

MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL
held WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER at 7:30PM
HEBDEN BRIDGE TOWN HALL

PRESENT Councillors – Fraser (Chair), Boden, Butterick, Guilfoyle, Harvey, Hedges, Howes, Hoyle and Woodhead.

Acting Town Clerk – Emma Green

Administrator – Rebekah Cox (Minutes)

ALSO James Purdy - Infrastructure Project Manager of West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

3 members of the public

MINUTES

268. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

There were no public questions at this time.

269. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bampton Smith, Cammack, Davenport, Hayes, Matthias and Morse.

270. MEMBERS' INTERESTS' RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS.

There were no members interests received at this time.

271. HEBDEN BRIDGE SHARED TRANSPORT HUBS ENGAGEMENT

James Purdy (Infrastructure Project Manager of West Yorkshire Combined Authority) gave a presentation with regards to the proposed Hebden Bridge Shared Transport Hubs Engagement.

James talked about the plans, providing more detail about what the shared transport hubs are and benefits to having them.

There are plans for 2 sites in Todmorden and 1 site in Hebden Bridge. Public consultation is being carried out and there is a meeting at Hebden Bridge Town Hall on Thursday 21 November and workshops taking place next week.

Public Consultation and Plans for the Hebden and Todmorden hubs at this link
<https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/calderdalehubs>

Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions. James was thanked for his time and councillors expressed support for these plans.

It was moved by Cllr Woodhead
Seconded by Cllr Harvey and
RESOLVED: to note for information.

272. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Interested members of the public, if they are present, will be invited to speak followed by Ward Councillors on applications within their ward followed by other Councillors.

- a. Application 24/80010/DNO at The Hatcheries, Hall Bank Lane, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5HQ for Demolition of existing office buildings formerly used by Sweet and Maxwell. (Cragg Vale ward)

It was moved by Cllr Butterick
Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and
RESOLVED: No objection.

- b. Application 24/00935/FUL at Unit 2 Greenhill Industrial Estate, Moderna Way, Mytholmroyd for Change of use from manufacturing to storage, workshop and retail units (retrospective). (Cragg Vale ward)

It was moved by Cllr Butterick
Seconded by Cllr Harvey and
RESOLVED: No objection.

- c. Application 24/20165/TPO at 10 Longstaff Court, Hebden Bridge, HX7 6AB for Fell one tree (Tree Preservation Order). (Fairfield ward)

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle
Seconded by Cllr Harvey and
RESOLVED: No objection.

- d. Application 24/01041/FUL at Shoulder Of Mutton, Bridge Gate, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8EX for Alterations to existing window opening (front elevation) and

installation of roof mounted 'mushroom cowl' type plate fan to alleviate/ mitigate condensation issue in existing first floor food prep store room. (Fairfield ward).

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Woodhead and

RESOLVED: No objection.

- e. Application 24/01065/LBC at Park Cottage, Park Lane, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5BL for Installation of stairlift. (Caldene ward).

It was moved by Cllr Hoyle

Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

RESOLVED: No objection.

- f. Application 24/01101/HSE at Canal House, 7 Hebble End, Hebden Bridge, HX7 6HJ for Recladding of part of existing dormer. (Fairfield ward).

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: No objection.

- g. Application 24/01087/HSE at Briar Lea, Midgley Road, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5QY for Extension and alterations to existing bungalow. (White Lee ward).

It was moved by Cllr Woodhead

Seconded by Cllr Hedges and

RESOLVED: No objection.

Applications dealt with under delegation from Full Council.

- Application 24/20214/TPO at 42 Hirst Grove, Doddnaze, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8DN for Prune one tree.
- Application 24/20228/TPO at Hebden Bridge Railway Station, Station Road, Hebden Bridge, HX7 6JE for Prune three trees (T3, T4 and T5) (Tree Preservation Order).

The Chair proposes 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.

273. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED BY CALDERDALE MBC

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Harvey and

RESOLVED: to move to note.

274. HRTC & HBPH PAYMENT SCHEDULE

It was moved by Cllr Fraser

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: to authorise payments totalling to £53,342.79.

275. HRTC & HBPH STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

It was moved by Cllr Woodhead

Seconded by Cllr Hedges and

RESOLVED: to move to note.

276. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR AND THE CLERK.

To receive and decide actions on communications.

a) Rachel McNicholas Resignation

Cllr Hedges enquired about policy on resignations and if an exit interview is carried out. The Acting Town Clerk confirmed that a resignation with immediate effect would not result in an exit interview.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Butterick and

RESOLVED: to note an expression of thanks to Rachel McNicholas for her time spent as a councillor and work as chair of Staffing Committee.

277. MAYOR'S REPORT/DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that all but one Kenneth Kaberry awards had been presented to the schools. The last school would be presented their award just after the Christmas break.

Remembrance Sunday events were both well attending and the Mayor laid a wreath at Hebden Bridge in the morning and the Deputy Mayor laid a wreath in Mytholmroyd in the afternoon.

The mayor challenged a member of the council for the continuous use of their mobile phone throughout the meeting. This was distracting for other members of the council. The councillor was observed to be engaging with social media throughout the meeting. The councillor responded that the phone was being used to take notes.

