

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2020
at HEBDEN BRIDGE TOWN HALL, HEBDEN BRIDGE.

MINUTES

PRESENT Mayor Cllr Dr Carol Stow (Chair), Bampton Smith, Boggis, Cammack, Courtney, Harvey, Hoyle, Fenton, Fraser, Freeth, Guilfoyle, Needham, Patient, Stevens, Wood and Young.

Plus 12 electors from the parish.

Also present Emma Green, Deputy Town Clerk, Hebden Royd Town Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Hodgins.

2. NOTICE OF MEETING

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Public Notice of the Annual Town Meeting had been posted on the Town Notice Boards in accordance with statutory requirements. Additionally, the information had been shared on the Town Council's website as well as social media outlets.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD 6th March 2019.

Lesley McKay, commented on the matter of air quality improvements as raised at the last Town Meeting, the Mayor reported that this matter has been considered and is now a key priority of the Climate Emergency Committee. In addition, Calderdale Climate Emergency Committee is making significant steps to tackle air quality and there is also the new Corridor Improvement Plan which may seek to address some of these issues.

Lesley McKay commented on the provision of recreational facilities for young people. The Mayor advised that this had been considered but delivery was not within the scope of the Town Council, however, the Town Council is seeking to support and has already made a grant to Reach4Ward, to help develop their youth provision.

4. TOWN COUNCIL SHOWCASE

Committee Chairs gave an overview of activities over the year and ambitions for the future;

Climate Emergency Committee - Cllr Patient

Highlights: £16k in budget for this year, plans for a green audit, ideas invited.

Environment, Allotments & Events – Cllr Young

Highlights: Wildflower planting, The Great Pumpkin Festival and new Christmas Lighting for Mytholmroyd.

Neighbourhood Plan – Anthony Rae (Co-opted member)

Highlights: Strategic Environmental Assessments in progress, opportunity for a mapping exercise for SUDS, how can the plan support Slow the Flow?

ACTIONS

To consider if the plan can require developments to have a positive flood impact rather than neutral.

To consider the use of TPOs on new developments as part of the planning process.

Picture House – Cllr Wood

Highlights: Online for its best performing year to date, Living Wage employer, 2nd year of the Hebden Bridge Film Festival.

Twinning – Cllr Freeth

Highlights: two anniversary visits planned for this year with St Pol and Warstein.

ACTIONS

Anthony Rae suggested that council consider twinning with communities to whom Hebden Bridge could bring a benefit, such as townships in Africa who need support.

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Community Funding – Cllr Fenton

Highlights: Supported 30 projects this year from small scale community projects to key town events.

Disability Access Forum – Cllr Stow

Highlights: Access Map, quiet premises project, thanks to the hard-working volunteers on this working group.

5.

SLOW THE FLOW

A presentation was made by Slow the Flow about the recent SuDS and NFM mapping project. The details of the presentation can be found at www.slowtheflow.net. There are two public meetings planned, Thursday 19th March at Mytholmroyd Community Centre, and on Tuesday 21st April the AGM will be held at Hardcastle Craggs. Discussion followed about the NFM grants scheme, management of uplands and woodlands.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm