the climate emergency. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

235. Broomfield Lane Development

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from City Futures relating to outline planning application for the Broomfield Lane development which was recently allowed by the Planning Inspectorate granting consent for 92 dwellinghouses. Residents had since received flyers for the site with a new layout, details for which are not on the SCC Planning website. It confirmed that the local planning authority have not received any subsequent applications but as all matters were reserved the layout shown in the original submission was purely indicative so the proposals may change, any new application will be advertised in the usual manner. Copies of this correspondence had been previously circulated to members.

236. Clerks Reports

The Clerk reported that she had attended the SUD Activity meeting held on 27th March 2024, noting that the format of the LAC meetings has changed and it was only attended by representatives of TARA, SCLC and family hubs. It appeared to be more just community and voluntary groups that were involved rather than the full partnership meeting as before.

The Clerk reported that the Participatory Budgeting Task Group had met just prior to the Town Council meeting. It had been resolved that the next event be held in October 2024 with a pot of

£36,000, the maximum grant to be set at £10,000. A timetable would be worked out and additions made to the application form to provide further clarity for applicants. An Awareness Day would be held sometime during July.

Cllr. JAG suggested that the Oxley Café at SCLC would be a good place to hold this event.

237. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members'

a) Cllr. ASL reported that she had attended, via zoom, the Audit and Standards Committee and the SCLC Easter Fayre, which had proved very popular. It was great to see them moving forward.

b) Cllr. KD informed that he had attended two Stocksbridge Community Forum meetings and had been involved in casework with Disability Services which had proved difficult.

c) Cllr. JS was pleased to report that the swings had now been installed at Smithy Moor which were proving popular.

Cllr. JS had attended the SCLC Saturday morning club, where attendance had increased, the SCLC Easter Fayre which was well attended and Craft Club at the Inman Pavilion.

d) Cllr. JAG reported that she had attended the TARA Toddler Group; SCLC Easter Fayre; Towns Fund Board walkabout re siting of trees on the precinct etc., together with Cllr. MW; Ward walkabout on the Ridal estate with Housing and LAC Officers; had been interviewed by a student on the Ying and Yang of Stocksbridge; Amey removal of flooding equipment in Fox Glen Park; TARA coffee morning in the Library; Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting; Childrens Club for the school holidays at SCLC.

Cllr. JAG was pleased to note that the Towns Fund 519 Hub planning proposals for the Library had been approved and that the local hopper bus service was going out for expressions of interest.

e) Cllr. JW advised that she had attended the Stocksbridge Community Forum meeting and the SCLC Easter Fayre.

238. To Receive a Verbal Report from the Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr. M Whittaker reported that he had attended the following event since the last meeting:-

5th April – Tree strategy walkabout around plans for Manchester Road via Towns Fund together with Cllr. JAG

239. To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee

24/00713/FUL	Land associated with Ingfield House, 11 Bocking Hill, Stocksbridge	Erection of 14 dwellinghouses with associated works, parking and landscaping (application under Section 73 to vary condition 2 of 21/04262/FUL varied under 22/04147/FUL).
24/00788/FUL	Land adjacent 22 Belmont Drive, Stocksbridge	Erection of 2no. detached dwellinghouses.
24/00927/OUT	49 Carr Road, Deepcar	Outline application (approval sought For all matters except landscaping) for the erection of a dwellinghouse (resubmission of 23/02863/OUT).
24/00946/FUL	4 Ewden Valley, New Mill Bank, Ewen	Erection of single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.

24/00877/FUL	Quarry Acre 1B, Wood Royd Road, Deepcar	Erection of two-storey front/side extension to dwellinghouse and demolition of existing conservatory.
23/01815/FUL	80 Haywood Lane, Deepcar	Erection of 1no. dwellinghouse including double garage (AMENDED SCHEME, PLANS RECEIVED ON 21.02.2024).

Planning Applications - Decisions

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

24/00127/FUL	Edgecliffe Farm, Don Hill Height Deepcar	Erection of two-storey extension to front of dwellinghouse including formation of Juliet balcony to side and landscaping works including erection of gabion walls (Amended Description).
23/01883/FUL	Stocksbridge Park Steels FC, Bracken Moor Lane, Stocksbridge	Groundworks to create level viewing area with canopy over and associated access ramp, plus works to turnstile to allow wheelchair access and erection of store.
24/00382/FUL	13 Webb Avenue, Deepcar	Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of two-storey side extension and front porch to dwellinghouse (amended description).
23/04037/FUL	Stocksbridge Library 519, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge	Demolition of existing buildings, erection of 3-4 storey building comprising library (Use Class F1), flexible community space, cafe and office space (Use Class E), with secure cycle store and associated ancillary space, hard and soft landscaping and associated works.
23/03999/FUL	Land to rear of 21 Broomfield Lane, Stocksbridge	Erection of a dwellinghouse with associated parking.
The undermentioned planning application has been given Certificate of Lawful Use Development:-		
24/00258/LD2	109 Smithy Moor Avenue, Stocksbridge	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for alterations to roof to create additional living accommodation including rear dormer (Application under Section 192).

