

## **HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Held WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

#### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Fenton, Harvey, Hayes, Howes, Morse & Needham

**Co-opted Members:** N Diment,

**Officers:** R Lightbird

**HRTC Deputy Clerk:** E Green

**70. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE 2023/24**

It was Moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Howes

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Harvey be Chair of the Climate Emergency & Environment Committee for 2023/24.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Needham and

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Morse be Deputy Chair of the Climate Emergency & Environment Committee 2023/24.

Cllr Fenton Abstained from the vote. The reason for the abstention was that she disapproved of the method of nomination of the Deputy Chair

**71. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bampton Smith.

**72. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.**

No interests were declared.

**73. CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Membership of non-councillors was considered.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Fenton

**RESOLVED:** that Neil Diment be co-opted to the committee and that Anthony Rae should also be invited.

**74. FORMATION OF THE NEW CLIMATE EMERGENCY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

A brief overview of the reasons for the joining of the two committees was given and discussion had about the allocation of projects.

It was Moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Needham

**RESOLVED:** That the clerk should divide the tasks of the Environment & Allotments budget based on the basis of the natural environment and short term public realm projects. This should be presented for approval at the next meeting of this committee.

**75. MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2023 and ENVIRONMENT & ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 NOT ITEMISED ON THIS AGENDA.**

There were no matters arising from either set of minutes.

**76. BUDGET UPDATE**

The budget available for the work of this committee was outlined.

a. Climate Emergency Budget

An overview of the budget was given with just over £20k left in the budget.

It was Moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Howes

**RESOLVED:** to note the information.

b. Environment & Allotments Budget

It was Moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Harvey

**RESOLVED:** That the budget should be split in accordance with the appropriate project outlined above and brought to the next meeting of this committee for approval.

**77. EVENT FEEDBACK & UPDATE**

Feedback, updates and any associated budget requests were discussed for the following events.

a. High Hirst Celebration and the opening of the access path. There was a focus on the new interpretation boards and signage. Children from Riverside Junior School also attended following the inclusion of their artwork on the panels.

It was Moved by Harvey

Seconded by Fenton

**RESOLVED:** To thank N Diment for the hard work on the interpretation boards and signage.

b. Climate Café & including a proposal from Cllr Howes

Seven schools attended with 75 Children. All schools gave presentations excellent opportunity to share information and inspire each other. Five

workshops linked to the Climate Action Plan. Northern Rail provided free rail travel for the schools in Mytholmroyd.

Cllr Howes presented an idea of a schools action group for Hebden Royd where schools are invited termly or half termly to share ideas.

It was Moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Fenton

**RESOLVED:** That the Climate Emergency Officer shall work up a proposal based on a once termly meeting, with a budget of up to £500 for initial meeting. This will be approved by the chair to enable progress on this project to be made before the next meeting.

c. Green New Deal Stall

Brought retrofitted dolls house to the climate café. Generated lots of interest in energy efficiency event

d. Meadows Day

Will run on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, with eight different events and workshops with a range of activities and people being involved. Partnership with Dodnaze Community Centre, who are providing a workshop and refreshments.

e. Haymaking Event – Budget Request

A quote was brought forward for N Diment to provide a ‘Haymaking Event Week’. N Diment is a local professional who has been extremally helpful and given lots of support to the project.

It was Moved by Harvey

Seconded by Howes

**RESOLVED:** to approve the quotation of £500.00.

f. Scything Event

Eight places have been booked already with a £15 contribution per person.

It was Moved by Harvey

Seconded by Needham

**RESOLVED:** to approve up to £600 for a Scything event

g. Energy Efficiency Event (enc)

Event to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September at Hebden Bridge Town Hall. 10 people signed up already. If this is successful, then maybe run more specific workshops in the future.

**78.**

**PROJECT UPDATE**

Updates were received on the following projects.

a. A Boards

The idea of including Fair Share and reduction of food waste was suggested.

Further Comments to be sent to R Lightbird by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

b. NALC

Press Release will be sent about the work of the Climate Emergency Committee once the new communications officer is in post.

c. Hanging Baskets

Baskets are blooming nicely in peat free compost. A total of 148 retailer baskets plus 100 additional on Bridge Gate and New Road/Market Street/Burnley Road.

d. Spring Clean

Over 100 participants were involved from school children to the WI

e. Calder Holmes Park

Walk around scheduled with senior CMBC officers and councillors to consider the issues and look at opportunities to enhance the park.

f. High Hirst Woodmeadow

The Statement of Use was considered. This will outline what potential groups may be able to do on site. Slight amendment to be made to include - grazing with sheep and/cattle and introducing additional mowing using scythes and haymaking.

