

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the PICTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE Held TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2024

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Butterick (Chair), Fraser, Howes and Morse.

Also: Pete Berrisford – Picture House Manager
Maggie Woods – Friends of the Picture House

Minutes: HRTC Acting Clerk: Emma Green

- 258. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Davenport and Matthias with Cllr Morse substituting.
- 259. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**
No interests were received at this meeting
- 260. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 17 SEPTEMBER 2024 not itemised on this agenda.**
There were no matters arising
- 261. TERMS OF REFERENCE**
The Terms of reference were noted for information.
- 262. COMMITTEE VACANCY**
It was noted that following a resignation from Council and a resignation from the committee that there were now two vacancies. These will be filled by nomination and election at the next meeting of the Full Council.
- 263. FRIENDS OF THE PICTURE HOUSE**
The friends of the Picture House provided the committee with an update as to their activities.
- Their thanks was noted for the Acting Clerk keeping them up to date with the plans for the second screen and noted that they had enjoyed being involved with the Pumpkin Trail.
- Making Friends is especially busy with lost going on between now and Christmas, with two screenings, and a Christmas party – invitation extended to committee.

The Friends continue to provide Picture House vouchers to local people in which are distributed via various support groups.

The annual raffle is being launched at the Christmas Lights switch on.

It was moved by Cllr Butterick

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: to note thank for their continued work and support.

264. MANAGERS REPORT

The Picture House Manager provided an overview of the recent activity at the Picture House, noting a strong October.

It was suggested that the membership offer could include such as an early release window for advance ticket sales.

It was moved by Cllr Howes

Seconded by Cllr Butterick and

RESOLVED: to note the information

265. LIGHTS, CAMERA, SCREEN 2

A draft report from Page\Park was presented. This outlined some of the elements to be included in the full options appraisal.

It was moved by Cllr Howes

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: That a public statement should be made about the project and the ambition to apply for Heritage Lottery Funding.

266. FINANCIAL REPORT

It was reported that October had been a strong trading month with a number of private hires. It is hoped that the next few months will also have high ticket sales as a number of key releases are screened such as Paddington. This puts the Picture House in a much better financial position than earlier this year.

It was moved by Cllr Butterick

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: To note the information

267. BUDGET REQUEST 2025-26

The draft budget as considered for the year 2025-26.

It was suggested that some lines be refined to ensure a realistic budget. For example, the NJC pay award changing from 2.5% to 5% and the inclusion of a line for capital/maintenance works, should the screen 2 project not progress.

Options to increase revenue were discussed such as an increase on ticket and kiosk prices.

The option of a Family Ticket was discussed and the Picture House Manager will look into this.

It was moved by Cllr Butterick

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: to circulate the revised budget to the committee via email to enable a request to be made to Full Council for revenue support.

Meeting finished at 9:10pm