

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

**MEETING of the COST OF LIVING CRISIS COMMITTEE
held Monday 27th July 2023**

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Guilfoyle, Boggis, Fraser, Hayes, Hedges.

**Also: Ebony Andrews – Community Engagement &
Communications Officer**

Clerk: Emma Green - Deputy Clerk.

**128. ELECTION OF CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE COST OF
LIVING COMMITTEE 2023/24**

It was moved by Cllr Fraser

Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

RESOLVED: That Cllr Guilfoyle be Chair of the Cost of Living Committee
for the council year 2023/24.

It was moved by Cllr Fraser

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: that Cllr Fraser be the deputy Chair of the Cost of Living
Committee for the council year 2023/24.

129. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions

Apologies were received from Cllr Matthias

130. Members' Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

Cllr Boggis declared a standing interest as the Chair of Governors of Burnley
Road School

**131. Matters arising from Minutes of Meetings held 4th April 2023 not itemised
on this Agenda.**

In respect of item 447, it was agreed that a meeting of all the groups should be
progressed, and that October would be a suitable time for this to happen. Dates
to be suggested to the committee.

Cllr Hayes left the meeting

132. COST OF LIVING PROGRAMME 2022/23

The grants awarded and evaluations received from groups that were funded as part of the 2022/23 programme were considered. Overall, the committee was impressed with the projects and the impact that these had.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle
Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: that the scheme this year should have its own evaluation form for completed projects. This will make it easier to assess impact, value for money and to compare projects.

133.

PURPOSE OF FUNDS & PRIORITIES 2023/24

The previous years priorities and arrangements were considered in detail. It was agreed that this year's needs are somewhat unknown and that there are a number of different factors to consider such as the impact of rising mortgage rates as people come to the end of their fixed terms, and the support of children's meals through the school holidays. Following a discussion,

It was moved by Cllr Hedges
Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: That the key priorities for this committee would be the provision of food and warmth, also considering the detrimental emotional impact of social isolation caused by poverty. The committee would welcome applications from constituted groups for grants between £100 and £5000 and each grant would be assessed on its merits, it may be that where an application does not meet the criteria it is referred to Community Funding. The committee agreed that staff costs relating to projects would not be funded.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle
Seconded by Cllr Hedges and

RESOLVED: That there should now be significant community engagement announcing that the committee is operational and welcomes applications based on the information above.

134.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING & MEETING FREQUENCY

It was moved by Cllr Fraser
Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: That a meeting of this committee should be held in September in preparation for winter and the Clerk will circulate a date for this. Meeting will then be quarterly or as demand for its services dictate.