It was moved by Cllr Fraser

Seconded by Cllr Butterick and

RESOLVED: to move to note and to add Cllr Patsi Guilfoyle as a named consort on the report.

278. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

The Acting Clerk reported that the councillor vacancies had been advertised and there were no interests of calling election. We can move to co-option in December.

A notice will be shared inviting applications for co-option to the Town Clerk. These will then be voted on by Full Council.

It was moved by Cllr Fraser

Seconded by Cllr Butterick and

RESOLVED: notice to be shared.

279. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL held 23 OCTOBER 2024

It was moved by Cllr Woodhead

Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and

RESOLVED: to approve as an accurate record.

280. MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE held 1 NOVEMBER 2024

Cllr Howes updated council on actions taken after the resignation of Jason Boom the Town Clerk and gave details of the recruitment process. The job vacancy was advertised and only one application had been received. The application was outstanding. An extraordinary Staffing Committee meeting was held on 1st November and it was decided to offer the applicant the position of Town Clerk.

It was moved by Cllr Boden that the meeting moved to excluded members of the public and staff.

The motion was not seconded by members

The acting clerk offered to leave the room

The Mayor did not second the motion and the motion was not carried.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: to endorse the recommendation as per minute number 204 and appoint Emma Green as Town Clerk.

Cllr Harvey took the opportunity to congratulate Emma Green on this well deserved opportunity. Emma was thanked for her exemplary job as Acting Clerk over the past few months. All her hard work and dedication has been appreciated.

Cllr Guilfoyle thanked Emma for her work as Acting Town Clerk over the last 7 months. Her work during this challenging time has been exceptional.

281. MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY & REVIEW COMMITTEE held 6 NOVEMBER 2024

Cllr Butterick reported that Strategy and Review are confident that the deficit of £14k will be covered by the underspends.

The Terms of Reference of Staffing Committee were considered to request a change to allow members to sit on both the staffing and grievance/appeals panels (recusing themselves in case of grievance/appeal being brought) to enable more flexibility and ensure quoracy.

It was moved by Cllr Woodhead

Seconded by Cllr Hedges and

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes and endorse the recommendations.

282. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE held 11 NOVEMBER 2024

An extraordinary meeting was called to consider what would have been the 'cost of living' applications. Two applications were considered and were awarded.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Woodhead and

RESOLVED: to move to note.

283. MINUTES OF THE PICTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE held 13 NOVEMBER 2024

Cllr Butterick highlighted that important work of the Friends of the Picture House. FOPH would be seeing raffle tickets at Lights Switch Ons.

There are currently 2 vacancies on the Picture House Committee. Cllr Holly Morse would like to be considered. It was reported that Page/ Park had carried out their first presentation of work and all were very impressed. The Town Clerk reported that they had met today with the engineers and an updated version of the draft proposal had been circulated to the Picture House Committee.

Due to the recent NI increase new revenues would be explored to cover this additional cost for example an increase of ticket prices or kiosk prices.

Cllr Butterick confirmed the second screen would be essential to enable the Picture House to be a net contributor to HRTC rather than being subsidised by HRTC.

It was moved by Cllr Butterick

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: to appoint Cllr Morse as a new committee member.

284.

COUNCILLOR WARD WORK REPORTS

Cllr Hoyle reported that through the Mytholmroyd Station Partnership she would be attending a Preventing Suicide course.

Cllr Harvey reported that after Calderdale announcement to stop gritting on certain road. Major concerns have been raised with regards to vulnerable residents needing urgent medical care for example ambulance or carers access. Cllr Harvey will pursue this issue vigorously until it has been resolved.

Cllr Guilfoyle reported that a Friends of Calder Holmes Park had set up a fortnightly working group to carry out small duties such as litter picking and looking at graffiti. These will take place on 30 November and 14 December in the first instance. All are welcome to help. A working group has been called to look at the Tennis Courts and look at the possibility to convert to a multi-use court. This will allow other sports such as pickle ball (which is an accessible sport) to be played there. Also, there may be possibility to open the old changing rooms. There are positive things happening. Cllr Butterick shared communication about windfarm. PR consultants – going to central government. Planning on having public consultations in the new year.

Cllr Woodhead highlighted the amount of gully's and blocked drains in the area. It is essential that these are kept clear.

Cllr Boden reported the major rat problem on Market Street. Working with shopkeepers and the Public Health Officer and looking at rubbish removal etc.

It was moved by Cllr Harvey

Seconded by Cllr Woodhead and

RESOLVED: to move to note.

285. WORKING GROUPS

To receive reports from and to decide on appropriate actions:

a) Disability Access Forum

Cllr Guilfoyle reported that at Monday's HBDAF meeting Cllr Israr Ahmed, Cllr Jonathan Timbers and a member of the Environment Agency attended. The ongoing obstructions on Bridge Gate were discussed.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and

RESOLVED: to move to note.

286. REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Hedges would like to volunteer to be a representative to the Patient Participation Group.

It was moved by Cllr Fraser

Seconded by Cllr Butterick and

RESOLVED: to note for information.

Meeting finished at 8.51pm