

## **HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Meeting of the CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Held WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

#### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Fenton, Harvey, Hayes, Howes, Morse & Needham

**Co-opted Members:** N Diment,

**Officers:** R Lightbird

**HRTC Deputy Clerk:** E Green

**70. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE 2023/24**

It was Moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Howes

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Harvey be Chair of the Climate Emergency & Environment Committee for 2023/24.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Needham and

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Morse be Deputy Chair of the Climate Emergency & Environment Committee 2023/24.

Cllr Fenton Abstained from the vote. The reason for the abstention was that she disapproved of the method of nomination of the Deputy Chair

**71. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bampton Smith.

**72. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.**

No interests were declared.

**73. CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Membership of non-councillors was considered.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Fenton

**RESOLVED:** that Neil Diment be co-opted to the committee and that Anthony Rae should also be invited.

**74. FORMATION OF THE NEW CLIMATE EMERGENCY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

A brief overview of the reasons for the joining of the two committees was given and discussion had about the allocation of projects.

It was Moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Needham

**RESOLVED:** That the clerk should divide the tasks of the Environment & Allotments budget based on the basis of the natural environment and short-term public realm projects. This should be presented for approval at the next meeting of this committee.

**75. MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2023 and ENVIRONMENT & ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE HELD 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 NOT ITEMISED ON THIS AGENDA.**

There were no matters arising from either set of minutes.

**76. BUDGET UPDATE**

The budget available for the work of this committee was outlined.

a. Climate Emergency Budget

An overview of the budget was given with just over £20k left in the budget.

It was Moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Howes

**RESOLVED:** to note the information.

b. Environment & Allotments Budget

It was Moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Harvey

**RESOLVED:** That the budget should be split in accordance with the appropriate project outlined above and brought to the next meeting of this committee for approval.

**77. EVENT FEEDBACK & UPDATE**

Feedback, updates and any associated budget requests were discussed for the following events.

a. High Hirst Celebration and the opening of the access path. There was a focus on the new interpretation boards and signage. Children from Riverside Junior School also attended following the inclusion of their artwork on the panels.

It was Moved by Harvey

Seconded by Fenton

**RESOLVED:** To thank N Diment for the hard work on the interpretation boards and signage.

b. Climate Café & including a proposal from Cllr Howes

Seven schools attended with 75 Children. All schools gave presentations excellent opportunity to share information and inspire each other. Five

workshops linked to the Climate Action Plan. Northern Rail provided free rail travel for the schools in Mytholmroyd.

Cllr Howes presented an idea of a school's action group for Hebden Royd where schools are invited termly or half termly to share ideas.

It was Moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Fenton

**RESOLVED:** That the Climate Emergency Officer shall work up a proposal based on a once termly meeting, with a budget of up to £500 for initial meeting. This will be approved by the chair to enable progress on this project to be made before the next meeting.

c. Green New Deal Stall

Brought retrofitted dolls house to the climate café. Generated lots of interest in energy efficiency event

d. Meadows Day

Will run on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, with eight different events and workshops with a range of activities and people being involved. Partnership with

Dodnaze Community Centre, who are providing a workshop and refreshments.

e. Haymaking Event – Budget Request

A quote was brought forward for N Diment to provide a ‘Haymaking Event Week’. N Diment is a local professional who has been extremely helpful and given lots of support to the project.

It was Moved by Harvey

Seconded by Howes

**RESOLVED:** to approve the quotation of £500.00.

f. Scything Event

Eight places have been booked already with a £15 contribution per person.

It was Moved by Harvey

Seconded by Needham

**RESOLVED:** to approve up to £600 for a Scything event

g. Energy Efficiency Event (enc)

Event to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September at Hebden Bridge Town Hall. 10 people signed up already. If this is successful, then maybe run more specific workshops in the future.

**78.**

**PROJECT UPDATE**

Updates were received on the following projects.

a. A Boards

The idea of including Fair Share and reduction of food waste was suggested.

Further Comments to be sent to R Lightbird by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

b. NALC

Press Release will be sent about the work of the Climate Emergency Committee once the new communications officer is in post.

c. Hanging Baskets

Baskets are blooming nicely in peat free compost. A total of 148 retailer baskets plus 100 additional on Bridge Gate and New Road/Market Street/Burnley Road.

d. Spring Clean

Over 100 participants were involved from school children to the WI.

e. Calder Holmes Park

Walk around scheduled with senior CMBC officers and councillors to consider the issues and look at opportunities to enhance the park.

f. High Hirst Woodmeadow

The Statement of Use was considered. This will outline what potential groups may be able to do on site. Slight amendment to be made to include - grazing with sheep and/cattle and introducing additional mowing using scythes and haymaking.

It was Moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Howes

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Statement of Use with the above amendments

The idea of a working group was tabled to support with the High Hirst Woodmeadow during busy periods and with the acquisition of the extension to the site.

Cllr Needham suggested a Heads of Terms be produced to allow management of the site to take place without the lease being in place.

Cllr Fenton reminded the committee that it must be cautious with regard to resources expended on the extension, when the climate emergency is about reducing carbon.

It was discussed that the Working Group is just to formalise the process and that all recommendations will come to committee for approval.

It was Moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Harvey

**RESOLVED:** To approve the working groups as outlined in the report. All decisions and expenditure must be tabled at the committee for approval.

- g. New Environmental Projects – ideas invited.

Cllr Hayes raised the Brearley Fields Project and if there was scope for HRTC to be involved.

It was Moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Harvey and

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Hayes to follow this up with the appropriate Calderdale Councillor

The Climate Emergency Officer suggested the idea of an Eco Fair. And will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

The Deputy Clerk shared that the Pumpkin Trail to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October would have a climate and habitat theme and that at this stage ideas for climate projects that tie in with this are welcomed.

**79. CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

The action plan was considered.

There needs to be further discussion and work done on the protection and restoration of peat following on from the work already undertaken. This will be considered at the next meeting.

A letter was tabled from a member of the community which outlined concerns about stationary traffic, traffic at schools and safe routes to schools.

It was Moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Needham

**RESOLVED:** The Climate Emergency Officer will consider how these concerns fit with the Climate Action Plan and what HRTC may be able to do to address these where appropriate and will present the ideas at the next meeting of this committee. The clerk will write to thank them for raising the issue and that it will be considered at the next meeting. Councillors are also invited to input.

**80. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE**

An update was given on the current activities of the allotments.

- a. Banksfield Allotments - to include the water butt's initiative.
- b. High Hirst Allotments - to include a request for facilities for children.

It was Moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Harvey

**RESOLVED:** That the Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Coordinator create a project outline including estimated costs, for the inclusion of children

facilities at High Hirst be brought to the next meeting of this committee for consideration.