

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 2nd July 2024

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

1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
There were no apologies for absence.
2. Exclusion of Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of Press and Public
3. Declarations of Interest
Cllr. SA declared an interest in agenda item 4a) Grant Applications.
4. Grant Applications
a) STEP Development Trust – The Venue
Members considered a grant application from STEP Development Trust requesting funding towards family events planned for Halloween and Christmas to be held at The Venue.
Proposed by Cllr. Crowther, seconded by Cllr. Whittaker and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £1,000 be awarded to STEP Development Trust towards family events planned for Halloween and Christmas to be held at The Venue.
5. Photocopier Contract
The Clerk tabled quotations in respect of the photocopier contract which was up for renewal in November this year, 90 days notice being required to terminate the current contract.
Members discussed and considered the quotations.
Proposed by Cllr. Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. Staniforth and
RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council accept the quotation from Document Solutions for a further 5 year period at a quarterly lease cost of £122.52, and that notice be given to terminate the current contract with effect from the end of the current term.
6. Christmas Illuminations Contract
The Clerk tabled a quotation from City Illuminations Ltd for a further one year contract for this year's Christmas Illuminations in view of impending works commencing on the precinct, a date for which was not known at the present time.
Proposed by Cllr. Crowther, seconded by Cllr. Whittaker and
RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council approve to extend the Christmas Illuminations for a further one year contract with City Illuminations Ltd at a cost of £9,895 plus VAT.
7. ARC Management
a) Emergency Lighting Repairs
The Clerk tabled a quotation for repairs following the recent Emergency Lighting and Periodic Electrical Condition reports undertaken on the building.
Proposed by Cllr. Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. Davis and
RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council approve the quotation from A W Electrics Ltd to undertake the necessary remedial works to the Emergency Lighting and Electrical Installation Condition works at a cost of £1110.00 and £440.00 plus VAT respectively.

b) Fire Warden Training
The Clerk noted this item be deferred to a future meeting as quotations were still to be received.
8. Accounts for Authorisation
There were no accounts for authorisation.

9. Summary of Bad Debts
There were no bad debts to report.
10. Remembrance Day
Cllr Staniforth asked for information regarding this year's Remembrance Day. The Clerk noted that quotes would be obtained for traffic management and band costs to be presented to the Finance Committee in September.
11. Litter Pick Event
Cllr Wood noted that she had attended a litter picking event with the Stocksbridge Litter Pickers, following which she had spoken with the Practice Manager at the Valley Medical Centre regarding the litter that is accumulating in the locked off gennel area on Johnson Street. It is understood that the landlord has been informed and has undertaken to clear the area regularly. Cllr Wood also reported other problem sites one being the steps from Manchester Road down to Fox Valley. Cllr Grocutt undertook to report this, once again, to SCC.

There being no further business the meeting closed.