MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER at 7:30PM HEBDEN BRIDGE TOWN HALL

PRESENT Councillors – Fraser (Chair), Bampton Smith, Boden, Cammack, Guilfoyle, Hedges, Hoyle, McNicholas, Morse and Woodhead.

Acting Town Clerk - Emma Green

Administrator - Rebekah Cox (Minutes)

ALSO Mike Stephens and Ebony Andrews (What's on Hebden Bridge) Two members of the public (Planning Applicants for item 5.b. 24/00296/FUL).

MINUTES

221. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

No public questions received at this time.

222. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Butterick, Davenport, Harvey, Hayes, Howes and Matthias.

223. MEMBERS' INTERESTS' RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS. No members interests

224. WHAT'S ON HEBDEN BRIDGE

The Acting Clerk introduced Mike Stephens an independent software developer, and Ebony Andrews HRTC Officer who are both members of the working group that have created the What's on in Hebden Bridge website, a free online community calendar for events and activities in the HX7 area. Both members had previously presented the website to the Project & Events Committee, and this was received well by committee members.

There was a quick recap of how the website works and how to navigate through each section. It was confirmed that through the soft launch and meetings with local organisations and groups they have gathered comments and feedback, and this has enabled adjustments to be made to ensure that the website is as user friendly as possible.

There is also an iPad at the desk that people can interact with, and there is an intention to have a screen in the window of a local shop that would scroll through activities on the website.

Cllr Fraser asked how this would be monitored to flag up any unsavory content. It was explained how the website would be community monitored and that each event/ activity page would have a 'report' button. They also receive a notification each time an activity is created.

Cllr Woodhead suggested that there be an automated flag up when certain inappropriate language is used. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

Cllr Hedges asked if information about the foodbank could be added onto the website. It was confirmed that this information can be added to the website.

All Councillors were asked to share information about whatsonhb.com with local groups/organisations both socially and professionally, that they are involved with. Flyers and stickers to promote the website would be left for councillors to take with them.

Councillors expressed positive reactions to the website and thanked Mike and Ebony for their time.

225. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Application 24/00816/HSE at The Barn, Wood Top, Wood Top Road, Hebden Bridge, HX7 6JH for Small lean-to extension providing W.C. and entrance hall (Retrospective). (Fairfield ward)

It was moved by Cllr Hedges

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

RESOLVED: RECOMMEND REFUSAL. Whilst there is no objection to plans, the porch that has been erected does not reflect the plans submitted.

 Application 24/00296/FUL at Throstle Bower Farm, Midgley Road, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5QT for Conversion of existing outbuildings into ancillary accommodation. (White Lee ward)

Two members of the public (the applicants) attended the meeting to support their application and were happy to answer any questions from the council. It was moved by Cllr Hedges Seconded by Cllr Woodhead and **RESOLVED:** NO OBJECTION

c. Application 24/00994/LBC at 5 Spa Terrace, Cragg Road, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5RX for Installation of electric charging point behind wooden gate. (Cragg Vale ward)
It was moved by Cllr Morse Seconded by Cllr Boden and **RESOLVED:** NO OBJECTION

Applications dealt with under delegation from Full Council.

- Application 24/20164/TPO at 9 Walter Beaumont Terrace, Thrush Hill Road, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5DJ for Prune one tree (Tree Preservation Order).
- Application 24/20181/TPO at 15 Caldene Croft, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5AE for Prune one tree.

It was moved by Cllr Fraser Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and **RESOLVED**: that the recommendations on the above planning applications are sent to the Environmental Services Department, Calderdale MBC. When the Chair or Deputy Chair cannot attend, Ward members be authorised to represent the view of Hebden Royd Town Council at meetings of the Planning Committee at Calderdale MBC.

226. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION <u>GRANTED</u> BY CALDERDALE MBC

It was moved by Cllr Morse Seconded by Cllr Woodhead and **RESOLVED**: to note for information.

227. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION <u>REFUSED</u> BY CALDERDALE MBC

It was moved by Cllr Bampton Smith Seconded by Cllr Morse and **RESOLVED**: to note for information.

228. HRTC & HBPH PAYMENT SCHEDULE

It was moved by Cllr Bampton Smith Seconded by Cllr Hedges and **RESOLVED:** to authorise payments totaling £43,626.91.

229. HRTC & HBPH STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

The Acting Clerk reported that the new Finance Administrator is looking at a better way to present this to the council.

Cllr Boden asked about the variance in salaries. The Acting Clerk confirmed that the shortfall had been reduced and it was agreed at the last Strategy & Review Committee that any shortfall would be shared and taken from across all committees.

Cllr Guilfoyle confirmed that this would be made clear at the next Strategy & Review Committee Meeting.

