

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held WEDNESDAY 7th MAY 2014
at HEBDEN BRIDGE TOWN HALL, HEBDEN BRIDGE**

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Boggis (Chair) Bampton Smith, Dixon, Fearon, Halewood, Hodgins, Press, Sweeney, Timbers, Trickett, Yorke and Young.

Seven electors from the parish.

Also present Jason Boom, Town Clerk, Hebden Royd Town Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Davenport, Scorer and Tsoneva.

2. NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk to the Town Council reported that the Public Notice of the Annual Town Meeting had been posted on the Town Notice Boards in accordance with statutory requirements and also on the Council's and the Hebden Bridge websites and in the Hebden Bridge Times. Editorial had been received within the Hebden Bridge Times.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD 8th MAY 2013

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held 8th May 2013, be accepted as a correct record

4. DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL for the year ended 31st March 2013

The Town Clerk presented draft statements of accounts for the Town Council and answered questions.

Cllr Bampton Smith asked how the Picture House had performed prior to transfer to HRTC with the Clerk advising that CMBC had recorded a significant loss but that their system of accounting differed from those of HRTC, contribution to overheads being significant in the past. Cllr Young confirmed this point in addition.

The Clerk advised Diana Monahan that the costs for hanging baskets were no longer split out.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Sweeney

RESOLVED:- to note the Draft Statement of Accounts of the Town Council for the year ended 31st March 2014 including statements prepared for the Hebden Bridge Picture House.

5. ANY OTHER TOWN BUSINESS

Paul Monahan highlighted the ongoing issue with the Charlton Chambers Clock asking that the council reaffirm its commitment to the maintenance of public clocks in Hebden Royd.

Additionally concern was again raised regarding inadequate parking in Hebden Bridge especially the East West bias and that the council seek a way to deal with the issue.

Diana Monahan asked that the 'banner ban' be lifted to allow local groups and organisers to publicise their events and activities. Cllr Young advised that Calderdale MBC had been approached for a site in Hebden Bridge and that he as the Calderdale MBC representative he would continue to pursue this ongoing issue. Cllr Hodgins advised that he had also written to Calderdale MBC on the subject. Concern was raised by Cllr Timbers regarding the recent involvement of the Calderdale MBC legal department.

Diana Monahan commented on the current policy of Calderdale MBC to replace paving slabs with tarmac. The meeting was advised that the Town Council were robustly challenging this practise with Calderdale MBC.

Diana Monahan advised that she was happy to have heard that finally the repairs at the Stubbing Wharf were to start. Cllr Young advised that the delay had been caused by budget pressures following the floods of 2012.

Michael Allen welcomed the news of a feasibility study for a car park at Mytholmroyd Station and encouraged all those able to participate.

Discussion moved onto how this proposal would benefit the area with Cllr Bampton Smith asking again for those able to participate in the consultation of both Network Rail and Royd Regeneration.

David Atherton thanked the council for the support it had provided to Calderdale MBC to establish the exercise trail in Calder Holmes Park. Cllr Bampton Smith was advised that when a scheme for White Lee Rec was developed the Town Council would again support.

Michael Allen asked if appropriate plans had been made for off road parking for residents during the Tour de France stage and was reassured by Cllr Sweeney that all would be offered an alternative parking location.

Diana Monahan highlighted graffiti on the base of Victoria Bridge and asked that the general appearance of the Town be considered prior to the day.

Paul Monahan thanked the Town Councillors and the staff of Hebden Royd Town Council for the work undertaken in the last 12 months.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm