HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of ENVIRONMENT & ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE held 12th April 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Young, Bampton Smith, Boden, Guilfoyle, Hayes & Hoyle.

Deputy Clerk: J Boom.

Also attending: Rachel Lightbird

Councillor Young recalled the establishment of the committee from its early inception in 2004 until today. Mention was made of the collective desire to improve the Hebden Royd 'environment' as a non-political project for the Town Council.

- **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS**Cllr Harvey and Hodgins with Cllr Boden acting as substitute.
- 462. MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.

None were declared at this time.

463. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 25TH JANUARY 2023 AND MATTERS ARISING NOT ITEMISED ON THIS AGENDA.

The clerk advised the meeting of the following:

- A donation of £350 to an open space project at Dodnaze Community Centre made been made following discussion between the Town Clerk and the Deputy Clerk. It was agreed that this support was in line with a previous resolution to support open space projects in Hebden Royd.
- The 2023 Hanging Basket Scheme had been opened and orders have been received.
- The annual spring clean had been held and was well attended.
- The benches due to be installed are still awaiting clearance for their installation by Calderdale MBC's legal team.

464. PROVISION OF GRIT BINS

Following discussion.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith and

RESOLVED: to adopt the recommendations in the submitted paper in that community groups who request a grit bin and grit for an unadopted road should do so via the Community Funding Committee with an expectation that the group would be responsible for all elements of

managing the grit bin once installed. Requests for grit bins on adopted street should be directed to the Highways Authority, Calderdale MBC.

465. DOG WASTE BAGS

The Clerk informed the meeting of the delivery of the dispensers and the bags and that a programme to install would soon be underway. The change is to publicised via the usual channels and specifically at the upcoming Happy Hounds responsible dog ownership event.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Bampton Smith

RESOLVED: to note the information.

466. PARKS IN HEBDEN ROYD

The committee discussed the arrangements proposed with Calderdale MBC and the seven parks for a memorandum of understanding. The committee looked at the works proposed by Calderdale MBC and the promised works due to be delivered specifically at Calder Holmes Park's Play Ground.

It was moved by Cllr Bampton Smith

Seconded by Cllr Haves and

RESOLVED: to enter into the formal memorandum of agreement with Calderdale MBC regarding the park and to undertake appropriate works in Calder Holmes Park's Play Ground.

The committee while entering into the agreement raised concerns regarding the quality of the play equipment, its safety and its maintenance and would hope to see and hear of reassurance on the matter directly from Calderdale MBC.

Cllr Boden advised the growing desire for the Friends of Calder Holmes Park to meet once more, this initiative should be monitored.

467. ALLOTMENTS

The committee discussed the report submitted.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

RESOLVED: to write to all Banksfield allotment owners offering them a water butt free of charge for them to use on the allotment they have an agreed tenancy with. The water butts are to be installed at the allotment holder expense and managed by them should they enter into the arrangement.

The committee asked that allotment fees and associated discounts be reviewed at a future meeting of the committee responsible for allotments.

The committee thanked Cllr Dave Young for his service to this committee, having chaired the committee for the last 19 years.

The meeting ended at 8.02pm.