

## **HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Meeting of the STRATEGY & REVIEW COMMITTEE held 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

#### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Needham (Chair), Boggis, Hoyle, Wood & Young..

**Clerk: J Boom.**

- 362. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions**  
Apologies were received from Councillors Fenton, Fraser, Harvey & Stevens.
- 363. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**  
None were declared at this time.
- 364. Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 not itemised on this Agenda.**  
No matters were raised.
- 365. TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL CHARTER**  
A lengthy discussion took place discussing modifications that could be suggested when Calderdale MBC review the Charter in conjunction with the areas Town & Parish Councils.
- It was proposed by Cllr Needham  
Seconded by Cllr Young  
**RESOLVED:** to encourage the Charter to reflect in addition to CMBC arrangements with the Town & Parishes Councils principles of how the Parishes can choose to work together.
- The ongoing arrangements with CMBC should see a strengthening of the commitment to truly discuss issues between CMBC and the Parishes, not just the reporting of decisions i.e. recent changes to the financial support provided by CMBC.
- Additionally this should be reflected in a fair and equitable share of resources and redevelopment programmes proposed by CMBC, the principal authority, and look to introduce these equally across the borough with a desire to recognise deprived pockets in areas that are viewed to be predominantly wealthy.
- Low level alterations were noted and will be shared with CMBC prior to the next meeting and the summary points above circulated to the Parish Council Clerks of the Calderdale Parishes.

**366.**

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT**

The latest report from C & K Services was considered with a discussion ensuing regarding value for money and what is the level of need for the service.

Again, there is a desire for more information as to how the service fits in with the local standard provision already in place, the nature of the clients being dealt with i.e. those with more issues and how the service is promoted. Cumulative figures to reflect growth in use would also be helpful. Sarah Bunce, the C & K Advisor, may be able to provide this information. This is to be explored by the Chair of the Committee, promotion of the service.

**367.**

**HRTC EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Town Clerk reported on attempts to secure a new auditor for the Town Council following the closure, due to retirement, of Yorkshire Internal Audit. With a YLCA provided list of appropriate auditors used as the basis for the research.

It was proposed by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Young

**RESOLVED:** to ensure the expenses all expenses of a successful candidate be met, reflecting the estimated as required two days to complete the inspection plus one day to compile recommendations.

The clerk advised that a meeting was due to held with a possible suitable candidate, along with the Town Mayor and the Internal Financial Checker and if the candidate was viewed appropriate this would be reported to full council for consideration and adoption.

Meeting finished at 8.30pm.