It was Moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Howes

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Statement of Use with the above amendments

The idea of a working group was tabled to support with the High Hirst Woodmeadow during busy periods and with the acquisition of the extension to the site.

Cllr Needham suggested a Heads of Terms be produced to allow management of the site to take place without the lease being in place.

Cllr Fenton reminded the committee that it must be cautious with regard to resources expended on the extension, when the climate emergency is about reducing carbon.

It was discussed that the Working Group is just to formalise the process and that all recommendations will come to committee for approval.

It was Moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Harvey

**RESOLVED:** To approve the working groups as outlined in the report. All decisions and expenditure must be tabled at the committee for approval.

g. New Environmental Projects – ideas invited.

Cllr Hayes raised the Brearley Fields Project and if there was scope for HRTC to be involved.

It was Moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Harvey and

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Hayes to follow this up with the appropriate Calderdale Councillor

The Climate Emergency Officer suggested the idea of an Eco Fair. And will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

The Deputy Clerk shared that the Pumpkin Trail to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October would have a climate and habitat theme and that at this stage ideas for climate projects that tie in with this are welcomed.

## **79. CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

The action plan was considered.

There needs to be further discussion and work done on the protection and restoration of peat following on from the work already undertaken. This will be considered at the next meeting.

A letter was tabled from a member of the community which outlined concerns about stationary traffic, traffic at schools and safe routes to schools.

It was Moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Needham

**RESOLVED:** The Climate Emergency Officer will consider how these concerns fit with the Climate Action Plan and what HRTC may be able to do to address these where appropriate and will present the ideas at the next meeting of this committee. The clerk will write to thank them for raising the issue and that it will be considered at the next meeting. Councillor's are also invited to input.

## **80. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE**

An update was given on the current activities of the allotments.

- a. Banksfield Allotments - to include the water butts initiative
- b. High Hirst Allotments - to include a request for facilities for children.

It was Moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Harvey

**RESOLVED:** That the Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Coordinator create a project outline including estimated costs, for the inclusion of children

facilities at High Hirst be brought to the next meeting of this committee for consideration.

## **HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Held WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023**

#### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Morse (Chair), Boden, Hayes, Howes, Guilfoyle.

**Co-opted Members:** N Diment,

**Officers:** R Lightbird

**HRTC Deputy Clerk:** E Green

**143. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bampton Smith, Harvey. Fenton & Needham with Cllrs Boden and Guilfoyle acting as substitutes.

**144. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.**

None were declared.

**145. MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 28TH JUNE 2023 NOT ITEMISED ON THIS AGENDA.**

There were no matters arising.

**146. BUDGET UPDATE**

To receive an update on the budget available for the work of this committee.

a. Climate Emergency Budget – the committee were advised that there was almost £20k available in this budget

b. Environment & Allotments Budget the committee were advised that there £12,459 in the budget for environment & biodiversity projects.

**147. EVENT FEEDBACK & UPDATE**

To receive feedback, updates and any associated budget request regarding the following events and to decide on actions as appropriate.

a. Meadows Day

An update was given regarding Meadows Day and the unfortunate inclement weather. Visitors enjoyed the Moth Breakfast and Bug Hunts along with biodiversity walks. The dry-stone walling event had to be cancelled due to the weather. Joint working with Dodnaze community Centre and CMBC. Feedback excellent.

It was moved by Cllr Morse

Seconded by Cllr Matthias and

RESOLVED to thank Rachel and all those involved in delivering the event

b. Scything Refresher and Haymaking Week

An overview of the event was given. Mowing with scythe in the traditional way is essential to recreating the meadow and restoring it to the way that it would have been. It reduces the nutrient level which encourages the less vigorous plants a chance to grow the following year. This is the second year, and despite the weather the event was a success.

About half of the meadow has been mown including the top section as the techniques have improved. The event covered nine days including two weekends with more scythes out each day. The groups learnt how to sharpen the scythes and also attended a peening day earlier in the year.

The haymaking itself was excellent with 18 people in total attending, very much a family event and 28 bales of Hay were made.

Traditional Haytime Tea was held on the last Sunday. Reviving the cultural and traditional events.

Sheep were brought in on the Monday, following the mowing and sheep watch is now operational. 14 volunteers are engaged in this.

Next year the weather should be considered and alternative dates announced in case of inclement weather. Use of Allotment Container for activities.

