

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the STRATEGY & REVIEW COMMITTEE held Wednesday 2nd August 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Boden, Butterick, Fenton, Fraser, Guilfoyle & Hayes.

Clerk: Jason Boom - Town Clerk.

135. ELECTION OF CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE STRATEGY & REVIEW COMMITTEE 2023/24

It was moved by Cllr Butterick

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Hayes be Chair of the Strategy & Review Committee for the council year 2023/24.

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Fenton and

RESOLVED: to defer selection of the Deputy Chair of the Strategy & Review Committee for the council year 2023/24 until the next meeting.

136. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions

Apologies were received from Cllrs Needham & Harvey with Cllr Boden substituting for Cllr Harvey.

137. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

None were declared at this time.

138. Matters arising from Minutes of Meetings held 22nd March 2023 not itemised on this Agenda.

The clerk advised that supportive meetings had been attended with Hope Baptist Church who had been able as a consequence to secure new membership of their management committee and had relaunched those arrangements to the wider community.

The updating of Key Documents is yet to be finalised as we await the completion of the audit process. A schedule of documents to be presented will be circulated.

139. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

RESOLVED: to recommend that Karl Boggis be a member of the Strategy & Review Committee as a Mytholmroyd Councillor with extensive knowledge and experience of the area.

140. COMMUNICATION FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Communications from Paul Monahan were discussed by the committee.

It was moved by Cllr Fenton

Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

RESOLVED: to recommend that the clerk writes to Paul Monahan stating that we appreciate the comments and will remain mindful of them. That we disagree with his comments regarding our commitment and work on the climate emergency and remain committed to serving the community with regard to ensuring a balance is retained between servicing residents and those that visit our area. Recent work with Calderdale MBC on street cleansing and graffiti will also be highlighted.

141. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

The reports from C & K Services were considered along with a summary report outlining the position and the terms of the arrangement.

A discussion followed with a collective realisation that the programme was not performing as well as was hoped despite the hard work of the C & K Staff and the support of HRTC. Cllr Butterick shared his understanding of the project and how it sits within the careers opportunities provided across the Calder Valley and more widely through Calderdale. This included the involvement of the local high school.

The committee asked what can we do for young people in Hebden Royd stating that the council must decide on a strategy that would reach out to the wider young people community. Examples such as Reach 4ward, which HRTC already supports, have strong local expertise that should be supported, developed and expanded. The meeting felt this would be an appropriate way to grow provision in Hebden Royd.

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Butterick and

RESOLVED: to recommend that Cllr Butterick and the Town Clerk engage with C & K Services to identify how the service could integrate with other services and if HRTC could help and support that transition.

142. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY & OLD PEOPLES WELFARE COMMITTEE

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: to recommend that HRTC endorses the request from the Old Peoples Welfare Committee to lead on the Age Friendly initiative in our area, working closely with other partners and statutory bodies including Calderdale MBC. Should the Old Peoples Welfare Committee feel a council representative be viewed helpful they should request one. Funding requests should be directed to the Community Funding Committee, the best mechanism to consider and evaluation, for consideration.

This arrangement was viewed as a grass routes approach to delivering support and achieving best value.

143. QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS

The outcomes of this event continue to be circulated amongst committees and committee chairs, being used as a point of reference.

Councillors discussed Councillor Ward Surgeries which were seen as allowing residents to conveniently air their requests and for councillors to pick up ward work, starting by listening and to allow demand to be quantified.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Fenton and

RESOLVED: to recommend that councillors and HRTC Officers develop a model for HRTC Councillors Surgeries plus online contact, via the Town Council website and social media platforms should be part of this and complement ward surgeries allowing remote questions to be put to the council. This will be publicised through all means available along with an outline of subjects than can be covered. This will be supported by a brief for all councillors who host surgeries along with a method to record and consequently evaluate.

Meeting finished at 8.35pm.

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the STRATEGY & REVIEW COMMITTEE
held Wednesday 18th October 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Boggis, Fraser, Guilfoyle, Hayes & Needham.

Clerk: Jason Boom - Town Clerk.

234. To Confirm Committee Membership and Election of a Deputy Chair of the STRATEGY & REVIEW Committee 2023/24.

It was confirmed that Cllr Boggis had been added to the committees membership.

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: unanimously that Cllr Boggis be Deputy Chair of the Strategy & Review Committee for the council year 2023/24.

235. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions

Cllrs Butterick & Harvey with no substitutions.

236. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

None declared at this.

237. Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting held 2nd August 2023 not itemised on this Agenda

The Clerk acknowledged that progress had not been made on the issue of Councillor Surgeries.

238. BUDGET SETTING

The clerk explain the upcoming process of setting the Town Council budget for 2024/25. The meeting was advised that initial budget request from had been circulated to all councillors and will be included in upcoming committee meetings.

The clerk presented the proposed budgets for Administration, Awards and HRTC Salaries, providing explanation and answering questions where required.

It was proposed by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Young

RESOLVED: to recommend the budget sections Administration & Awards. Having agreed to recommend an increase in the Kaberry Barker Awards for Primary Schools the committee asked that the Clerk contact Calder High School with the regard inclusion in these awards in the future.

239. PRESS & MEDIA GUIDANCE, SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDANCE & HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

The committee considered draft documents relating to Press & Media and Social Media. The committee sort clarification on point 10. of the Press

Guidance which ensures papers minutes record the meeting and that they remain the definitive record of decisions.

Minor typographical errors we made with the Social Media Guidance.

The Councillors Guide to Using Social Media, Connected Councillors – a guide to using social media to support local leadership, as published by the Local Government Association was discussed.

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and

RESOLVED: to recommend that the guidance be adopted by the Town Council and that the Councillors Guide be circulated to all councillors for reference in the future.

The Model Civility & Respect Councillor-Officer Protocols were reviewed and discussed.

It was moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

RESOLVED: to recommend that the protocol should be acknowledged but that processes already exist at HRTC that ensure professional relationships between councillors and officers are effective.

240.

WIND FARM GUIDANCE

The committee discussed the guidance with discussion on collective benefit, not just individual ownership and the preservation of the historic landscape, and historic sites being a concern. The meeting discussed the concept of turbines breaking the horizon and felt that sites where this would not occur were likely to be few and far between.

It was moved by Cllr Boggis

Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

RESOLVED: to recommend that while the guidance is dated it continues to be useful as a basis for considering applications for both individual and Windfarm applications. Recent proposals, which may develop into applications, may call on this guidance to be reconsidered and this should only be undertaken when expert advice has been sort and carefully considered in line with best practise and legislation.

Meeting finished at 9.10pm.