

**MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL**  
**held WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 at**  
**REMOTE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT** Councillors; Stevens (Chair), Bampton Smith, Boggis, Cammack, Courtney, Fenton, Fraser, Freeth, Guilfoyle, Harvey, Hodgins, Hoyle, Needham, Patient, Stow, Wood & Young.

Town Clerk – Jason Boom

Minutes by Deputy Town Clerk – Emma Green

**371. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

**Question from Anthony Rae Calderdale Friends of the Earth**

The centre of Hebden Bridge along the A646 road corridor was declared an air quality management area (AQMA) in 2006 because levels of nitrogen dioxide – at 48 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual mean objective - exceeded the lawful limit of 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. In the latest AQ monitoring report (2020 p.12) Calderdale Council recorded that air pollution still exceeds that limit – at 46 µg/m<sup>3</sup> - 14 years later. The report did not contain any proposals by which air quality in the AQMA would reach lawful levels by a stated date - in the context where the Supreme Court in 2018 required that this should be achieved ‘as soon as possible’. I am not aware of any proposals by Calderdale Council specific to the Hebden Bridge AQMA to achieve lawful air quality here. To the contrary, proposals are being developed by them likely to make air quality worse (the A646 corridor improvement programme): by increasing the volume of traffic through Hebden Bridge\*, and situating a large traffic and emissions generating car park which will create air pollution within the AQMA. In developing these CIP proposals Calderdale Council has never presented any modelled evidence as to what their effect on air quality will be. Councillors may also be aware of another significant source of air pollution that is likely to be prevalent in the town: Wood burning at home now biggest cause of UK particle pollution’ 16 February 2021.\*\*

**Q:** Therefore will Hebden Royd Town Council create a formal process whereby once or twice a year Calderdale Council officers are required to attend your meeting\*\*\* to explain:

- What is the current level of air pollution in the AQMA (as measured by the same approach used for the annual monitoring report), and whether it is lawful?
- What are their current proposals to make air quality in the Hebden Bridge AQMA lawful, and by which date - as demonstrated by modelled evidence?
- (and in the specific circumstances of the A646 CIP still being developed) whether they have assessed with modelled evidence the impact of the CIP on air pollution in the AQMA?

And to answer questions from councillors and members of the public?

*\* 'greater volumes of flow in future scenarios' - Calderdale officers statement to the Calder Ward Forum 2nd Feb 2021. This is the first time they have publicly disclosed their knowledge that the CIP will result in more road traffic through Hebden Bridge.*

*\*\* 'The new government statistics show that domestic wood burning in both closed stoves and open fires was responsible for 38% of the pollution particles under 2.5 microns in size (PM2.5) in 2019, the latest year for which data is available.' Guardian. The 2020 AQ monitoring report states: 'Also in line with national trends the concentrations of particulate matter were essentially unchanged from 2018, with Hebden Bridge showing slightly higher concentrations of PM2.5 in 2019 than in 2018.'*

*\*\*\*Alternatively it could be a public meeting attended by Town Council members.*

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Needham and

**RESOLVED:** that this matter should be considered by the Town Council Climate Emergency Committee in further detail, the council is sympathetic to the proposals but need to identify a clear way to move forward with this. Cllr Guilfoyle will support the Clerk with further research so that suggestions can be presented at the next Climate Emergency Committee meeting.

**372. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

There were no apologies for absence.

**373. MEMBERS' INTERESTS' RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS.**

There were no interests were declared at this time.

**374. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a. **Application 20/01016/FUL** at Lower Han Royd Far Lane Midgley, Sowerby Bridge, HX2 6UL for Demolition of stables and conversion of barn and new extension to form separate dwelling (White Lee).

It was moved by Cllr Hodgins

Seconded by Cllr Patient and

**RESOLVED: RECOMMEND REFUSAL** on grounds of access and maintain previous comments.

b. **Application 21/00074/LBC** at Mayroyd Wheelhouse, Mayroyd Lane, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8NS for Installation of water source heat pump (Listed Building Consent) (Fairfield).

It was moved by Cllr Fenton

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

**RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION**

c. **Application 21/00023/FUL** at Upper Blind Lane Farm Upper Blind Lane Mytholmroyd Hebden Bridge Calderdale HX2 6JF for Construction of agricultural building with hardcore access track (Cragg Vale)

It was moved by Cllr Wood

Seconded by Cllr Needham and

**RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION**

d. **Application 21/50001/FCC** at Colden Road Hebden Bridge Calderdale for Tree felling licence (West End)

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle to

Recommend refusal - there is a wish for more detailed information and allow more time for public consultation.

The motion was not supported.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Patient and

**RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION**

It was moved by Cllr Stevens

Seconded by Cllr Young 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.

**375. HRTC & HBPH PAYMENT & RECEIPT SCHEDULE**

It was moved by Young

Seconded by Stevens and

**RESOLVED:** to note items of information and to authorise payments totalling £8,637.93.

Cllr Cammack joined the meeting

**376. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR AND THE CLERK.**

a) Crime Plan 2021	Police & Crime Commissioner
b) Remote Meetings	YLCA
c) Training Programme	YLCA
d) Two Day Conference	YLCA
e) Mytholm Chimney	Setbray Properties
f) White Rose Update	YLCA
g) Personal Data Sharing	Calder & Kirklees 999 Call for NHS
h) Handmade Parade	Arts Council Award
i) Training Bulletin	YLCA
j) Tree Advice	CMBC
k) White Lee Ward by Election	CMBC
l) Headlines	Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

In respect of a), c), d), e), f), g), h), i), k), l)  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Stevens and  
**RESOLVED:** To note the information

In respect of b)  
It was moved by Cllr Fenton  
Seconded by Cllr Courtney and  
**RESOLVED:** Considering technological requirements, to encourage a hybrid meeting to suit all and increase inclusivity.

