

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 5th November 2024

PRESENT: Cllr. J Wood (Chair), Cllrs. A Law, R Crowther, M Whittaker and C Wilson

1. Chairman's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. K Davis, J Grocutt and J Staniforth.
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. Grant Applications
 - a) Stocksbridge Photographic Society
Members considered further information received from Stocksbridge Photographic Society with respect to their grant application.
Proposed by Cllr. Crowther, seconded by Cllr. Wood and
RESOLVED:- That a grant of £500 be awarded to Stocksbridge Photographic Society towards room hire charges and visiting speakers.
5. Review of Grants Policy
Members reviewed the Town Council's Grant's Policy as tabled by the Clerk following amendments.
Proposed by Cllr. Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. Wood and
RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council accept the amended Grants Policy as tabled by the Clerk with immediate effect.
6. Remembrance Day
The Clerk reported that a leaflet to mark the centenary of the first Remembrance Day Parade and Service had been produced by Stocksbridge & District History Society. The leaflets would be handed out on Remembrance Day at the Clock Tower service.
Proposed by Cllr. Whittaker, seconded by Cllr. Crowther and
RESOLVED:- That approval be given for £106 to Stocksbridge & District History Society for the production/printing of 500 leaflets to mark the centenary of the first Remembrance Day Parade and Service.

The Clerk noted that service sheets had been distributed to all concerned and Streets Ahead had been contacted with a request for Nanny Hill to be cleared of leaves prior to the Sunday parade.
7. Website
The Clerk tabled quotations received in regard to a new website for the Town Council.
Proposed by Cllr. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Crowther and
RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council:-
 - i) accept the quotation received from Boom Software Ltd at a cost of £3,250 +VAT, the terms being 50% on confirmation of order, the balance on completion.
 - ii) Transfer the monies from reserves to the Communications budget, thereby increasing the total budget to £165,887.
8. Review of Financial Regulations
Members reviewed the Town Council's Financial Regulations as tabled by the Clerk following amendments made by NALC.
Proposed by Cllr. Law, seconded by Cllr. Crowther and
RECOMMENDED:- That the Town Council accept the amended Financial Regulations as tabled by the Clerk with immediate effect.

9. Christmas Card Competition
The Clerk updated members with respect to this year's Christmas Card Competition. These would be collected and judged on the morning of 14th November in the Council Chamber by the Mayor/Councillors.
10. Senior Citizens Christmas Party
The Clerk updated members with respect to this year's Senior Citizens Christmas Party noting that tickets would be handed out on 19th and 21st November between 10am and 12 noon.
11. Accounts for Authorisation
There were no accounts for authorisation.
12. Summary of Bad Debts
There were no bad debts to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed.