

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the STRATEGY & REVIEW COMMITTEE Held 29th JULY 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Stevens (Chair), Boggis, Courtney, Freeth, Needham, Stow & Wood.

Clerk: J Boom

Minutes: E Green

57. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no apologies

58. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

Cllr Stow – Item 65 as HRTC representative and acting chair of the Handmade Parade.

59. Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting held 27th March 2019 not itemised on this Agenda

There were no matters arising. The Clerk updated that the budget and committee structure had been adopted.

**60. FULL COUNCIL DISCUSSION (taken with Item 8)
HRTC PROJECTS**

It was discussed that the aims and objectives outlined in June 2019 had been completed, however it was felt that a longer term strategic plan over the next three to five years, was important to clearly demonstrate that the council had a clear vision of what it was doing and where it is going. It also needs to take account of the three priorities of Climate Emergency, Age Friendly Community and provision of an advice service.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Needham

Seconded by Councillor Freeth

Resolved: to recommend the development of a strategic plan for the future which incorporates the priorities outlined above, it will also set out how the council will aim to meet urgent needs and address gaps in services. A draft strategic plan should be made available for the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 23rd September for comment, with a view to recommending adoption to Full Council at the next meeting of Strategy & Review on Wednesday 11th November.

**61. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS
COINSULTATION**

Following discussion regarding the proposed Code of Conduct, Cllr Needham stated that he felt that of the seven principles of local government, there was not sufficient emphasis on the principle of

Honesty. There was also discussion about what the sanctions that could be imposed are.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Needham

Seconded by Councillor Stow

Resolved: that the clerk should respond with a request to make the section on Honesty more robust and to outline sanctions, but that overall the Town Council sits in line with the views of the principal authority.

62. LIVING WAGE TOWN

Early in 2020 Cllr Stow was approached by a retailer in the town with a view to supporting Hebden Bridge becoming a Living Wage town. The Covid-19 pandemic has, brought new, unprecedented challenges to businesses. However the principle remains the same, and a Living Wage becomes beneficial for the town as a whole when its workforce have increased spending power.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Freeth

Seconded by Councillor Wood

Unanimously resolved: to recommend to delay the rollout of this project, but in the meantime to focus attention on the aspiration to become a Living Wage town and to encourage business to have this aspiration even if it is not possible at the moment. If it is possible to register the town as having an aspiration to become a living wage town that should be completed.

63. TRANS & NON-BINARY AWARENESS TRAINING

A remote training session has been arranged for 9:30am on Thursday 27th August, for councillors and HRTC senior staff. A second session may be arranged for HBPH staff. Further to this training on other prominent issues may be arranged.

64. PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES (WEBSITES AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS) (NO.2) ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS 2018

Two statements have now been prepared one each for HRTC and HBPH. These state where there are gaps in accessible information and what each organisation intends to do about it. Prior to these being published they will be shared with the Disability Access Forum for further consideration and comment. The information will be required to be posted online by 24th September.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Needham

Resolved: to recommend approval of the documents and to also consider the installation of a loop system at the Council Offices. The HBPH website should also be amended to explain what a CEA card is.

65. SOUND/ARTISTIC EVENT IN HEBDEN ROYD SEPT/OCT 2020

Cllr Needham presented the idea for an artistic/musical event to be organised by Handmade which would engage a variety of people throughout the town to take part. It would focus on small groups performing at different locations. Support for the idea was enthusiastic, however there was concern that this project should not prevent Handmade Parade from applying for funding for alternative projects and that perhaps this was actually a commission.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Needham

Seconded by Councillor Wood

Resolved: to recommend to allow the Handmade Parade to use the excess funding from this year cancelled Handmade Parade to explore opportunities and work up proposals for such an event. If HRTC decide to then take this further this would be done on a commission basis dependent of the capacity of Handmade Parade to deliver this. It will not have an effect on funding applications made to the Community Funding Committee for future events.

Meeting finished at 9.15pm.

