

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE Held Wednesday 7th October 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Young (Chair), Bampton Smith, Harvey, Hodgins, Hoyle, & Stevens.

HRTC Council Clerk: E Green.

156. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS

No apologies were received.

157. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR FOR THE ENVIRONMENT & ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE 2020/21

Cllr Bampton Smith put herself forward for nomination.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and

RESOLVED: That Cllr Bampton Smith be elected as the Deputy Chair of the Environment & Allotments Committee.

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

None were declared

159. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15th JANUARY 2020

There were no matters arising

160. BUDGET UPDATE & BUDGET REQUEST 2020/21

Councillors received an update of the current year's budget. The budget for 2021/22 was discussed.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

RESOLVED: to request that a sum of £30,000 (£27,000 for environmental projects and £3000 for Allotments) is considered by the Strategy & Review Committee, the Neighbourhood Manager will complete and submit the budget request form with a breakdown of the proposed budget.

161. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

There is currently one vacant plot and six applicants on the waiting list. Plot inspections are currently suspended, as is the introduction of new tenants during the current restrictions. The installation of the water has been well received. There has been a request for tree works at Banksfield allotments, the Neighbourhood Manager will follow this up.

162. WILDFLOWER PLANTING

The committee was updated of the intention to work with the Hebden Royd Wildflower Collective, a meeting is to be held on Monday 12th October, following which, a proposal and costings will be presented to members of this committee prior to the next meeting, to enable to project to be progressed.

163. THE BIG AUTUMN CLEAN UP

Thanks was given to the groups who took part in the Big Autumn Clean Up.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hodgins and

RESOLVED: to make the sponsorship payments totalling £720.00

164. SCHOOL COUNCIL – POSTER COMPETITION

Cllr Stevens informed the meeting of her recent conversations with local young people about the problem of litter and the suggestion for an anti-litter poster competition to be run as part of the Schools Council initiative for this year, with a prize of a novelty recycling bin for the winning school as well as prizes for the winning entrant.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

RESOLVED: to allocated £1000, for the provision of appropriate prizes for the competition.

165. HRTC & HBBF BANNERS

The committee was updated on the progress of the joint banners to promote both Hebden Royd Town Council and the Hebden Bridge Business Forum.

These are being paid for by the Town Council at a cost of £1980 to support the Business Forum. It is hoped that they will be installed in the coming weeks.

Meeting Finished at 8.10pm

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE Held Wednesday 27th January 2021

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Young (Chair), Harvey, Hodgins, & Hoyle.

HRTC Council Clerk: E Green.

317. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS

No apologies were received.

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

Cllr Harvey – Item 7, former member of the Friends of the Little Park

319. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 7th OCTOBER 2020.

Cllr Young asked about Wildflower Planting. It was confirmed that a meeting had taken place with the Hebden Bridge Wildflower Collective who were interested in supporting the Town Council to deliver a range of sites.

320. BUDGET UPDATE & BUDGET REQUEST

It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Cllr Harvey and
RESOLVED: to note the information.

321. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

The committee were given a verbal report on the use of the allotments and the fact that many people had not been able to access their plots this year due to reasons related to Covid19 (either ill health or shielding) as such there would be no termination of tenancy but all plot holders have been contacted to confirm if they do still wish to keep their plots. At High Hirst there are currently two vacant plots and four people on the waiting list. At Banksfield there are no vacant plots and six people on the waiting list. The water supply at High Hirst had been well received and was being used sensibly by plot holders. The water is currently turned off at the mains for the winter.

It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Cllr Harvey and
RESOLVED: that due to the uncertain year and the requirement to use the water supply for the planting at the High Hirst Wood Meadow, the committee would fund the water bill this year, expected to be £400-£500, however from April 1st, the water bill will be shared between plot holders signed up to the water scheme.

322. FIELDING STREET LANDSCAPING

The proposal for planting and barriers at Fielding Street was considered.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and

RESOLVED: that the scheme be approved and a budget allocated of £1210.00, providing that permission is granted. The landowner will be encouraged to contribute, and it will be made clear that the Town Council does not take responsibility for ongoing maintenance.

323. PROJECT UPDATE

New projects were discussed;

Replacement of broken planters, general maintenance, and care of apple trees at the Little Park.

A campaign to reduce litter which has notably increased during this period as more people use the countryside and footways.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Harvey and

RESOLVED: for the officer to consider ideas and collate costings for the above projects, to be considered at the next meeting.