

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE held 3rd April 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Harvey (Chair), Bampton Smith, Fenton, Hoyle, Needham, Stevens.

Also: Rachel Lightbird (HRTC) Neil Diment (Co-opted Member)

Guest: Finn Jenson (BEAT)

Deputy Clerk: E Green.

437. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.

Apologies were received from Cllr Patient.

438. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

No interests were declared.

439. RETROFIT PROJET

Finn Jensen presented information about the BEAT Retrofit Project, which is led by volunteers. A series of public meetings have already been held, including the at the Hebden Bridge Town Hall where 70 people attended and Mytholmroyd Community Centre where 80 People attended. BEAT have provided Carbon Co-op £10k to undertake retrofitting work in Todmorden. Eight community champions have been selected, they have a full survey of their house, with a view to then then making the retrofit changes and allowing interested visitors the opportunity to view and find out more about the practicalities of making the changes. Public workshops are due to be held on 19th April 22nd May, these will be in Todmorden but all are welcome to attend. Part of the project includes upskilling the construction industry through a two day introductory course, to better equip them with the knowledge and skills to deliver retrofit. In Calderdale about 50% of older households are “hard to treat homes”, no cavity wall etc. and of these about 70% are private and the rest are housing authority. CMBC has council has some budget to retrofit housing authority properties but this does not extend to private homes.

The main aim of retrofit is to reduce heat loss. A deep retrofit, to the highest standard can reduce heat loss by up to 80% but this is very expensive and intrusive. There are low level interventions that can be made such as loft insulation. Peoples Power retrofit offer a full survey

at a cost of £500 to assess the requirements for an effective retrofit lists suggested interventions in order of effectiveness.

It is important that information is also shared on low level retrofitting lots of which can be done on a DIY basis. But it is important to understand airflows to prevent mould. It was highlighted that not everyone is capable of DIY – accessibility important as a means of engagement. It is also important to offer practical information such as the cost benefits.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

RESOLVED: To deliver an Introduction to Retrofit session at HB Town Hall. Carbon Coop will deliver this at a cost of £300 with some additional funding for appropriate materials and a gift for attendees of a small energy saving device, up to a maximum budget of £1000 for the event.

440. TO REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 6TH FEBRUARY 2023 NOT ITEMISED ON THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

441. UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY & BIODIVERSITY OFFICER

A verbal update was given by the Climate Emergency & Biodiversity Co-ordinator regarding existing and new projects:

a) Climate Café

Presentation has been given to Schools Head liaison meeting – a number of schools have registered interest. The event will be held on Friday 16th June and coincides with Great Big Green Week.

It was suggested that a SIYE art project could be incorporated using large canvas with the world which could be used for future engagement projects. The budget has previously been agreed at £2000 can the budget be increased to accommodate the art project.

Lots of other workshops are planned including sphagnum moss, fast fashion and transport of the future.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

RESOLVED: To maintain the existing £2000 budget, and not to proceed with the art project on this occasion.

b) Living Greener - A boards update

Concept design of the artwork was presented for the A Boards.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Needham and

RESOLVED: to approve the initial design and for the artist to work up the design ready for production.

442. HIGH HIRST WOODMEADOW

A report was given on the progress of works at High Hirst Woodmeadow:

- a) Riverside School - year 5 and 6 visit
Students visited to draw images that would be included on the interpretation boards. This was a very successful day with excellent participation and interest from the children.
- b) Meadows Day
National Meadows day on first Saturday in July. Event to be held on Saturday 1st July, last year was a very successful meadows day, this year the plan is to rerun those activities that worked well plus the include a number of new activities. The event is for both adults and children. All activities will require be prebooking to help with planning and ensure the quality of delivery of the activity.
- c) Opening of interpretation boards/path ceremony
The boards will be fitted on 6th April and the event will take place on 20th April invitations will be circulated in due course. This event will also include the unveiling of a plaque in memorial of Dongria Khond who was instrumental in the development of the site. The Climate and Biodiversity Coordinator is circulating invitations and will ensure an appropriate press release is issued.

443. BUDGET UPDATE

Information was provided on the current budget and requests for funding was considered for the projects listed below:

- a) Schools Climate café.
It was moved by Cllr Harvey
Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and
RESOLVED: Not to increase the budget for this event and to maintain this at £2000.00
- b) High Hirst Woodmeadow - damson/pear tree prune
It was moved by Cllr Harvey
Seconded by Cllr Needham and
RESOLVED: To approve £100 for pruning
- c) High Hirst Woodmeadow - Meadows Day bookings.
It was moved by Cllr Harvey
Seconded by Cllr Needham and
RESOLVED: To approve up to £600 for costs
- d) High Hirst Woodmeadow - Tree guard removal and tree works
It was moved by Cllr Harvey
Seconded by Cllr Needham and
RESOLVED: To approve £800 for tree works.

Meeting finished at 21:05