In respect of j)  
It was moved by Cllr Stow  
Seconded by Cllr Stevens and  
**RESOLVED:** That our Calderdale Councillors should pursue this and encourage some level of contact regarding this important issue.

**377. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL held 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**

It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Stow  
**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes as a correct record.

It was moved by Cllr Needham  
Seconded by Cllr Stevens and  
**RESOLVED:** that the structure of oversight for the additional budget headings as agreed in the budget setting will be considered at the next meeting of Full Council. The clerk will provide options for consideration.

**378. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE held 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

It was moved by Fenton  
Seconded by Stevens  
**RESOLVED:** to receive the minutes for information. It was highlighted that the committee will be considering its criteria and how it can implement restrictions (given the current Covid-19 guidance) and set limits or ring fence funds to ensure appropriate allocation.

**379. MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE held 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

It was moved by Cllr Harvey  
Seconded by Cllr Stevens  
**RESOLVED:** to endorse the recommendations and approve as a correct record.

**380. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY/YOUNG PERSONS AWARD**

Nominations were made for the recipients of the Service to the Community Award and the Young Persons Award 2021/22.

Service to the Community Award - Cllr Boggis nominated Jan Lymer & Helen Place from Calder Community Cares

Young Persons Award - Cllr Patient nominated our Young People of Hebden Royd

These are to be considered along with ways of marking the awards.  
Councillors should forward nominations and suggestions to the Town Clerk.

**381. WORKING GROUPS**

To receive reports from and to decide on appropriate actions:

a) Disability Access Forum – 15/2/21

Cllr Stow reported that DAF is still working on the removal of A-boards and the widening of pavements on Crown Street.

b) Age Friendly Community Working Group – 2/2/21

Cllr Stevens reported that it had been working in partnership with DAF on mapping in Mytholmroyd. It is also seeking to identify where benches can be sited. The group was analysing results from the survey and is looking to set up small groups to implement and appropriate actions that may arise.

c) Recovery Group -18/2/21

Cllr Freeth reported that the recovery group was continuing to move forward. It now has a core group of between six to eight people to enable ease of consensus. This group reports back to the larger group to approve proposals. A logo has been approved and they are now looking at setting up a rolling calendar of events populated with appropriate links i.e. Rotary Virtual Duck Race, and a series of other events. There is lots of detail to be confirmed, such as artwork. The group would like to ask council for start-up costs of £500 for initial artwork and banners to be produced. The group is aware that it has to be self-sustaining but will be supported by the council where appropriate.

It was moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Wood and

**RESOLVED:** To make an award of £500.

**382. REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

To receive reports from representatives to outside bodies and other organisations

a) Hebden Bridge & Mytholmroyd Town Board - 16/2/21

Cllr Courtney reported that there had been an update from CMBC regarding the economic recovery plan, and the HRTC recovery plan. It has a working party to consider a brief to get potential projects ready for when funding is available, working in line with the Neighbourhood Plan. Steven Lee gave an update about Crown Street and more detailed proposals are being considered. There will be consultation with the Town Council when appropriate.

b) Hebden Bridge Flood Alleviation Scheme – 18/2/21

Cllr Fenton reported that the works are progressing as planned. Basic plans are available on Eye on Calderdale. Final funding for Erringden Hillside has come through and works will hopefully be started and completed this year.

The meeting finished at 9:14pm

Payment and Receipt Schedule  
24th February 2021

Hebden Royd Town Council

Item	no: Payee	Details	Amount	Cost Centre	Payment Method
Accounts to be Paid					
a	Dringtech	IT Support	84.00	IT	Bacs
b	Dringtech	IT Support	115.50	IT	Bacs
c	HBCA	Data	180.96	Office	Bacs
d	Pennine Pens	Website	395.00	Office	Bacs
e	Carolyn Warren	Accounts Support	280.00	Office	Bacs
f	JRB	Dog Waste Bags	244.80	Env & All	Bacs
g	Mark Simmons	Native Apple Orchard	1,883.00	Climate Emer	Bacs
h	Forus	High Hirst Fencing	3,785.00	Climate Emer	Bacs
I	Calderdale Citizens Advice	Feb - March 21 Service	<u>1,359.67</u>	CAB	Bacs
			8,327.93		

Hebden Bridge Picture House

Item	no: Payee	Details	Amount	Cost Centre	Payment Method
Accounts to be Paid					
a	P & B Builders	Pointing & Guttering Repairs	310.00	Build Man	Bacs
	YPO	PPE	35.10	Safety Grant	Bacs
	YPO	Handtowel Equipment	188.69	Build Man	Bacs
	YPO	Handtowel Equipment	53.22	Build Man	
	YPO	PPE	<u>23.40</u>	Safety Grant	
			310.00		

Authorised by

Councillor	Councillor	Clerk	
			Date