

## HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

### Meeting of the PICTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE Held WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2026

#### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Butterick (Chair), Harvey, Howes, Morse & Turner

**ABSENT:** Councillors: Fraser,

**ALSO:** FOPH: D Siddonio

Picture House Assistant Manager: M Bryant

HRTC Clerk: E Green

**591. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & REASONS**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fraser. The reasons for apologies (Ill health) were approved.

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

There were no members interests reported at this meeting.

**593. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 23 FEBRUARY 2026**

There were no matters arising.

**594. FRIENDS OF THE PICTURE HOUSE**

The Making Friends project continues, however as some of the hotels in Halifax have now been closed, the Friends are exploring new ways to support.

The film commissioned by the Friends is now well underway and should be completed by the summer. It was discussed that it would be great to get more young people involved in the film. Cllr Howes and Cllr Butterick suggested that they may support through their existing links with young people.

**595. MANAGERS REPORT**

The excellent years trading was discussing, with both box office and retail spend up on last year.

The new marketing strategy was highlighted, which aims to develop audiences at either end of the age demographic. The Picture House now has weekly listings and a competition in the Halifax Courier and is developing its social media presence.

There continues to be a wide variety of films and special screenings shown at the Picture House, with a number of repeat bookers such as Paul Merton, Banff and Talking Pictures.

**596. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The year-end figures were discussed. The presentation and format of the information was considered.

**RESOLVED:** to review the presentation of the information to ensure that the figures presented to the committee and useful and meaning full.

**597. REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS – UNITS 1&3**

The committee considered the VAT arrangements and option to tax on the units at the Hebden Bridge Picture House. The terms of the lease were noted along with the potential significance in regard to the Heritage Fit for the Future Project or other future restoration projects.

**RESOLVED:** To clarify the tenants VAT registration position and any potential costs and to consider the timeline in respect to the leases and to bring this information to the next meeting of this committee for a decision to be made.

**598. VISUAL STRUCTURAL SURVEY**

The visual condition report was considered.

**RESOLVED:** in line with the recommendations within the report to maintain six monthly inspections of the building, specifically the canter lever balcony supports.

**599. A HERITAGE FIT FOR THE FUTURE**

An update was provided in respect of the application.

The NLHF had been in contact for additional information relating to the budget and for more images of the building. These have been provided. A decision is expected at the end of June.

**600. 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 9pm