

## **HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MEETING of the STRATEGY & REVIEW COMMITTEE held Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

#### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT** Councillors; Boggis, Fraser, Guilfoyle, Hayes & Needham.

**Clerk: Jason Boom - Town Clerk.**

**234a To Confirm Committee Membership and Election of a Deputy Chair of the STRATEGY & REVIEW Committee 2023/24.**

It was confirmed that Cllr Boggis had been added to the committees membership.

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that Cllr Boggis be Deputy Chair of the Strategy & Review Committee for the council year 2023/24.

**235. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions**

Cllrs Butterick & Harvey with no substitutions.

**236. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**

None declared at this.

**237. Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 not itemised on this Agenda**

The Clerk acknowledged that progress had not been made on the issue of Councillor Surgeries.

**238. BUDGET SETTING**

The clerk explain the upcoming process of setting the Town Council budget for 2024/25. The meeting was advised that initial budget request from had been circulated to all councillors and will be included in upcoming committee meetings.

The clerk presented the proposed budgets for Administration, Awards and HRTC Salaries, providing explanation and answering questions where required.

It was proposed by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Young

**RESOLVED:** to recommend the budget sections Administration & Awards. Having agreed to recommend an increase in the Kaberry Barker Awards for Primary Schools the committee asked that the Clerk contact Calder High School with the regard inclusion in these awards in the future.

239.

**PRESS & MEDIA GUIDANCE, SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDANCE & HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

The committee considered draft documents relating to Press & Media and Social Media. The committee sort clarification on point 10. of the Press Guidance which ensures papers minutes record the meeting and that they remain the definitive record of decisions.

Minor typographical errors were made to the Social Media Guidance.

The Councillors Guide to Using Social Media, Connected Councillors – a guide to using social media to support local leadership, as published by the Local Government Association was discussed.

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and

**RESOLVED:** to recommend that the guidance be adopted by the Town Council and that the Councillors Guide be circulated to all councillors for reference in the future.

The Model Civility & Respect Councillor-Officer Protocols were reviewed and discussed.

It was moved by Cllr Needham

Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

**RESOLVED:** to recommend that the protocol should be acknowledged but that processes already exist at HRTC that ensure professional relationships between councillors and officers are effective.

240.

**WIND FARM GUIDANCE**

The committee discussed the guidance with discussion on collective benefit, not just individual ownership and the preservation of the historic landscape, and historic sites being a concern. The meeting discussed the concept of turbines breaking the horizon and felt that sites where this would not occur were likely to be few and far between.

It was moved by Cllr Boggis

Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

**RESOLVED:** to recommend that while the guidance is dated it continues to be useful as a basis for considering applications for both individual and Windfarm applications. Recent proposals, which may develop into applications, may call on this guidance to be reconsidered and this should only be undertaken when expert advice has been sort and carefully considered in line with best practise and legislation.

Meeting finished at 9.10pm.