

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of ENVIRONMENT & ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE
held 13TH JULY 2022

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Young, (Chair after minute 73), Bampton Smith.
Harvey, Hayes.

Clerk: E Green

73. ELECTION OF CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2022-23

It was moved by Cllr Bampton Smith

Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

RESOLVED: That Cllr Young be Chair of the Environment & Allotments Committee for the year 22-23.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

RESOLVED: That Cllr Bampton Smith be Deputy Chair of the Environment & Allotments Committee for the year 22-23.

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hodgins, Cllr Hoyle and Guilfoyle.

75. MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.

There were no interests declared.

76. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOTES OF THE ADVISORY MEETING HELD MONDAY 20TH APRIL 22 NOT ITEMISED ON THIS AGENDA.

There were no matters arising.

77. COMMUNICATIONS

a) Midgley Road Community Garden

Carole Kirk

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

RESOLVED: to note the kind response.

78. BUDGET UPDATE

The budget was presented to the meeting highlighting areas of expenditure and income. It was noted that the banners had come in under budget leaving an excess of £1000, and that there was still £1500 available in the allocated budget for wildflowers. It was also noted that there were as monies in the budget for park improvements which

linked to a report from Cllr Young that the Little Park had been closed due to the defective safety matting,

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

RESOLVED: That additional wildflower sites will be sought with a view to works taking place in early spring 2023. Contact will be made with Calderdale Council to ascertain the plans for the Little Park and to investigate what opportunities there might be for the Town Council to add value.

79.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT UPDATES

Reports were received on the following;

a) Benches

Two benches have been installed with two more to go in soon at High Hirst wood Meadow and the Hebden Bridge Methodist Church. The remaining six benches for locations at Cragg Vale x 3, Calder Holmes Park x 2 and Manor Drive x 1 are awaiting approval from CMBC legal department and will be fitted as soon as permitted. Cllr Hayes expressed the wish to find an alternative site at Banksfield for a bench and a meeting will be arranged to facilitate this. Cllr Harvey also suggested the grassed area opposite Old Gate as a potential site. It was discussed that if appropriate sites could be found then the excess monies allocated to the replacement banners could be used to fund their purchase.

b) Hanging Baskets

The hanging baskets this year are fully peat free with 131 retailer baskets sold. The Town Council has also provided lamppost planters and additional baskets on Bridge Gate and in the Square.

c) Other projects

Councillors were invited to submit suggestion for new projects by emailing the deputy clerk.

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ALLOTMENTS

Councillors were informed that the allotments were currently fully occupied and that invoices had been circulated and the majority of monies had been paid. Credit control will take place over the next week to ensure that all payments due are received.

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: That allotment plot holders should be contacted to gauge interest in setting up a process whereby excess food grown on the allotments could be donated to Calder Food Support. This would be on an ad-hoc basis with no long term commitment from plot holders.