It was moved by Cllr Bampton Smith Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and **RESOLVED**: to note for information.

230. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR AND THE CLERK.

a. PKF Littlejohn

Conclusion of Audit

- b. Calder Valley Land TrustNewsletter
- c. Cllr Patsi Guilfoyle
- d. LATE ITEM R. Needham

Statement regarding Emails Resignation

With regards to item a & b It was moved by Cllr Bampton Smith Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and **RESOLVED:** to note for information.

With regards to item c

Cllr Guilfoyle brought to the attention of the council abusive emails received due to misidentification. Cllr Guilfoyle reported that the police had been informed and they were following this up as a hate crime. Advice from the police is not to reply to any abusive emails and to immediately report to the police and to inform HRTC office.

Cllr Boden responded and tabled a number of printed items stating that these were for context.

Cllr Guilfoyle expressed thanks to Emma, Ebony and Rebekah for helping with this issue.

With regards to item d

Cllr Fraser noted thanks to R. Needham for his time on the council.

Cllr Hedges asked about the process to fill the vacancy.

It was moved by Cllr Fraser Seconded by Cllr Hedges and **RESOLVED**: to note for information.

231. MAYOR'S REPORT/DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor highlighted a couple of appointments and confirmed that she had attended her fifth school assembly, to date, to present the Kenneth Kaberry award. It was received well by pupils and teachers.

The Mayor thanked all councillors who had attended her Civic Celebration with the theme Peace. A special thank you to Cllr Hoyle for leading the service and Cllrs who kindly read out poems. The event was a success, and it was a wonderful day. Cllr Bampton Smith agreed that the event was very good, and well received.

It was moved by Cllr Fraser Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and **RESOLVED:** to note for information.

232. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL held 18 SEPTEMBER 2024

It was moved by Cllr Bampton Smith

Seconded by Cllr Hedges and **RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes as a true record.

233. MINUTES OF THE PROJECT, EVENTS & CHRISTMAS LIGHTING COMMITTEE held 25 SEPTEMBER 2024 Cllr Hoyle reported that a discussion had taken place about the need for a pumpkin trail next year, has it run its course? Are there any other ideas for events that could take place at another time of the year? Cllr Morse suggested a May Day Festival. Councillors were asked to send any suggestions to the Project & Events Committee.

> The Acting Clerk thanked Cllrs Howes, Fraser, Guilfoyle and Woodhead for volunteering at the Pumpkin Trail. Their help and support was much appreciated.

Cllr Bampton Smith would like to remind councillor about the importance of the Remembrance events. Hebden Bridge would be taking place in the morning and Mytholmroyd in the afternoon. Details have been circulated to all councillors.

It was moved by Cllr Hoyle Seconded by Cllr Hedges and **RESOLVED:** to note for information.

234. MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE held 2 OCTOBER 2024

Cllr Guilfoyle reported that they had received a presentation from an employment law consultancy service and that there would be a presentation from a comparison company in a few weeks' time. It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle Seconded by Cllr Morse and **RESOLVED**: to note the minutes for information.

235. MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held 16 OCTOBER 2024 Cilr Woodhead reported that at the start of the meeting only

Cllr Woodhead reported that at the start of the meeting only two councillors had attended therefore it was not quorate. Cllr Guilfoyle had previously offered to substitute and was therefore called to attend. With thanks to Cllr Guilfoyle attending, it was then quorate.

It was moved by Cllr Woodhead Seconded by Cllr Morse and **RESOLVED**: To note the minutes for information.

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236. HRTC SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDANCE
Th Social Media Guidelines adopted by the council last October
were noted as a reminder.
It was moved by Cllr Bampton Smith
Seconded by Cllr Hedges and
RESOLVED: to note for information.
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237. WORKING GROUPS

a) Disability Access Forum

Cllr Gilfoyle attended the DAF meeting held on Monday. They had welcomed 2 new members to the group.

The suggestion of a changing places toilet in the old toilets on Valley Road was to be shared with James Purdy. There had been discussions at a Calderdale meeting that this building be used as a bike hanger.

The disabled toilets on New Road are now open 24 hours. It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and

RESOLVED: to note for information.

238. REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Bampton Smith reported that the Station Partnership AGM was well attended.

Cllr Hoyle confirmed that the new spin studio was nearly completed at Mytholmroyd Community Centre. A Northern Soul event was held for the first time which was popular.

The next Town and Parish meeting will be held in January - if the councillors have any questions, please let Cllr Hoyle know in advance.

Cllr Woodhead reported that as a White Lee ward councillor, he had been approached with regard to an anti-social behavior issue. Cllr Woodhead was able to connect with community safety partnership, together housing and the police to start to resolve this issue.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle Seconded by Cllr Woodhead and **RESOLVED**: to note for information.

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