

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

**Meeting of the COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE
Held MONDAY 9th August 2021**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Fraser (Chair from Minute 42), Hoyle, Stevens and Wood.

HRTC Council Clerk: J Boom

41. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions.

Apologies were received from Councillors Cammack, Fenton & Harvey with Councillor Hoyle acting as a substitute.

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

None were declared at this time.

43. CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR

It was moved by Cllr Fraser

Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Sue Fenton be Chair of the Community Funding Committee for 2021-22.

Those present decided to defer the appointment of a deputy chair until the next meeting.

It was moved by Cllr Stevens

Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Fraser act as Chair for this meeting in the absence of Cllr Fenton.

44. Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting held 27th April 2021 not itemised on this Agenda.

No matters were arising.

45. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL

a) The Trades Community Group

Changing Space Facilities £10,803.00

The Town Clerk confirmed that this application is associated with improved access to the space as identified not for the provision of a changing space.

This returning application outlined its governance arrangements clarifying its position as the Trades Community Space, a constituted Voluntary Community Group with aspirations to gain Community Interest Company Status. The meeting was advised that to this end it had registered interest with Companies House.

Representatives confirmed that this groups role is solely to deliver improvements to the space as identified and that this application was associated with improving access to allow further phases to deliver a Changing Space as well as other improvements.

Representatives confirmed the arrangements with the building landlords as outlined in the submitted document as well as arrangements for funding to be securely ringfenced when received.

It was confirmed that additional funding had been secured from the Community Foundation for Calderdale for this project since it was last considered, hence the revised amount being requested. Funding also committed in the original application was also confirmed as remaining in place.

The Town Clerk confirmed that quotes for the work had been received and were in line with the request being made.

It was moved by Cllr Stevens

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: to award £10,803.00 for the project with a clear understanding that this would be the Town Councils full and final contribution to the complete scheme as outlined and including all three phases.

- b) Handmade Parade
Big Friendly Makes £7,305.00
The applicant did not attend the meeting.
- c) Stubb Playing Field
Tree Works/ Dog Waste Bags £1,972.00
It was moved by Cllr Stevens
Seconded by Cllr Wood and
RESOLVED: to award £1,972.00
- d) HB Methodists
Community PA System £5,000.00
It was moved by Cllr Fraser
Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and
RESOLVED: to award £5,000.00

- e) Reach4Ward
Half Term Forest School £500.00

The group did not attend the meeting, having given advance notice of the fact. The committee discussed the application.

It was moved by Cllr Fraser
Seconded by Cllr Wood and

RESOLVED: that due to the obvious time constraints outlined in the application and the committees desire for the project to proceed and young people not to miss out on the opportunity to access this activity in October Half term the committee resolved to award £500.00.

This award must be seen as a one off relaxation of the usual requirement to attend meetings and the group should be aware that any future applications must see representatives attend meetings with the committee.

- f) Hebden Bridge Arts Festival
Crossings: the bridges, stiles, gaps and gates of Hebden Royd £4,635.00

It was moved by Cllr Stevens
Seconded by Cllr Wood and

RESOLVED: to award £4,635.00

46. **COMMUNITY FUNDING LEVELS & GRANT CRITERIA/AWARDS**

The meeting discussed issues that may affect the committee in 2022-23 and beyond. These points are listed in no particular order and it is hoped they will inform Full Council when setting delegated powers for that year and beyond.

- The geographical split between Hebden Bridge, Myholmroyd and Cragg Vale remains uneven. Cllr Wood presented figures illustrating this.
- Applications continue to be concentrated in certain fields with the Arts dominating. It is felt that this interest needs to be spread more widely with new groups being attracted to apply for funding. New groups should be encouraged and capacity built within them to foster a sense of having the right and ability to apply.
- Monitoring, the group questioned the effectiveness of placing a councillor on a groups board. It was also asked if this was effective use of Cllr time?
- The meeting asked if external evaluation could take place of projects at the committees expense. Could setting a threshold for this create a ceiling for applications that groups may apply under.
- The group feels that those that apply, and are successful, on a regular basis need to be aware that the scheme may be changing so that they can plan their arrangements accordingly.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm.