

**MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL
held WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2024 at
HEBDEN BRIDGE TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors: Hayes (Chair), Boggis, Boden, Butterick, Cammack, Guilfoyle, Fraser, Hedges, Howes, Hoyle, McNicholas, Morse, Needham & Woodhead.

Town Clerk - Jason Boom

One member of the public – Christine Drake

Cllr Steve Woodhead was welcomed to the council as the recently elected member in White Lee Ward.

407. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

No questions were asked of the council.

408. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs Bampton Smith & Matthias. Council sent their best wishes to Cllr Bampton Smith, wishing her a speedy recovery and a return to council in the near future.

409. MEMBERS' INTERESTS' RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS.

Cllrs Howes – Item 419) b) as teacher at local schools which may be affected by the proposals.

410. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. **Application 24/20017/TPO** at Paper Mill Cottage, Castle Gate, Cragg Vale, HX7 5SH for Reduce Trees. (Cragg Vale ward).

No decision was taken as the proposal met the established criteria for permissions being sort for the pruning of trees. That being **NO OBJECTION**.

b. **Application 24/00111/HSE** at 13 Eaves Avenue, Hebden Bridge, HX7 6DJ for Construction of garden room with decking surround. (West End ward).

After discussion

It was moved by Cllr Howes

Seconded by Cllr Boden and

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION

c. **Application 24/20020/TPO** at 5 Rose Villas, Cragg Road, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5ER for Fell one tree (Tree Preservation Order). (Cragg Vale ward).

It was moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: RECOMMEND REFUSAL as the applications reason for felling is not as a consequence of the tree being dead, diseased or dying.

d. **Application 24/00076/LBC** at Banks Cottages, Raw Lane, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5RF for Addition of electric vehicle charging point (PodPoint) to external wall. (White Lee ward).

The meeting discussed the need for this application as it felt that an application of this nature should always be viewed favourably given its intent to reduce emissions and carbon generation. The type of application, listed building consent, was noted and the meeting acknowledged the need to protect buildings of significance as identified by its listing status.

It was moved by Cllr Boden

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION

e. **Application 24/20028/TPO** at Ewood Hall Barn, Midgley Road, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5QU for Tree management (fell one and prune others) Tree Preservation Order). (White Lee ward).

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Woodhead and

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION to the proposed pruning but

RECOMMEND REFUSAL of the request to fell the identified Sycamore as evidence of it being dead, diseased or dying was not provided. This being re-enforced by the applicants comment that management of the tree could be achieved by removal of the large, side limb.

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: that the recommendations on the above planning applications are sent to the Environmental Services Department, Calderdale MBC. When the Chair or Deputy Chair cannot attend, Ward members be authorised to represent the view of Hebden Royd Town Council at meetings of the Planning Committee at Calderdale MBC.

411. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED BY CALDERDALE MBC

It was moved by Cllr Boggis

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: to note the information.

412. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED BY CALDERDALE MBC

It was moved by Cllr Boggis

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: to note the information.

413. ISRAEL & PALESTINE CONFLICT

All councillors had received the motion and the associated background information in full prior to the meeting with copies available at the meeting, for both members and the public in attendance.

The motion was introduced by Cllr Harvey, on behalf of both herself and Cllr Guilfoyle. It was outlined that they had brought the motion to promote peace and as HRTC has not as yet made a statement on the conflict that they wanted to make a public statement calling for that peace.

Cllr Harvey outlined the appalling situation and that no human is worth more than any other, with all humans are born free and equal and that the atrocities that are being witnessed must be stood against firmly.

Christine Drake spoke focusing on what she had witnessed while recently in the area and her knowledge of the treatment of people before and during that time. She highlighted the need to consider the situation not just in Gaza but also the West Bank and Jerusalem which deserves to be heard and acknowledged. Christine, who has friends still in the area, said they were still under attack, with little or no help, and lacking equipment to rescue those who may be trapped.

Note: Cllr Boden left the room.

Christine stated that people are now being starved forcing them out all of Palestine with the situation worsening as each day passes and that nobody should have to endure this situation.

Cllr Needham reflected that he had taken time to consider the motion and that everyone must consider both sides of the situation. He drew attention to the Israeli Defence Force DF actions now, that in addition to the devastation of communities there was systematic destruction of historic sites and cultural genocide which is clearly in breach of the Hague Convention of 1954 to protect cultural property in the event of armed conflict. Cllr Needham asked that this should be acknowledged and investigated. He also gave importance to the targeting of journalists reporting on the conflict and the high death rate being consequently reported.

He felt that the legacy of this conflict will last for generations and that the credibility of the UK and US Governments is at stake and that we/they must act or we/they will be complicit in the conflict.

Cllr Hedges, voiced support for the motion, stating that politicians are not leading as they should and that consequently we must make our position clearly known. Cllr Hedges asked that the background information provided to support the motion was also circulated should the motion be carried.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: that Hebden Royd Town Council:

Join other councils calling for an immediate permanent ceasefire, in order to facilitate an intense period of diplomacy, bring humanitarian aid into Palestine, and provide an opportunity to seek the immediate release of hostages.

Work together with key representatives and community leaders across the borough towards a common objective of ensuring that people can continue to feel safe in Hebden Royd and live without fear of intimidation, harassment, or hatred.

Continue to take a stand against Islamophobia, Antisemitism, and all forms of hatred.

Record its unequivocal condemnation of the terrorist attacks by Hamas against civilians in Israel.

Record its unequivocal condemnation of the conduct of the Israeli government against civilians in Palestine.

Offer a kind and compassionate welcome to those displaced by the conflict, reaffirming our commitment as a place of sanctuary.

Calls on the UK government to:

Call on all parties to respect international humanitarian law.

To support the upholding of international law, with appropriate investigation, accountability for breaches and prosecution for war crimes.

Demand an immediate and permanent ceasefire, the release and return of all hostages, proper access to food and water, medical supplies, and access to health services; and beyond that a lasting resolution to deliver peace and a long lasting two state solution that allows both states to live in peace.

Immediately reinstate United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA) funding, allowing the agency to continue its vital work in preventing famine and disease in Palestine.

Suspend the licensing of UK military equipment to all parties involved in this conflict.

Call on Israel to comply with the International Court of Justice's provisional measures ruling and publicly support the work of the International Criminal Court.

Endorse a serious and concerted reinvigoration of international efforts for a two-state solution.

Use the UK Resettlement Scheme to allow a route to safety for those seeking refuge from the conflict.

Request that the borough's two MPs actively support the above actions.

The Town Mayor, Cllr Hayes added that there must be a ceasefire as soon as possible and that all be allowed to live in peace.

414. HRTC OFFICE RISK ASSESSMENTS 2024

It was moved by Cllr Woodhead

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: to adopt the risk assessments as presented.

415. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: to add Cllr Woodhead to the Climate Emergency and Environment and Community Funding Committee with immediate effect, noting that committee will be reset at the start of the next council year in May 2024.

416. HRTC & HBPH PAYMENT & RECEIPT SCHEDULE

It was moved by Cllr Boggis

Seconded by Cllr Hedges and

RESOLVED: to note items of information and to authorise payments totalling £55,479.65.

417. HRTC STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

It was moved by Cllr Boden

Seconded by Cllr Butterick and

RESOLVED: to accept the Statement of Account up to end January 2024.

418. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY/YOUNG PERSONS AWARD

The meeting discussed potential candidates for the Service to the Community Award and the Young Persons Award 2023/24. These included local post office staff and the Hebden Bridge Junior Band. The meeting agreed to further consider, and hopefully decide, on receipts at the next meeting of the Town Council.

Nominations should be brought to that meeting, ideally having been discussed with the Town Clerk prior to that meeting being held.

419. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR AND THE CLERK.

To receive and decide actions on communications.

a) Parish Mass Transport Briefing WYCA

b) Review of On Street Parking Charges CMBC

It was moved by Cllr Howes

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: to note item a) with the following actions regarding item b) that in response:

Proposals to alter arrangements to Old Gate should be considered carefully in conjunction with the imminent alterations emerging as part of the Environment Agency managed Hebden Bridge Flood Alleviation Scheme. That expense should not be entered into given the expected changes and altering arrangements on Old Gate.

Proposals to protect the heritage of The Buttress are understandable

Proposals to monetarise parking on Keighley Road would not be welcomed and in the view of the council would be only a short term financial gain as they would entirely remove free parking close to central Hebden Bridge.

The Town Council is in support of the proposals to the Central Street area.

HRTC is summary would like Calderdale MBC to carefully consider the following when assessing these proposals:

CMBC should seek to increase parking capacity in Hebden Bridge, a loss of any capacity must be a last resort. This principle should be mindful of the published proposals of the corridor improvement programme and the changes contained within it and there likely impact.

Regard should be given to support and provide facilities for local car users who do not have access to reliable and regular public transport to access the Town centre. HRTC's general policy would be to encourage public transport in all its forms however the nature of the area does in some cases mean that using those services is not practicable.

When making arrangements for payments for parking CMBC must ensure methods are reliable, easily understood and accessible with cash/coin as well as by electronic payment.

420. MAYOR'S REPORT/DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Boggis and

RESOLVED: to note the activities of the Mayor and the encouragement to attend an Evensong Event at Halifax Minister in the future, should the opportunity arise.

421. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL held 7th February 2024

It was moved by Cllr Boggis

Seconded by Cllr McNicholas and

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes as a correct record.

422. MINUTES OF THE PICTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE held 14th February 2024

Cllr Boden commented on the continued good work of Picture House staff, returning the Picture House to a point of generating a financial surplus. Cllr Boden reminded the meeting that a surplus this year would be beyond the financial support provided by the Town Council which is being reallocated to the Screen Two project.

Cllr Boden reminded council of the elements of the Screen Two project, including the recently added phase 3 which aims to visually improve the New Road elevation of the Picture House and the hope that when complete the Picture House would regularly generate significant surpluses which could drive other investment in the Town. Cllr Needham reminded the meeting of the Picture Houses position and principle of being accessible for all who would want to frequent it.

Cllr Howes, commented on small local cinemas struggling nationally and how Hebden Bridge Picture House was bucking the trend, and as a consequence it being a positive story which must be told. Cllr Howes continued to thank staff and felt their outstanding efforts should be rewarded and that the Picture House Manager should find an appropriate way to do this. The meeting was further reminded of its welcoming of needy families over the festive period, its Friends of the Picture House lead 'Making Friends' project working with asylum seekers and the positive impact both have had. Cllr Butterick encouraged further responses to the consultation process, due to finish towards the end of April 2024 but was mindful that we must not underestimate the challenges ahead and that choices would need to be made which would be difficult, he was clear that we must remember that the Screen Two project was never expected to be easy.

It was moved by Cllr Boden

Seconded by Cllr Needham and

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes as a true record.

423. MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held 21st February 2024

Cllr Harvey shared with the meeting details of the presentations received, including explanation of the CMBC Climate Action Plan and support of an Active Travel project. In addition the meeting had adopted the revised HRTC Climate Action Plan, reviewed and updated its members on its projects including Retrofit, the schools Climate Cafes and the intention to ask CMBC to allow use of the electric taxi car charging point in Market Place, Hebden Bridge by all electric car owners.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes as a true record.

424. MINUTES OF THE JOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE

held 28th February 2024

It was moved by Cllr Boden

Seconded by Cllr Hedges and

RESOLVED: To endorse recommendations therein and approve as a correct record writing to those who had supported the work of the Joint Neighbourhood during its tenure.

The Town Council was encouraged by the positive development of relations with the Hilltop Parishes which it hopes will be taken forward.

425. REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Guilfoyle reported on a meeting with organisations providing activities for young people. Members had indicated to the groups that they would issue letters of support for their upcoming planned activities where appropriate and consider requests for funding that are associated with them. This would include a Reach4Ward initiative to secure premises at Hebden Bridge Train Station. Letters should be addressed to Northern rail and the managing agents. Further meetings are planned for April along with a proposal for financial support.

Cllr Boden reported on confirmation that the Northern Powerhouse Gym as the preferred tenant for the former Holme Street Arts Centre and that the Building Management Committee of the Trades Club would be looking to formalise arrangements in the next three months.

Meeting finished at 9.10pm.

Payment and Receipt Schedule
06.03.24

Hebden Royd Town Council
Accounts to be Paid

Item					Payment
no:	Payee	Details	Amount	Cost Centre	Method
a	Blanchere	Festive Light Storage	1663.80	Festive Lights	BACS
b	CMBC	HB Festive Lights	3352.83	Festive Lights	BACS
c	CMBC	MYT Festive Lights	582.74	Festive Lights	BACS
d	CMBC	Election - White Lee	5987.23	Elections	BACS
e	Carolyne Warren	Accounts Support	250.00	Accounts	BACS
f	CMBC	High Hirst Fees	271.00	Climate Emergency	BACS
g	Katie Bates	Climate Café Workshop	285.66	Climate Emergency	BACS
h	Steve Hindle	Coppice Workshop	150.00	Climate Emergency	BACS
	Lancashire	St Michaels Clock			
I	Clockmakers	Service	180.00	Clocks	BACS
j	Smith of Derby	Millenium Clock Service	241.20	Clocks	BACS
k	Calvag	Cable Ties	5.40	Office	BACS
l	Pennine Pens	Website	430.00	Website	BACS
m	Pennine Pens	Website	264.00	Website	BACS
n	P3	IT	135.06	Office	BACS
			13,798.92		

