

**Meeting of the COST OF LIVING CRISIS COMMITTEE
held 4th APRIL 2023**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Boggis, Needham & Stevens.

Clerk: J. Boom.

444. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions

Cllrs Fraser, Guilfoyle & Wood.

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

None were declared at this time.

446. Matters arising from Minutes of Meetings held 19th January 2023 not itemised on this Agenda

No points were raised.

447. TO REVIEW PROJECTS SUPPORT BY THIS COMMITTEE IN 2022/23

The committee looked at each evaluation in turn.

Hebden Royd Methodist Church – an impressive and honest evaluation added to by a report from a visit to the Café by a committee member. It was clear there had been unintended benefits of the project being established.

Cragg Vale Hubbub -Impressive, the hard work to establish the project has reaped rewards, attracting community interest has been key. It has gathered financial support and donations are proving positive. The project is equipped for the future and to grow.

Hope Baptist Church – while supporting established activities the support has been well received and helped sustain the building and the work it undertakes.

Hebden Bridge Town Hall – other support attracted and the method of accounting for those makes clear analysis for value for money challenging however the number attracted are impressive even for this prominent location. Calder Food Support – the support has clearly been helpful and offered value for money. The activities of the group are impressive as are their plans to continue while needed.

St James Church – a positive report with lessons learned and a plan to action those same lessons.

The committee would have like to have seen personal benefits being illustrated, feedback forms were suggested. A potential meeting should be considered to allow these groups to meet, share experiences and to identify how and what type of support may be needed in the future. They should also be thanked for their hard work

448. COST OF LIVING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee discussed how HRTC can continue to support the work that has already been undertaken.

The meeting felt that in all probability that the pressures felt by many were likely to continue throughout 2023 and in to 2024.

The committee felt that there was clear evidence that the funds awarded had been well spent and that value for money had been achieved across the projects despite the varied approaches to supporting those that were in need. Many projects had experienced un expected spin-offs and value added to their projects while still addressing the main aims of the project as set out.

The support offered to HRTC Staff had been well received and had generated significant goodwill as a result.

It was agreed that the project had met its aim to support the needs of many by being visible and flexible to react to needs as they appeared with less restrictions regarding what can be supported being key to its ability to react.

It was proposed by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Boggis

RESOLVED to recommend that:

- the committee be reconvened by the full council following the full council elections on the 4th May 2023.
- the delegated powers be retained to allow the committee to proceed in a similar fashion as previously.
- the committees membership to be similar in number, and for the meetings to be at no fixed time.
- financial support for the committee to be decided in the future, by the full council, through a allocation from the Town Council Contingency fund.
- the committee to convene initially when evidence of need is presented to full council.

Meeting finished at 2.55pm.