240. Grant Applications

a) Penistone FM

Members considered a grant application from Penistone FM requesting funding assistance towards promotion of the radio station within the Stocksbridge area and also provision of radio skills training for members of the community.

Proposed by Cllr. M Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. A S Law and

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Penistone FM for funding assistance towards promotion of the radio station within the Stocksbridge area and also provision of radio skills training for members of the community.

b) Stocksbridge Pentaqua Swimming Club

Members considered a grant application from Stocksbridge Pentaqua Swimming Club requesting funding assistance towards their annual Open Meets Gala held at Ponds Forge.

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

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Stocksbridge Pentaqua Swimming Club for funding assistance towards their annual Open Meets Gala held at Ponds Forge.

241. Valley In Bloom

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Valley In Bloom requesting funding for the financial year 2024/2025. The Clerk informed of changes to the planting scheme due to lack of volunteers and proposals for the precinct.

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and

RESOLVED:- That a grant of £2,000 be awarded to Valley in Bloom for the financial year 2024/2025, noting the proposed changes to the planting scheme.

242. CCTV

The Clerk informed of issues with the external CCTV cameras, these having become unfit for purpose and tabled a quotation for replacement with new equipment.

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. K Davis and

RESOLVED:- That authority be given for Ashton Alarms Ltd to replace the old external CCTV cameras with new and connect them to the existing recording equipment at a cost of £440 + VAT.

243. VoIP

The Clerk tabled a quotation from MJRCC Limited for replacement of the Town Council office phone/broadband equipment with a Yealink Cordless VoIP phone and associated equipment at a cost of £990 + VAT.

Proposed by Cllr. J A Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

RESOLVED:- That authority be given for MJRCC to replace the phone/broadband equipment in the Town Council office with a Yealink Cordless VoIP phone and associated equipment at a cost of £990 + VAT.

244. ARC Management

Following on from a previous meeting the Clerk tabled two quotations from local companies in respect of replacement of office carpeting within the Town Hall building as and when the need arose.

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. J Wood and

RESOLVED:- That approval be given for the contract to be awarded to Crofton Carpets to undertake replacement of carpeting within the Town Hall offices/communal areas as and when the need arises.

245. Accounts for Authorisation

Proposed by Cllr. A S Law, seconded by Cllr. R J Crowther and

RESOLVED:- (i) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

		<u>Made Under Power</u>	
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	April 2024	£3879.39	LGA72(S111)
Stocksbridge Food Bank	Grant Aid	£1000.00	LGA76(S19)
Steel Valley Beacon Arts	Grant Aid	£ 300.00	“
Stocksbridge History Society	Grant Aid – room rent	£4576.00	“
Yorkshire Local Councils Assns	Annual subscription 24/25	£1589.00	LGA72(S111)
Wallgate Ltd	Public toilets service plan	£1014.31	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 10.30	LGA72(Sch14P9)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Repairs to toilets	£ 122.50	“
4SLC Trust	Revenue Funding Qtr 1	£5000.00	LGA76(S19)

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

		<u>Made Under Power</u>	
NRC Services Ltd	Cleaning charges	£ 811.38	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Monthly water monitoring	£ 20.60	“
Facility Maintenance Solutions Ltd	Supply/fit additional CCTV	£ 400.00	“
Copymark (Service) Ltd	Photocopying charges	£ 59.82	“
Firths Window Cleaning Services	Window cleaning	£ 60.00	“
Porter Fire Ltd	Fire Risk Assessment	£ 594.00	“
WFP Cleaning	Window cleaning	£ 60.00	“

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

March 2024:-

British Gas Lite	Electricity charges – Xmas Tree – precinct	£ 11.49	LGA72(S111)
British Telecommunications plc	Broadband charges	£ 183.24	“
MJRCC	Renewal of domain name	£ 18.00	“
MJRCC	Computer services	£ 31.20	“
SSE	Electricity charges – ARC January	£1397.22	“
SSE	Electricity charges – ARC February	£1158.94	“
Moorepay	Payroll charges	£ 95.07	“
Intuit Ltd – Quickbooks	VAT software subscription	£ 16.80	“
Veolia	Waste removal charges	£ 108.20	“

Chairman