Accounts previously paid by the Town Clerk

	National Allotments				
a	Soc	Subscription	66.00	Climate Emergency	BACS
			66.00		

Transactions Processed 1.1.24 - 31.1.24

	See Schedule	723.09
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TOTAL PAYMENTS 14,588.01

Payment and Receipt Schedule
06/03/2024

Hebden Bridge Picture House
Accounts to be Paid

Item				Cost	Payment
no:	Payee	Details	Amount	Centre	Method
a	606	Film Royalties	120.00	Royalties	BACS
b	Altitude	Film Royalties	120.00	Royalties	BACS
c	Artificial Eye	Film Royalties	460.25	Royalties	BACS
d	Disney	Film Royalties	3114.67	Royalties	BACS
e	Disney	Film Royalties	2227.75	Royalties	BACS
f	Elysian	Film Royalties	1785.53	Royalties	BACS
g	Elysian	Film Royalties	625.34	Royalties	BACS
h	Entertainment Film	Film Royalties	436.20	Royalties	BACS
i	Modern Film	Film Royalties	120.00	Royalties	BACS
j	Mubi	Film Royalties	801.16	Royalties	BACS
k	Paper Vision	Film Royalties	1659.25	Royalties	BACS
l	Park Circus	Film Royalties	192.00	Royalties	BACS
m	Trafalgar	Film Royalties	382.01	Royalties	BACS
n	Trafalgar	Film Royalties	410.00	Royalties	BACS
o	Universal	Film Royalties	310.13	Royalties	BACS
p	Universal	Film Royalties	970.75	Royalties	BACS
q	Vertigo	Film Royalties	225.92	Royalties	BACS
r	Warners	Film Royalties	2331.33	Royalties	BACS
s	Warners	Film Royalties	120.00	Royalties	BACS
t	Butternut Bakery	Kiosk Supplies	751.80	Kiosk	BACS
u	Brooks	Kiosk Supplies	159.94	Kiosk	BACS
v	Brooks	Kiosk Supplies	107.55	Kiosk	BACS
w	Jimmys	Kiosk Supplies	321.01	Kiosk	BACS
x	Just Jennys	Kiosk Supplies	132.00	Kiosk	BACS
y	Suma	Kiosk Supplies	754.93	Kiosk	BACS
z	CMBC	Insurance	5903.87	Insurance	BACS
aa	Croft	Broadband	83.33	Phone	BACS
bb	Dove & Bear	Uniforms	26.50	Office	BACS
cc	Manchester Stamp Co	Name Plates	19.20	Office	BACS
dd	P3	Projection Laptop	1138.80	Projection	BACS
ee	Pennie Signs	Artwork	282.00	Office	BACS
				Film	
ff	POS Yorkshire	Film Delivery	158.40	Delivery	BACS
gg	Print Bureau	Artwork	262.80	Office	BACS
hh	Savoy	Merchant services	1142.33	Bank	BACS
ii	Zip	Service	262.24	Build Main	BACS
			27,918.99		

Accounts paid by the Clerk

Item				Cost	Payment
no:	Payee	Details	Amount	Centre	Method
a	Disney	Film Royalties	156.97	Royalties	BACS
b	Park Circus	Film Royalties	374.40	Royalties	BACS
c	Warners	Film Royalties	3,050.26	Royalties	BACS
d	Dobsons	Kiosk Supplies	209.18	Kiosk	BACS
e	Print Bureau	Office	30.00	Office	BACS
f	UK CA	Office	147.60	Office	BACS

g	Universal	Film Royalties	1,442.35	Royalties	BACS
h	Universal	Film Royalties	2,558.60	Royalties	BACS
i	Matthew Clark	Kiosk Supplies	2,166.02	Kiosk	BACS
			10,135.38		
Transactions Processed 1.1.24 - 31.1.24					
	See Schedule		2,837.27		
			2,837.27		
		TOTAL			
		PAYMENTS	40,891.64		