

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT & ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE held Wednesday 3rd July 2013

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Boggis, Davenport, Hodgins, Yorke and Young.

Clerk: Emma Green – Neighbourhood Manager HRTC.

117. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Press and

RESOLVED that Cllr Yorke be elected as Chair of the Environment and Allotment Committee for 2013/14.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Yorke and

RESOLVED that Cllr Hodgins be elected as Deputy Chair of the Environment and Allotment Committee 2013/14

118. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.

Apologies were received from Cllr Fekri with Cllr Press acting as a substitute.

119. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

None

120. To report on matters arising from minutes of meeting held 14th November 2012 not itemised on this agenda.

The work on the Sandpit in Calder Holmes Park is still not completed but should be undertaken over the summer.

121. HIGH HIRST & BANKSFIELD ALLOTMENTS

Emma Green gave an update regarding Banksfield – there are a few small works to be completed over the next couple of weeks; however all the plots are now let. A small amount of Japanese Knotweed has been identified and a course of treatment for this shall commence shortly.

Emma Green gave an update regarding High Hirst – The final drawing to satisfy the conditions of the planning approval has been submitted, however this could take a further eight to twelve weeks to be approved.

It was moved by Cllr Yorke

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED to note the information

122. HEBDENS HAPPY HOUNDS 2013

Following discussion

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Davenport

RESOLVED to approve the funding request, and that holding the event on a Saturday should be looked in to, and to check the costing for a banner.

123. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Following discussion

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hodgins and

RESOLVED that Christmas lighting scheme 5 should be chosen for the Picture House, supplied and installed by Lumalite of Mytholmroyd.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED that the budget request for repairs and installation of the existing scheme be approved.

It was moved by Cllr Press

Seconded by Cllr Hodgins and

RESOLVED that the Hebden Bridge Switch On should be moved to the Saturday before Halifax and that a date should be decided for the Mytholmroyd Switch On with Royd Regeneration, perhaps coinciding with their Christmas Market.

124. HANGING BASKETS

Emma Green gave an update – 157 retailer baskets have been sold with an income of £4372.00 to date. 258 baskets and planters have been put up in total.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Press and

RESOLVED to note the information

125. GAMESFEST

Emma Green gave an update – the event was under its £700 budget at £585.99 and was attended by approximately 200 visitors on the day.

It was moved by Cllr Yorke

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED to note the information

126.

COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

Following discussion

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hodgins and

RESOLVED that councillors should look at their wards for possible projects. Suggestions included, Eves Community Garden, the footpath at Banksfield and a Food Bank.

Date of the next meeting Wednesday 9th October

Meeting Finished 8:25pm

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT & ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE held Wednesday 9th October 2013

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Boggis, Davenport, Fearon, Hodgins, and Young.

Clerk: Emma Green – Neighbourhood Manager HRTC.

- 299. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.**
Apologies were received from Cllr Trickett, Cllr Fekri and Cllr Yorke with Cllr Fearon acting as a substitute.
- 300. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**
None were reported
- 301. To report on matters arising from minutes of meeting held 3rd July 2013 not itemised on this agenda.**
The Happy Hounds event was successful; however there were numerous improvements which can be made for 2014.
- 302. HANGING BASKET REVIEW**
Emma Green gave a review of the summer hanging basket scheme.
It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Cllr Hodgins and
RESOLVED: That the 2014 price for retailer baskets should increase to £35 +VAT. Mytholmroyd Councillors will assist in trying to get more Mytholmroyd retailers to be involved in the scheme. A formal letter from the Town Council will be sent to Duncan McKie in respect of the outstanding payment. A trial winter basket scheme shall be run, the closing date for applications and payment will be the 18th October.
- It was moved by Cllr Davenport
Seconded by Cllr Young and
RESOLVED: that in spring of 2014, prior to the baskets being installed, a full audit of all the brackets will be undertaken, with old brackets and fixings being replaced.

303. FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Following requests from Cllr Hodgins and Cllr Timbers and discussion

It was moved by Cllr Hodgins

Seconded by Cllr Young

RESOLVED to undertake work this winter at the land at the end of Zion Terrace at Banksfield Mytholmroyd to strip back the area and reseed. The land will subsequently be maintained by members of the community.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: That at this time no action should be taken at the Eaves Community Garden. The garden has been landscaped three times previously and there is no party willing to take responsibility for the on-going maintenance. If a community group is willing to take responsibility for the maintenance then the Environment & Allotment committee will support the renovation of the garden.

304. WHITE LEE REC

Following discussion

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hodgins and

RESOLVED: That HRTC would contribute 5K to the existing money and encourage Royd Regeneration to apply for a further 3K. This would create a larger pot of money to carry out works on the park. Mick Wilby is to be invited to the next meeting with outline plans for older children, also the costs for a youth shelter and lighting.

305. HANGING BASKETS

Following discussion

It was moved by Cllr Hodgins

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED to approve the sum of £85 +VAT for the repair of the notice board.

306. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

Emma Green gave an update regarding Banksfield and High Hirst allotments.

