

## **HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Meeting of the PICTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE Held WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2025**

#### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Butterick (Chair), Fraser, Harvey, Howes, Morse, Turner, and Young.

Also: Maggie Woods – Friends of the Picture House  
Picture House Manager: P Berrisford

HRTC Clerk: E Green

**167. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies received at this meeting.

**168. MEMBERS INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no members interests reported at this meeting.

**169. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 6 AUGUST 2025**

There were no matters arising

**170. FRIENDS OF THE PICTURE HOUSE**

It was reported that the most recent Making Friends screening was the Smurfs which was enjoyed by all. The Making Friends kitchen project has relocated to Todmorden Collage, and they are looking at how they can increase participation.

Wainsgate Chapel is now a Place of Sanctuary, and the Friends are looking forward to some joint working

It is Heritage Open Day on 20 September, all councillors welcome.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**171. HBPH MANAGERS REPORT**

It was reported that we are tracking over 3384 customers up, with and increase on the previous year of £24,633 on box office and £11,166 on retail.

The range of special screenings was reported including film quiz, fright nights, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rocky horror show,

A number of special screenings are scheduled, and two significant private hires are booked for later in the year.

Recent trading has been difficult over the school holidays owing to a lack of children's content, and hot summer, but the cinema remains in a positive position.

Wicked and Downton Abbey are forecast to generate good revenues.

Cllr Harvey shared that it is testament to Pete and the team on the range of films and progress made.

Pete acknowledges the work of team members in particular those who go above and beyond for such as Fright Night and Quiz Night.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information and to thank the Picture House Manager and his team for their continued efforts.

**172. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk shared the updated forecast which outlines the income against cost. It was suggested that £10,000 of the budgeted £30,000, earmarked for the project be transferred at this time to support the increased costs in respect of the project.

**RESOLVED:** to note the information and to transfer of £10,000 from earmarked reserves to the current account.

**173. HBPH – A HERITAGE FIT FOR THE FUTURE**

The Clerk presented information in respect of the project this included the survey for public consultation and a set of revised FAQs that will be published on the website and will also form an information sheet for staff.

The committee were updated that a children's engagement activity was underway with children being given the opportunity to colour in a picture and tell us why they love HBPH. This was proving very popular.

The Development Application will be ready for a February submission.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the survey and FAQs with the amends discussed and to note the information.

**174. 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 during consideration of items of a confidential nature.

Meeting finished at 8:45pm