Need to give more thought as to where the hay bales will be distributed.

It was moved by Cllr Morse

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

**RESOLVED:** Thanks for all the work that has gone into the events including the volunteers.

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**PROJECT UPDATE**

An update on the following project was received.

a. Retrofit Community Champions Project (enc)

A proposal for a Retrofit Community Champions project was tabled. Members were informed that 68 tickets have been booked for the September 16th Introduction to Retrofit event. Part of the purpose of this is to gauge interest in further events, this new project includes four free workshops and purchase of a thermal imaging camera. To be delivered in the New Year there is an opportunity to engage with community about what individuals are already doing, such as sharing retrofit projects on social media. To be delivered by Carbon Coop, need to consider what might be possible in terms of making the workshops even more accessible?

It was moved by Cllr Morse

Seconded by Cllr Howes and



**RESOLVED:** approve the proposal with a budget of up to £4000.00, bring revised budget to the next meeting.

b. High Hirst Wood Meadow – Working group feedback

The first meeting of the working group met on 21st July, and the minutes were highlighted. A management strategy for the wood meadow was discussed. The tree guards that a need to be removed will be, and the trees will also be coppiced.

A lease is being considered with CMBC to graze the field next door but the fencing need to be improved, and hedges planted in order to ensure that the area is stockproof. There is also the opportunity to graze some National Trust Ponies. Bid has been submitted to National Flood Management, to include the development of attenuation ponds.

The path has been closed temporarily to ensure safety of the sheep whilst they are being grazed. The sheep are unfortunately eating the apple trees, however this has been addressed and additional protection is being put in place. Attention was given to an article regarding the issues regarding pet dogs and conservation. This is something to be considered.

Neil will draw up a plan of the items discussed.

It was moved by Cllr Morse

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

**RESOLVED:** To allocate up to £500 for the further protection of the apple

c. Schools Climate Group

This is an ongoing project, aiming for the first group to be held at the end of the first half term. Cllr Howes will contact schools directly and encourage them to form their own eco-group. Could potentially link with Cop 28 end of November. Further details to be presented at the next meeting.

d. A-Boards

The finished designs were circulated for information. These will be available to be taken to community groups as discussion points. They could be used to facilitate an informal discussion about the councils action plan.

e. Meeting with CMBC Biodiversity Officer

Cllr Harvey and R Lightbird met with the CMBC Biodiversity Officer, new in post at High Hirst. They explained the history and hopes for the future. The CMBC Officer is looking at land based solutions, and may be able to help with fencing. They are working with multiple landowners and this was a good general introduction.

f. Wildflowers in Hebden Royd

The committee is open to suggestions for sites and spaces to increase in which to increase wildflower planting. Space at the end of Old Gate, pockets around Fairfield (although mostly owned by Together Housing) were suggested.

There are concerns about invasive species and what can be done to support this.

It was moved by Cllr Morse

Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

RESOLVED: To circulate maps of the areas highlighting land owned by CMBC which councillors can use to help identify suitable sites and also mark areas where there is concern about invasive species.

g. Brearley Fields

Success story! This has been development for the past four years and is expected to be complete for spring 2024. The wetland is working and doing exactly what it should do, with flows from the canal and from the hillside in high rain. Planting was undertaken on Saturday the 5th August with volunteers working to do the planting. Three benches are due to be installed and there are seven more days of activities planned.

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr and

RESOLVED: to thank CMBC for their work on this project. Councillors were advised of the Friends of Brearley Fields group should they wish to be more involved.

h. Suggestions for biodiversity projects in Hebden Royd  
Councillors were invited to contact the Climate emergency Officer with any ideas for new biodiversity projects.

i. Pumpkin Trail – Eco Fair

Members were advised that an Eco Fair will be delivered at the Pumpkin Trail and that suggestions are welcome.

**149. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

The letter was considered and following discussion regarding the CMBC Active Travel Officer, various initiatives and schools individual travel plans.

It was moved by Cllr Howes

Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

RESOLVED: That the town council is unlikely to have the power or resources to significantly contribute further to what is already done, however this could be a topic at school council with a poster competition around the subject as a means of further engaging children.

**150. CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

The Climate Emergency Officer will review the action plan and update it to reflect actions achieved and will also consider of process of community engagement to enable suitable additions to the action plan. ND suggested that Food Waste should be included.

**151. CARBON LITERACY TRAINING FOR ALL COUNCILLORS**

Day of carbon literacy training to be delivered, Rachel will suggest a date and it was noted that Friday is the most suitable for a majority members.

