

## **HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MEETING of the STRATEGY & REVIEW COMMITTEE held Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023**

#### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT** Councillors; Boden, Butterick, Fenton, Fraser, Guilfoyle & Hayes.

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

**135. ELECTION OF CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE STRATEGY & REVIEW COMMITTEE 2023/24**

It was moved by Cllr Butterick

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

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

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Fenton and

**RESOLVED:** to defer selection of the Deputy Chair of the Strategy & Review Committee for the council year 2023/24 until the next meeting.

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs Needham & Harvey with Cllr Boden substituting for Cllr Harvey.

**137. Members' Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**

None were declared at this time.

**138. Matters arising from Minutes of Meetings held 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 not itemised on this Agenda.**

The clerk advised that supportive meetings had been attended with Hope Baptist Church who had been able as a consequence to secure new membership of their management committee and had relaunched those arrangements to the wider community.

The updating of Key Documents is yet to be finalised as we await the completion of the audit process. A schedule of documents to be presented will be circulated.

**139. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

It was moved by Cllr Hayes  
Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

**RESOLVED:** to recommend that Karl Boggis be a member of the Strategy & Review Committee as a Mytholmroyd Councillor with extensive knowledge and experience of the area.

**140. COMMUNICATION FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
Communications from Paul Monahan were discussed by the committee.

It was moved by Cllr Fenton  
Seconded by Cllr Hayes and

**RESOLVED:** to recommend that the clerk writes to Paul Monahan stating that we appreciate the comments and will remain mindful of them. That we disagree with his comments regarding our commitment and work on the climate emergency and remain committed to serving the community with regard to ensuring a balance is retained between servicing residents and those that visit our area. Recent work with Calderdale MBC on street cleansing and graffiti will also be highlighted.

**141. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT**

The reports from C & K Services were considered along with a summary report outlining the position and the terms of the arrangement.

A discussion followed with a collective realisation that the programme was not performing as well as was hoped despite the hard work of the C & K Staff and the support of HRTC. Cllr Butterick shared his understanding of the project and how it sits within the careers opportunities provided across the Calder Valley and more widely through Calderdale. This included the involvement of the local high school.

The committee asked what can we do for young people in Hebden Royd stating that the council must decide on a strategy that would reach out to the wider young people community. Examples such as Reach 4ward, which HRTC already supports, have strong local expertise that should be supported, developed and expanded. The meeting felt this would be an appropriate way to grow provision in Hebden Royd.

It was moved by Cllr Hayes  
Seconded by Cllr Butterick and

**RESOLVED:** to recommend that Cllr Butterick and the Town Clerk engage with C & K Services to identify how the service could integrate with other services and if HRTC could help and support that transition.

142.

**AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY & OLD PEOPLES WELFARE COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Cllr Hayes

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

**RESOLVED:** to recommend that HRTC endorses the request from the Old Peoples Welfare Committee to lead on the Age Friendly initiative in our area, working closely with other partners and statutory bodies including Calderdale MBC. Should the Old Peoples Welfare Committee feel a council representative be viewed helpful they should request one. Funding requests should be directed to the Community Funding Committee, the best mechanism to consider and evaluation, for consideration.

This arrangement was viewed as a grass roots approach to delivering support and achieving best value.

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**QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS**

The outcomes of this event continue to be circulated amongst committees and committee chairs, being used as a point of reference.

Councillors discussed Councillor Ward Surgeries which were seen as allowing residents to conveniently air their requests and for councillors to pick up ward work, starting by listening and to allow demand to be quantified.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Fenton and

**RESOLVED:** to recommend that councillors and HRTC Officers develop a model for HRTC Councillors Surgeries plus online contact, via the Town Council website and social media platforms should be part of this and complement ward surgeries allowing remote questions to be put to the council. This will be publicised through all means available along with an outline of subjects than can be covered. This will be supported by a brief for all councillors who host surgeries along with a method to record and consequently evaluate.

Meeting finished at 8.35pm.