

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMITTEE Held WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2025

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Woodhead (Chair), Hoyle, Guilfoyle and Macdonald.

Deputy Clerk: E Andrews
Local Environment & Allotments Officer: G Muir

301. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS.
Apologies were received from Cllrs Harvey and Morse.

302. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS` INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.

There were no members interests reported at this meeting.

303. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLVED: There were no matters arising.

304. COMMUNICATIONS

a) Ban the Burn response to Calderdale Energy Park Scoping Report - Summary September 2025.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

B) Ban the Burn Petition email.

RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to share the Ban the Burn petition through the usual communications channels following the issue of HRTC Calderdale Energy Park survey results later in November (see min. 307).

305. BUDGET UPDATE

Cllrs received an update on the budget from the Deputy Clerk with support from the LE & Allotments Officer.

RESOLVED: To request a budget totalling £32,716 for consideration by the Strategy & Review Committee.

306. PROPOSED PURCHASES

Cllrs received an outline of planned volunteer projects from the LE & Allotments Officer, what purchases are required to facilitate this, and associated costs.

RESOLVED: To purchase appropriate tools and PPE for the safe delivery of volunteer activities up to the value of £1000.

307.

CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK

Cllrs received an overview of the closing results from the HRTC Calderdale Energy Park survey from the Deputy Clerk.

RESOLVED: The survey results show strong community opposition to the Calderdale Energy Park proposal. Accordingly, the Local Environment & Climate Committee is confident in adopting the same position, reflecting the clear sentiment of the community.

Cllrs then discussed and agreed the format and channels through which the results will be communicated to the community in due course.

308.

HIGH HIRST WOODMEADOW

a) High Hirst Woodmeadow Activities and Events Report

RESOLVED: The proposed volunteer activities and events plan was approved, with the agreement of the addition of a volunteer recognition / celebration events, with £300 being added to the proposed 26/27 budget to reflect this.

b) Enmesh Donation

RESOLVED: Cllrs thanked the donors for their kind donation. To note the information.

c) Full Of Joy Animal Sanctuary Visit

RESOLVED: To note the information.

d) High Hirst Bat Walk 2025

RESOLVED: Cllrs noted the information and were keen to see additional walks planned in the future, with increased capacity for participants.

e) High Hirst Hay at Malham Show 2025

RESOLVED: To note the information.

309.

ALLOTMENTS

a) High Hirst Allotment Tree Works Report

RESOLVED: That the works are undertaken as outlined in the report.

b) Banksfield and High Hirst Allotment Quarterly Workday Plan

RESOLVED: Cllrs discussed the workday plan and agreed that the projects as outlined are delivered.

- c) Tenancy Agreement update and invoicing 2025/26

RESOLVED: To note the information.

310. OTHER PROJECTS & UPDATES

- a). Hanging Basket projects 2025 costings breakdown

Cllrs received a breakdown of the costs for the hanging baskets 25/26 project and discussed 26/27 scheme costs set against projected rates of inflation.

RESOLVED: That the retailer rate for hanging baskets should be increased to £60 per unit for the next period, should the scheme be delivered in the same format for 2026/27. However, Councillors also identified scope to engage with the Environment Agency to explore possible support for the scheme through Flood Alleviation Works regeneration funds which could reduce the retailer rate, if successful.

- b). Green Hub, in partnership with Projects & Events

RESOLVED: To note the information (as per min. 226a).

- c). CROWS Funding Proposal Report

RESOLVED: To adopt the proposal to assign £1500 in the 26/27 budget to CROWS works as outlined in the report.

311. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There was no motion to exclude members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

The meeting finished at 9:04 pm.