

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMITTEE Held TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2025

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Woodhead (Chair), Guilfoyle, Harvey and Morse

HRTC Clerk: E Green

420. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies were received from Cllr Boggis and Neil Diment

421. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.

There were no members interests reported at this meeting.

422. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 16 OCTOBER 2024

In respect of minute 218 – the climate action plan will be reviewed once there is a new officer in post.

423. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Resident Bin Removal at Station Road

RESOLVED: to contact CMBC to ascertain if there is a way to support the reinstatement of the bin, in particular highlighting the issue with glass.

The Chair reordered the agenda to take item 8 in advance.

420. LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE OFFICER ROLE

The proposed job description and person specification were considered.

RESOLVED: to approve the job description and person specification with the suggested amendments and to refer to the Staffing Committee for final approval.

424. HIGH HIRST WOODMEADOW

To receive information regarding recent activity to decide on actions as appropriate.

a. Project Update from Cllr Harvey

Cllr Harvey provided an update of works undertaken at High Hirst Woodmeadow and presented the management plan which had been developed by Neil Diment and Steve Hindle. This will provide an outline of works enabling the FoHHW to plan appropriate activities.

RESOLVED: to adopt the management plan subject to annual review, and to thank Neil Diment and Steve Hindle for the time and effort that has gone in to developing this plan.

Issues were raised concerning the encroachment of bindweed on to the adjoining allotment plots.

RESOLVED: to reinforce that the plot holders are responsible for the management of weeds on their plots, and to allow the plots to be cultivated up to the boundary to aid this. It was noted that the Tenancy Agreements required updating and this would also be an opportune time to redefine the plots.

- b. Agreement between HRTC and Friends of High Hirst Woodmeadow
The agreement between HRTC and FoHHW was considered. This sets out a clear way of working and responsibilities of each organisation.

RESOLVED: to approve the agreement.

- c. Minutes of the High Hirst Woodmeadow Working Group
Cllr Harvey highlighted key points within the minutes.

RESOLVED: to approve £50 to spend on bulbs – these could be ordered by the Town Council and to approve £120 for an outdoor first aid course. It was also suggested that the FoHHW put together an application for community funding to consider to support their work over the coming year.

It was noted that a request had been made for a camp to be held at Law Field. This is not an appropriate use of the site and will not be permitted. Cllr Woodhead will confirm the refusal of the request directly.

425.

CALDER HOLMES PARK

Information regarding the proposed improvements to the central area and additional funding was considered

RESOLVED: to approve £3000 for the replacement of the graffiti boards at the skatepark.

426.

COMMITTEE PRIORITIES & REQUESTS FOR RESOURCES

The priorities of the committee were discussed.

RESOLVED: that the priorities for the committee will include;

- The installation of the bench at Banksfield was discussed. It was confirmed that Together Housing are now working on this following discussion with Hebden Royd Town Council
- Electrical recycling points at the Town Hall and Mytholmroyd Community Centre
- Broadening the scope of the committee to ensure all areas are reached
- Banksfield Allotments
- Calder Holmes Park – including the middle section and recycling bins for the playground
- Dog waste bags – new dispensers to be installed.

- Continue engagement with key stakeholder including Disability Access Forum, and Friends of High Hirst Woodmeadow.

The meeting finished at 9:04 pm.