

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the PROJECT & EVENTS COMMITTEE Held WEDNESDAY 25th September 2024

MINUTES

PRESENT: **Councillors:** Fraser, Guilfoyle, Hedges and Hoyle (Chair).

HRTC Deputy Clerk: E Green

HRTC Administrator: R Cox (Minutes)

HRTC Officer: E Andrews and Mike Stephens (WOHB)

195. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Davenport and Hayes (with Guilfoyle substituting) and McNicholas.

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

No members interests were raised at this meeting.

197. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 26 JUNE 2024 not itemised on this agenda.

No matters arising.

198. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Adopted Terms of Reference enclosed for information

It was moved by Cllr Hedges

Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and

RESOLVED: noted for information.

199. WHAT'S ON HEBDEN BRIDGE - by Ebony Andrews & Mike Stephens

To receive a presentation about What's On Hebden Bridge. A community Calendar developed in partnership with Hebden Bridge Community Association.
To consider actions as appropriate.

The Acting Clerk introduced Mike Stephens an independent software developer who had been granted funding from HRTC to create a free online community calendar for events and activities in HX7. A working group was formed to create the What's On in Hebden Bridge website. The working group members are Mike Stephens, Ebony Andrews (HRTC Officer) and Verity Herrington (Community Association Officer).

Both Mike and Ebony introduced the website and demonstrated how to navigate the online calendar, to search for events and activities and things to do in Hebden Bridge and surrounding areas. They also demonstrated how an event or activity can be created. They explained how a widget would be used to link up all platforms with the event/ activity details.

Cllr Fraser asked how this would be monitored and Ebony and Mike explained how the website would be community monitored and that each event/ activity page would have a 'report' button.

Cllr Guilfoyle suggested that DAF (Hebden Bridge Disability Access Forum) be approached and asked for their comments about accessibility.

All councillors expressed positive reactions to the website.

A 'soft launch' of the website would be taking place in The Waterfront Hall on Thursday, 26th September. This would take place during two sessions, one at 8am and one at 6pm. Local organisations, businesses and members of the public were welcome to find out more and give their feedback.

Cllr Hedges asked about costs to date and future costs to run the website. Ebony reported that to date the design, set up, publicity and launch cost is £2500. With running costs estimated at £50 per month. The Community Association would be providing ongoing support. It was also suggested that Ebony's one day per week would be extended for a period of time, to give continuing support.

The Acting Clerk reported that the initial HRTC funding was from a separate budget but would now fit within the Project and Events Committee future budget.

It was moved by Cllr Hedges
Seconded by Cllr Guilfoyle and
RESOLVED: noted for information.

200. BUDGET UPDATE

To receive the budget for the forthcoming year and decide on actions as appropriate.

The Acting Town Clerk circulated the budget, highlighting costs for the forthcoming year. To date the Pumpkin Trail with additional cost for facilitators etc. Christmas lighting would be hugely significant this year due to Calderdale

Council not contributing any monies towards this. A sum of £15k has been costed for the Christmas lights and installation, which would be taking place in the second week of October. This would show a negative figure therefore, additional costs would be taken from reserves.

Hanging Baskets cost are slightly up this year. Cllr Hoyle commented that the hanging baskets looked very good this year. The Acting Clerk reported that the hanging baskets would be taken down during the first week in October, to allow the Christmas Lights to be installed the following week.

It was agreed that at the next Projects and Events Committee meeting, next years budget would be looked at with ideas and suggestions to be discussed.

Cllr Guilfoyle suggested that as there is number of events taking place in the autumn months that this be split so that an alternative event take place in Spring.

The dog waste bag dispensers are yet to be installed. It was suggested that a new contractor be sourced to carry out this work and any future work for HRTC/ HBPH.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle
Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and
RESOLVED:

201. HEBDEN BRIDGE PUMPKIN TRAIL 2024

To receive information regarding the Pumpkin Festival planned for the 19 & 20 October and to decide on actions as appropriate.

The Acting Clerk reported that this year's Pumpkin Trail would be a fun and invigorating event with the theme films and cinema. This is a great way to engage with the community and visitors about HRTC greatest asset Hebden Bridge Picture House and to share information about the potential for a second screen. The Picture House staff and Friends of the Picture House would also be involved over the weekend.

Ebony Andrews gave an overview about the pumpkin scenes. There would be 12 scenes with the last one being a live carve. Feedback from last years Pumpkin Trail was that visitors were very positive about the scenes that had activities for the children to be involved with, therefore, this year most of the scenes would have an activity this year.

New banners have been ordered to promote both HRTC and HBPH.

Cllr Hoyle suggested that the map of where visitors are from be used again this year as it was a good indication of where people had travelled from.

Councillors have been asked to volunteer on the days to help at front desk and at the scenes.

The Acting Clerk reported that the Mobiloo would be allocated at the marina this year.

It was moved by Cllr Hoyle
Seconded by Cllr Fraser and
RESOLVED: noted for information.

202. CHRISTMAS – LUTV 2024

To receive a verbal update regarding the planned activities for 2024, to welcome discussion and new ideas, and to decide on actions as appropriate.

The Acting Town Clerk reported that LUTV had been awarded a grant from Community Funding for this year's Christmas Switch On events. That would be taking place on Saturday, 23rd November in Mytholmroyd and Thursday, 28th of November in Hebden Bridge. Activities, entertainment and light switch on.

Cllr Fraser asked about lighting in Mytholmroyd Community Centre car park as it was very dark at last years event. The Acting Clerk reported that more lighting would be sourced for this year's event.

Committee members were asked for ideas of things you would like to see.

Cllr Fraser suggest that at this year's events, that the switch on should be carried out by just the Mayor and consort.

Cllr Guilfoyle volunteered to make a post box for the children to post their letters to Father Christmas.

The Acting Town Clerk reported that Calderdale had now implemented a 20ft tree maximum due to Health and Safety, across Calderdale. The tree in the Mytholmroyd Community Centre is on private land therefore, not applying to them.

Councillors can appeal to Calderdale about the 20ft tree limit.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and
RESOLVED: noted for information.

203. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2024

To report on the provision on Christmas Lighting for 2024 – 2027.

New Christmas Lighting has been ordered and is scheduled to be installed during the second week in October.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Hedges and

RESOLVED: noted for information.

204. NEW PROJECTS

To invite the presentation of new ideas from councillors which may be considered.

The Acting Clerk invited committee members to share any new ideas.

Ebony Andrews suggested that within the feedback at the Pumpkin Trail that there could be an opportunity to ask members of the public ‘what would you like to see for future events?’. Committee members agreed to this and thanked Ebony for offering to do this.

Ideas for a spring event was discussed briefly bearing in mind that Happy Hounds would be taking place in May.

Ebony Andrews asked for committee members to share the poster for the Pumpkin Festival.

It was moved by Cllr Guilfoyle

Seconded by Cllr Hedges and

RESOLVED: noted for information.

Meeting finished at 20.57pm