

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the PROJECT & EVENTS COMMITTEE Held WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2025

MINUTES

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

HRTC Deputy Clerk: E Green

342. Following resignation - To nominate a Chair for the Project & Events Committee for the remainder of the Council Year 2024-25.

It was moved by Cllr Hoyle

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: That Cllr Hoye be elected chair of the Project & Events Committee for the remainder of the year.

343. To nominate a Deputy Chair for the Project & Events Committee for the remainder of the Council Year 2024-25.

It was moved by Cllr Hoyle

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: That Cllr Hedges be elected deputy chair of the Project & Events Committee for the remainder of the year.

344. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bampton Smith, Davenport,

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

There were no members interests received at this meeting.

346. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 25 SEPTEMBER 2024 not itemised on this agenda.

There were no matters arising.

347. BUDGET UPDATE

The committee considered the budget for the year, expenditure on projects had been made within budget.

It was moved by Cllr Hoyle

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: to note the information

Items 7 and 8 were considered together.

348.

PROJECTS REVIEW 2024 & PROJECTS 25-26

To receive a review of 2024 projects & events and to decide on actions

a) Hebden's Happy Hounds

A review of the event was given and the value for money that it offered discussed. Add for 2025 – 26 £1000.00

It was moved by Cllr Hedges

Seconded by Cllr Hoyles and

RESOLVED: To allocate £1000 to hold the event in 2025-26.

b) Hebden Bridge Pumpkin Trail

A review of the event showed that it was hugely successful, and the theme was enjoyed by all. Councillors thanked the Rotary Club for their support. The increasing costs, and the fact the event was now in its eighth year were considered.

It was moved by Cllr Hedges

Seconded by Cllr Hoyle and

RESOLVED: Not to host the Pumpkin Festival in 2025 but to allocate funds of £16k to a new project. This will give the new Project Officer scope to introduce something new. Cllr Hedges suggested things such as Beach in the park, Ice Rink, and a band stand.

c) Christmas Lights Switch On/LUTV

The events in Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge were discussed, particularly the disappointment of having to cancel the Mytholmroyd event. Again, the support of the Rotary Club was noted and thanks made. The format and scale of the events were discussed.

It was moved by Cllr Hedges

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: That in planning the activities for 2025, the Hebden Bridge event would be scaled down slightly, with the free mulled wine and mince pies being withdrawn. It was felt that the council would rather ensure that the free activities for children could continue, and in addition, the surge of people into the Town Hall for the free refreshments, causes a potential health and safety risk. Mytholmroyd would become the key focus of the Switch On events.

d) Christmas Lighting

The provision was reviewed, the scheme is now entering its third year. The new lights on Crown Street were well received. The arrangement for install with Calderdale Council had worked well.

It was moved by Cllr Hedges

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: To obtain a quote to replace the Mytholmroyd lighting with that of a similar style to Crown Street, this should be minimal or no cost as the swapping of like for like features is permitted in the contract. Costs will also be sought for s 3D centrepiece for Mytholmroyd.

349.

BUDGET REQUEST 2025-26

The budget request to be made to Strategy & Review for the council Year 2025-26 was considered.

It was moved by Cllr Hedges

Seconded by Cllr Fraser and

RESOLVED: to request a budget of £80k as broken down below.

Happy Hounds	£1,000.00
New Projects	£16,000.00
Sundry Equipment	£1,000.00
Changing Places	£1,200.00
Installation/Inspection	£20,000.00
Christmas Lights Provision	£20,000.00
Christmas Events MR	£9,800.00
Christmas Events HB	£5,000.00
New Public Realm Projects	£5,000.00
Dog Waste Provision	£1,000.00
	£80,000.00

Meeting finished at 9pm