**152. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE**

To receive an update on the current activities of the allotments and any proposals for new ideas, and to decide on actions.

a. Banksfield Allotments

Councillors were updated that water butts had now been ordered for plot holders.

b. High Hirst Allotments

Inspections will take place on Friday, there is currently no waiting list and consideration will be given as to how to promote the site and suitable projects to be undertaken.

**HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**  
**Held WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: Councillors: Harvey (Chair), Bampton-Smith, Howes.

Officer: R Lightbird

HRTC Deputy Clerk: E Green

**241 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Morse and Needham.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

**RESOLVED:** That the vacancy on the committee should be addressed at Full Council.

**242. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.**

No interests were declared.

**243 MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST NOT ITEMISED ON THIS AGENDA.**

Minute 150 – The review of the Action Plan is ongoing and will be tabled at the next meeting, Input from members of the committee is welcomed.

Minute 151 – Dates for Carbon Literacy Training will be agreed for the new year and circulated in due course.

**245 BUDGET UPDATE**

An update on the budget available for the work of this committee was presented.

a) The Climate Emergency Budget has £13,108 available to spend.

Following discussion,

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

**RESOLVED:** That a proposal for fencing at the extended High Hirst Woodmeadow site be presented and considered at the meeting on 13th December.

b) The Environment & Allotments Budget has £12,134 available to spend.

Discussion took place regarding various opportunities including development of green spaces and provision of equipment.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

**RESOLVED:** That members of the committee are invited to consider their wards and to bring suggestions for environmental improvements to the next meeting.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey  
Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

**RESOLVED:** to contact existing community groups that we work with to ask if they would be interested in receiving such as bird/bat boxes and bug hotels for their community project, if the Town Council were so minded to provide them.

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#### **BUDGET REQUEST 2024/25**

The committee were advised that the priorities of the committee for the council year 2024/25 should be considered to allow a proposal for the budget request to be considered at the next meeting. These will likely align with the Action Plan to be presented on 13th December.

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#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive communications and to decide on actions as appropriate.

a. Zero Hour Support for Climate & Ecology Bill

b. Wilder Calderdale Invitation

In respect of a)

It was moved by Cllr Bampton Smith

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

**RESOLVED:** that the committee supported the motion below and that this should be presented for consideration for adoption by Full Council.

Hebden Royd Town Council resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
2. Inform local residents and inform local press/media of this decision;
3. Write to local MPs' names to inform them that this motion has been passed, and urge them to sign up to support the CE Bill—or thank them for already doing so;
4. Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the CE Bill, expressing Hebden Royd Town Councils support (councils@zerohour.uk).

In respect of b)

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

**RESOLVED:** To endorse the joining Wilder Calderdale Councils new partnership to restore nature throughout the district.

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#### **EVENT FEEDBACK & UPDATE**

Feedback, updates and any associated budget request regarding the following events were considered.

a. Retrofit Event & Future Retrofit Training Events

The event was a success with 76 people in attendance and good, constructive feedback received, A series of 3 smaller workshops are planned to take place over the coming months. These will accommodate approximately 30 people in each and bookings are going

well.

b. Climate Café Update

The first climate café will take place on 10th November with four schools already signed up. An overview of the activities was presented.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

**RESOLVED:** To agree a budget of up to £1000 for branded Hi-Vis Caps for the children.

c. Pumpkin Trail – Eco Fair

An overview of the Pumpkin Trail was given which again was a success, as was Hebden Royds first Eco Fair which had been included as one of the supplementary activities. There is the opportunity that the Eco Fair could be further developed into its own standalone event in 2024.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

**RESOLVED:** To note thanks to staff members involved in the event.

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**PROJECT UPDATE**

To receive an update on the following projects and decide on actions as appropriate.

a. Picture House Meeting Feedback

Following the meeting it is apparent that there are a number of ways that the Picture House can reduce its energy usage and the Picture House manager is considering these. It was noted that it would be interesting to establish how much Carbon the building is emitting.

b. High Hirst Wood Meadow – Working group feedback.

A Fungi survey will take place on Saturday 4th November.

The tree guards have been removed.

c. Transport – E-Bike Loan

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

**RESOLVED:** That proposals for an e-bike loan scheme be presented and considered at the meeting on 13th December.

250.

