

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the PICTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE held 4th October 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Butterick (Chair), Boden, Davenport, Fraser & Howes.

Picture House Manager: Pete Berrisford

HRTC Council Clerk: J Boom

HRTC Project Officer: Emma Green

Maggie Woods & Kate Higham (Friends of the Picture House)

MINUTES

- 205. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.**
Cllr Matthias.
- 206. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**
None were declared at this time.
- 207. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 7th September 2023 not itemised on this agenda.**
- 208. FRIENDS OF THE PICTURE HOUSE**
The Friends reported on the recent Heritage Open Day with the old projector being on display along with the Yorkshire Film Archive Hebden Bridge Carnival film being shown. A poster sale was held which generated funds for the group.
The most recent Making Friends gathering was viewed to once again be a success, the Making Friends Kitchen however continues to look for a new home and kitchen.
The Christmas raffle is to be held starting in late November.

209. MANAGERS REPORT

The Picture House Manager reported on recent screenings and the busy August period. He outlined special screenings since the last meeting which had proved successful.

The committee discussed ongoing arrangements regarding Covid-19 and it was agreed that the balcony should remain socially distanced for the foreseeable future.

210. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Town Clerk reported on secondary sales and ticket sales, reminding councillors that the annual cumulative analysis was not adjusted for inflation and that when considering figures this must be accounted for.

The meeting discussed upcoming screenings and the need to continue to support repeat customers and the mix of features that they appreciate.

211. BUSINESS PLAN

The meeting thanked the Picture House Manager for this draft version and agreed the need for targets, not necessarily financial, to measure the success of the plan and to add structure.

Councillors agreed to contribute and the Town Clerk would approach all members of the committee in the coming weeks. The business plan is to progress ‘hand in glove’ with the developing screen two proposal.

212. SCREEN TWO PROJECT

It was confirmed that the commissioned structural report had confirmed that the Picture House would be able to accommodate the proposed Screen Two project.

The Project Manager outlined the next steps of the project with the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor progressing already. The project will continue to develop alongside the trial programme and all its elements.

Meetings are planned with the Friends of the Picture House to explain the proposal and start the process of public consultation.

The Project Manager outlined a presentation to full council planned for the 11th October and asked that Picture House Committee Members provide feedback by 12 noon the following day.

The meeting finished at 8.55pm.