

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the PICTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE Held TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2024

MINUTES

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

Also: Pete Berrisford – Picture House Manager

Minutes: HRTC Town Clerk: Emma Green

308. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Davenport.

309. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

No interests were declared.

310. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 13 November 2024 not itemised on this agenda.

In respect of item 262,

It was moved by Cllr Howes

Seconded by Cllr Butterick and

RESOLVED: to fill the vacancy at the next meeting of the Full Council.

311. FRIENDS OF THE PICTURE HOUSE

No representative was able to attend.

312. MANAGERS REPORT

The Picture House Manager gave an overview of the current trading including the top 10 films of the year to date and the impact of the screening dates in respect of the contribution to revenue.

The success of memberships was discussed.

Special screenings included Fright Night Q&A with local director, a partnership screening with Andy's Mans Club, Dementia Friendly, Friends of the Picture House. £2 classics are selling well.

It was encouraging to see significant gains being made in the family market with films such as Paddington in Peru averaging 202 per matinee screening, taken from week of release.

The Picture House was re awarded the accolade of Cinema of Sanctuary, thanks was noted to the ongoing hard work and dedication of the Friends of the Picture House to drive this initiative.

It was moved by Cllr Fraser
Seconded by Cllr Morse and

RESOLVED: to note the information.

313. LIGHTS, CAMERA, SCREEN 2

The latest visioning study from Page\Park was presented and considered.

It was moved by Cllr Butterick

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: that councillors should take time to consider the document and send any questions to the Clerk who will send them to Page\Park in one document.

That a separate meeting will be held early in the new year to consider messaging and consultation – clerk to circulate dates.

A staff consultation event will be held early in the new year.

The Clerk will advise of timescales of the preparation of the EOI submission.

314. FINANCIAL REPORT

The forecast was considered. The current financial position of the Picture House is encouraging particularly as we approach the busy winter season.

It was moved by Cllr Butterick

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: to note the information and to thank the Picture House manager for his continued work.

315. BUDGET 2025-26

The draft budget for 2025-26 was discussed. It was noted that there was a deficit which could potential be addressed by a number of actions.

It was moved by Cllr Butterick

Seconded by Cllr Howes and

RESOLVED: to approve the draft budget with the following amendments;

- The removal of the £25k maintenance budget.
- Implementation of increase in ticket prices of as previously presented.
- Consider changes to role structure and to bring back costs for consideration.

Meeting finished at 9:15pm