

## **HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Meeting of ENVIRONMENT & ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE held 25 January 2023**

#### **MINUTES**

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

**Deputy Clerk: E Green**

**331. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hodgins with Cllr Boden as substitute.

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

There were no interests declared.

**333. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 22 AND MATTERS ARISING NOT ITEMISED ON THIS AGENDA.**

Item 201 – The deputy clerk informed the meeting that since this matter was discussed, Together Housing have been actively repairing the Dodnaze Community Centre with a view to bring it back in to use. Members of the Dodnaze Community Association have been contacted and advised to apply to the HRTC Community Funding Committee should support be required to reinstate activities.

**334. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Allotment Tennant Shed request.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

**RESOLVED:** To approve the request for a shed on plot 7 at Banksfield Allotments in accordance with the specified requirements.

**335. BUDGET UPDATE**

The budget was presented and discussed by Councillors. Under 'New Projects' Cllr Guilfoyle suggested that the council consider how grit bins can be provided on unadopted roads in Hebden Royd. The main concern would be the ongoing maintenance and use of the grit bins, it was suggested that bins could be applied for by community groups or neighbourhoods where there is a demonstrated commitment to continue to fill and use the bins appropriately.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

**RESOLVED:** That the costs and associated issues are investigated, and a report be brought to the next meeting of the committee for consideration.

**336. HANGING BASKETS**

The report was considered and discussed in detail.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Harvey and

**RESOLVED:** That the retailer baskets should be sold at £50 per basket. The committee believed that these still represented excellent value for money being subsidised by the council by 25% compared to the actual cost. This significant subsidy should be clear on marketing materials.

**337. DOG WASTE BAGS**

The report was considered and discussed.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Boden and

**RESOLVED:** to change the dog waste provision to a compostable bag using Eco Green Communities including the purchase of new dispensers.

**338. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT UPDATES**

Verbal updates on the following projects were provided to councillors;

a) Spring Clean

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Harvey and

**RESOLVED:** to run the Spring Clean at the end of March using the same format as in previous years.

b) Benches

The meeting were advised that permission is still awaited from the CMBC legal team. Once this is in place the benches can be installed without delay.

c) Calderdale Parks

The deputy clerk advised that CMBC officers were aware of HRTCs desire to support them in enhancing the parks in the local area and that opportunities for partnership working will be sought over the coming year.

d) Midgley Road Community Garden – The Poke

Permission has been sought and granted to install a plaque at the site in recognition of the works that have been undertaken over the past 15 years. The meeting praised the efforts of the members of our community who work to keep the community garden looking fantastic.

**339. ALLOTMENTS**

The committee were advised that inspections had taken place at High Hirst and that there were two plots that will receive cultivation notices.

At Banksfield routine tree works are due to commence with an estimated cost of £350.00.