

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the PICTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE Held WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2025

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Butterick (Chair), Fraser, Turner.

Also: Friends of the Picture House: D Sidonio
Picture House Manager: P Berrisford

HRTC Clerk: E Green

239. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Morse, Howes, Harvey & Young.

240. MEMBERS INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS

There were no members interests reported at this meeting.

241. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 3 SEPTEMBER 2025

There were no matters arising.

242. FRIENDS OF THE PICTURE HOUSE

It was reported that the Heritage open day on 20 September was a great success. People enjoyed the film and the activities.

The FOPH AGM is on Saturday 4 October at 10am and is open to the public.

Making Friends project is continuing, and some guests attended Heritage Open Day.

Funds have accumulated over time, and an idea has arisen to make a film about the cinema to celebrate its heritage and legacy. This will be made by a local film maker, and will include interviews with people who use to come to or work at the cinema. A short teaser will form part of the NHLF application. FoPH will support that work. Expected that teaser will be ready by the end of the year rest of the film a little longer.

243. HBPH MANAGERS REPORT

The manager reported that trading was strong, currently 3646 admissions up on the same point last year equating to 26k increase on box office and £13k on retail. Memberships were still selling strong contributing £4750 in one-year memberships.

Special screenings and heritage were discussed such as use of the 35mm projector to show classic films. Working with partners such as Todmorden

Hippodrome, Riot women and talking picture hires all contribute to the viability of the Picture House.

244. FINANCIAL REPORT & BUDGET SETTING

The current years forecast was presented to councillors, despite a downturn against budget during July and August, the attendance is strong, up over 3k admits on the previous year and cash flow is maintained.

The budget for 2026/27 was discussed, items considered included a potential increase in ticket prices, the potential need for revenue support from HRTC and the second screen project.

RESOLVED: That the clerk will work on a budget proposal to bring to the next meeting of this committee for consideration.

245. HBPH – A HERITAGE FIT FOR THE FUTURE

It was reported that the survey is now fully launched, and interaction has been strong. Engagement continues with stakeholders and other key groups. Further engagement is planned for the coming months with drop-in sessions and one to ones. Regular team update sessions are taking place and work is continuing in the application with DCA.

246. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve to exclude members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 during consideration of items of a confidential nature.

Meeting finished at 8.30pm