

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 them 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.

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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.

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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.