

## STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Stocksbridge on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

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PRESENT:- Cllr. S Abrahams (Chair), Cllrs. M Whittaker, J Staniforth

IN ATTENDANCE: M Derbyshire, Fairtrade Town – Item 4  
R Meijer & Z Hunter, Food Works Project – Item 5

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1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C Ward, A Law and J Grocutt.
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. Fairtrade Town  
The Chairman welcomed Margaret Derbyshire (MD) to the meeting who had requested an opportunity to update members on the Fairtrade Town status. MD noted that the Fairtrade group were very low on volunteers and had teamed up with Penistone Fairtrade but wished to apply for reaccreditation for the Stocksbridge branch by the end of 2023. Fairtrade fortnight is 27<sup>th</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and it is hoped to attract more volunteers during this time. There are plans to run a competition with the schools to promote the Fairtrade group and to produce leaflets. It was noted that Alex Archer, Co-op community worker was very supportive of the Fairtrade efforts and has links to volunteers. MD noted that any assistance that could be forthcoming would be greatly appreciated. The Chairman thanked MD for attending to provide an update.
5. Food Works Project  
The Chairman welcomed Rene Meijer (RM) and Zoe Hunter (ZH) from Food Works Sheffield who had been invited to introduce Food Works Sheffield to the Town Council. RM noted that they were a non-profit social enterprise, producing fair and sustainable food for Sheffield. The project upcycles surplus ingredients and locally grown food, turning it into tasty, affordable meals for everyone. There are currently 3 food hubs and 8 partner hubs across the City where meals can be collected. They can also deliver to partners. Information can be found on their website - [thefoodworks.org](http://thefoodworks.org).  
They operate with a small team of paid staff and around 500 volunteers, utilising 600 tonnes of surplus food per annum which would normally go to landfill. People buy meals via donations, with a minimum donation of £1 per meal, however, it does cost more than £1 to produce the meal. Anyone can purchase the meals from the partner hubs across the City. Sheffield City Council provide funding support to assist the project. RM was keen to expand the project to our area linking with partners who could distribute meals and also growers who had capacity to grow local produce. He noted links are already being established with Ian Lucraft and the foodbank and it is hoped to link with schools. Cllr Whittaker undertook to raise the matter with Greave House Farm Trust who would possibly be keen to be involved in the growing element. Cllr Abrahams noted the Venue may be a possible partner organisation. Members were impressed with the project and its objectives, being fully sustainable.  
The Chairman thanked RM & ZH for their informative presentation.

6. Coronation of King Charles III

Members further discussed ideas to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

Proposed by Cllr. S Abrahams, seconded by Cllr. M Whittaker and

RESOLVED:- That the following ideas be pursued with regard to the Coronation of King Charles III:-

- a) Invite the schools to produce a design to be incorporated onto a flag, similar to the one produced for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- b) Invite the Venue to apply for funding for a Coronation Tea Party.
- c) Run a competition for the best dressed shop window display, with a prize of £100.
- d) Provide funding for groups to 'Celebrate the Coronation' up to a maximum of £250 per group.

There being no further business the meeting closed.