It was moved by Cllr Hodgins

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED That a letter should be sent to Banksfield plot holders who have not made improvement following the initial request. If satisfactory progress has not been made by the 30th November then the tenancy will be revoked.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hodgins and

RESOLVED To continue to chase Calderdale MBCs planning department for the discharge of conditions. If no decision has been made

by Monday the 14th October then Cllr Young will be included on correspondence.

Date of the next meeting Wednesday 20th November

Meeting Finished 8:20pm

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT & ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE held Wednesday 20th November 2013

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Yorke (Chair) Davenport, Hodgins, and Young.

Also: Mick Wilby, CMBC Playgrounds Manager.

Clerk: Emma Green – Neighbourhood Manager HRTC.

357. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.

Apologies were received from Cllr Trickett, Cllr Fekri.

358. To receive members' interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

None were reported

359. To report on matters arising from minutes of meeting held Wednesday 9th October 2013 not itemised on this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

360. WHITE LEE REC MYTHOLMROYD

A site meeting was held at White Lee Rec prior to the meeting, Mick Wilby, CMBC outlined the proposed works using the available s106 monies.

1. Remedial works to the edges of the safety matting
2. Installation of a pathway to improve access.
3. Installation of a cantilever tyre swing.

It was moved by Cllr Yorke

Seconded by Cllr Hodgins and

RESOLVED: That the Council endorse the proposal from CMBC to carry out the proposed works, in addition that up to a maximum of £2,500 be made available to provide new benches and litter bins. Also that £2,500 be allocated and held at HRTC for a Friends Group to be set up by Cllr Hodgins, which can be used as match funding for any application the group makes to further improve the facilities at White Lee Rec with the approval of this committee.

361. WINTER HANGING BASKETS

A report was received regarding the trial winter hanging basket scheme.

It was moved by Cllr Hodgins

Seconded by Cllr Young

RESOLVED: to order 50 winter large wire winter baskets at a cost of £235 to continue the scheme in winter 2014 (out of the 2014/15 budget).

362. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

An update was given about the forthcoming Christmas Lights Switch On.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Yorke and

RESOLVED: To note the information and to approve that any overspend is to be covered by the Environment and Allotment budget.

363.

ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

Following discussion

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Davenport and

RESOLVED: to approve an additional sum of £900 on top of the original quote of £10,750, dated 27th September 2012 to accommodate the revised plans and complete the works at High Hirst allotments. The annual fee will be set at £50 per plot.

364.

BUDGET

Emma Green gave an update regarding the current budget for the committee.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hodgins and

RESOLVED: To request that that Strategy and Review allocate a budget of £23,000 to the Environment and Allotment Committee for the year 2014/15. This will enable the committee to continue existing projects and develop new ideas. In addition to request a budget of £10,000 for Christmas Lighting.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Yorke and

RESOLVED: to allocate £500 of the existing 2013/14 budget as match funding for a permanent roadside marker for the Tour De France and to draw up plans in partnership with Royd Regeneration and Cragg Vale Community Association.

Date of the next meeting Wednesday 26th February

Meeting Finished 8:45pm

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT & ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE held Wednesday 26th February 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Hodgins (Deputy Chair) Boggis and Young.

Also: Anna Harris, Neti Blackwell

Clerk: Emma Green – Neighbourhood Manager HRTC.

531. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Davenport, Fekri and Yorke.

532. To receive members' interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

None were reported

533. To report on matters arising from minutes of meeting held Wednesday 20th November 2013 not itemised on this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

534. PLASTIC WASTE POLLUTION

An interesting presentation was given by Anna Harris regarding the concerns about the global impact of the continued high volume use of plastics and asking if Hebden Royd Town Council would agree to offer support or endorsement.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hodgins and

RESOLVED: That the council would endorse the idea of reducing the use/landfill disposal of plastic in the area. As a first step the council will ask the Picture House Programmer to consider the suitability of the film 'Trashed' for inclusion in the programme.

535. SPRING CLEAN

A report was received regarding the spring clean.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hodgins

RESOLVED: To work with Calder Futures to tackle the vegetation on the river bank in Mytholmroyd with the assistance of Calder Valley Search and Rescue as part of flood risk reduction. In light of the CMBC Big Clean at Dodnaze to arrange our sponsored clean-up for later in the year in order to achieve maximum results.

536. WHITE LEE REC

An update was given about the progress of works at White Lee Rec. The work completed so far has been to an excellent standard however the cantilever swing is still to be installed.

It was moved by Cllr Hodgins
Seconded by Cllr Young and
RESOLVED: To note the information.

537. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Following discussion

It was moved by Cllr Hodgins

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: to amend the budget allocation to allow the provision of three new generic lighting features in Mytholmroyd at a maximum cost of £1710.00. The additional £710.00 will come from the amount allocated for the switch on events. It was agreed to maintain and continue with the existing schemes in both Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge.

538. ALLOTMENTS

Emma Green gave an update regarding the developments at High Hirst and Banksfield

It was moved by Cllr Hodgins

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: To order a new gate for Banksfield Allotments and to organise an opening event for High Hirst Allotments out of next year's allotment budget.

Date of the next meeting 4th June 2014

Meeting Finished 8:30pm