**ALLOTMENTS UPDATE**

To receive an update on the current activities of the allotments and any proposals for new ideas, and to decide on actions.

a. Banksfield Allotments

The water butts have been distributed and are being used.

b. High Hirst Allotments

A proposal was tabled outlining a number of improvements that could be made at High Hirst including improvements to storage container, maintenance, facilities for children and pond improvements.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

**RESOLVED:** to approve expenditure as outlined in the report to the value of £5150. On the condition that a proper ongoing maintenance plan is in place and approved by Committee for the play equipment, and that the play equipment is appropriate on grounds of health and safety and not subject to a post installation inspection. An appropriate risk assessment will also need to be in place for this new facility

**HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**  
**Held WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2023**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Harvey (Chair), Boggis, Butterick, Howes, Morse.

Also: Neil Diment

Officer: R Lightbird

HRTC Deputy Clerk: E Green

**AGENDA**

306. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS.**  
Cllrs Bampton Smith & Needham
307. **TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.**  
No Interests were declared at this time.
308. **MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER NOT ITEMISED ON THIS AGENDA.**  
There were no matters arising.
309. **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**  
The first draft of the climate action plan was considered. The various sections were highlighted, and it was suggested that councillors may wish to take ownership of particular sessions and/or join a Calderdale Council Climate Action Partnership group, if they had necessary time, interest and expertise.  
  
It was moved by Cllr Harvey  
Seconded by Cllr Howes and  
**RESOLVED:** That councillors should consider the report and feed any comments back to Rachel by 9<sup>th</sup> January, these can then be incorporated in to a revised and final version to be presented at the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February.
310. **EVENT FEEDBACK & UPDATE**  
Feedback, updates and associated budget request regarding the following events was considered.  
  
a. Retrofit Event & Future Retrofit Training Events  
Three events have been held to date and the feedback has been very positive. In 2024 HRTC is looking to expand the programme, to include workshops on Solar and Heatpumps.



b. Climate Café Update

The second HRTC school climate café has been held which was very successful. Four HRTC schools attended, including Hebden Royd Primary school. This means all but one of HRTC primary schools in the local area are now part of the project. Calder Primary (the missing primary) has expressed hope they will be able to join next time. The children were enthused and inspired. An Eco Council has now been set up at Burnley Road School. Each attending school has been donated a worm farm, and hi viz caps/vests by HRTC, so children can learn about composting, food cycles, waste reduction and worms. It was noted that the format of the climate café initiative, particularly the regularity of the climate cafes, and the interschool involvement over the year, is innovative, and likely inspirational for other Councils.

311.

**PROJECT UPDATE**

An update was received on following,

- a. High Hirst Wood Meadow – Working group feedback and recommendations requiring approval.

Work is underway to consider the Heads of Terms in relation to the lease on Law Field (High Hirst extension) the Town Clerk has a meeting with CMBC representatives on 19.12.23

The proposal regarding fencing was considered.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

**RESOLVED:** to approve the recommendations within the report allocating £2500 for fencing to Law Field, with works to be completed once the lease has been agreed and signed by both parties.

Consideration was given to the access to the site for livestock including cows and ponies. The Deputy Clerk highlighted a route of access agreed by CMBC Planning on the agreement of the lease, and also stipulation regarding the location/height/visibility of the container within the same planning permission.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

**RESOLVED:** to allocate £2000 toward the provision of access once a suitable arrangement has been agreed by the High Hirst Working Group.

- b. Environmental enhancement – ideas, discussion, and recommendations

The committee considered a number of sites of potential environmental improvements including the Marina, Old Gate and Holme Street.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

**RESOLVED:** That the officer for this committee should meet with Calderdale Council to discuss these areas, works that may already be identified and how Hebden Royd Town Council can both support these works and make further enhancements to support biodiversity in these areas.

c. Community Groups – engagement regarding provision on biodiversity assets.

This action is carried over from the last meeting.

312.

**ALLOTMENTS UPDATE**

The committee was updated on the current activities of the allotments.

a. Banksfield Allotments – No Update

b. High Hirst Allotments – Works agreed at the last meeting of this committee are ongoing. Further consultation has taken place with the allotment holders who have come up with a wish list for equipment they would like to see on the allotment for children. The container work and the children's play area/sensory garden will hopefully be completed by end of March 2024.

313.

**BUDGET UPDATE & REQUEST 2024/25**

The priorities of the committee for the council year 2024/25 were considered.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

**RESOLVED:** to approve the budget as presented with the addition of the following.

An additional £5000 – Environmental improvements

An additional £1500 to support the newly established Friends of High Hirst Group.

An additional £2500 to a youth climate engagement project, other than the school climate café.

