

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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

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1. Election of Chairman  
Proposed by Cllr. Staniforth, seconded by Cllr. Grocutt and  
RESOLVED:- That Cllr. J Wood be Chairman of the Finance Committee for the Council year 2024/2025.
2. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. Abrahams.
3. Exclusion of Press and Public  
There were no items for exclusion of Press and Public
4. Declarations of Interest  
There were no Declarations of Interest.
5. Steel Valley Project  
Members discussed the request from Steel Valley Project for funding for the Strategic Partnership Agreement for 2024/2025.  
Proposed by Cllr. Law, seconded by Cllr. Crowther and  
RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council approve funding of £6,500 to Steel Valey Project for Strategic Partnership funding for 2024/2025.
6. 2023/24 Annual Accounts, Annual Governance & Accountability Return & Internal Auditor's Report  
The Clerk reported that the internal audit for the accounts for the financial year 2023/24 had been completed. Copies of the Accounts and Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) had previously been circulated. The Internal Auditor's report was tabled for discussion. The Clerk reported that she had received notice that the external audit of the Town Council's Accounts would take place this year in July. Notice of the audit and electors rights would be advertised accordingly.  
Members discussed and considered recommendations within the Internal Auditor's report.  
Proposed by Cllr. Law, seconded by Cllr. Wood and  
RESOLVED:- That the Clerk:-
  - a) Contact the Internal Auditor (IA) highlighting the recommendations to amend the AGAR are disputed and to provide clarification to the IA as to why this is the case.
  - b) The Accounts and Sections 1 & 2 of the AGAR be presented to Council for approval together with any response from the IA.
  - c) To receive the report of the Internal Auditor and to consider any further recommendations of the IA in due course.
  - d) To authorise the Clerk to display the necessary notices.All members were in agreement.
7. Accounts for Authorisation  
There were no accounts for authorisation.
8. Summary of Bad Debts  
There were no bad debts to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed.