

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the PROJECTS, EVENTS & CHRISTMAS LIGHTING COMMITTEE Held WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

MINUTES

PRESENT: **Councillors:** Fraser (Chair), Bampton Smith, Macdonald and Turner.

HRTC Deputy Clerk: Ebony Andrews

221. To receive apologies and reasons for absence and any substitutions.
Apologies were received from Cllrs. Hoyle, Hedges and Young.

222. To receive members' interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.
There were no members interests reported at this meeting.

223. To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 30 JULY 2025 not itemised on this agenda.
RESOLVED: There were no matters arising

224. BUDGET UPDATE
RESOLVED: To note the information.

225. CHRISTMAS EVENTS, MYTHOLMROYD & HEBDEN BRIDGE
The Committee received an update on the planned Christmas activities and events and agreed to increase the Christmas budget to £22,300, to be funded from the Projects & Events budget. This will ensure the effective delivery of events without requiring a financial contribution from Light Up the Valley (LUTV).

RESOLVED: The Committee will fund planned Christmas activities and events while still working with community partners and volunteer groups to effectively deliver them.

226. CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS/EVENTS PRIORITIES
The Deputy Clerk shared information on each of the four priority project / event areas listed below. There were discussed by the committee, and decisions made on next steps and actions were made as follows:

- a). 'Green Network'
- b). Lamp Post Banners
- c). Christmas / Grotto

d). What's On Hebden Bridge (WOHB)

RESOLVED: The committee agreed that the initial phase of contacting relevant groups and organisations that may be interested in being part of a green network in Hebden Royd should be pursued. This first phase will include a forum / get together event to be delivered in the new year. Feedback from the community gathered at that event on the need and viability of the idea will be presented back to the committee for consideration. Community feedback will inform next steps as appropriate.

To approve expenditure of up to £400 from New Projects within the budget to deliver a seminar style event that brings together potential stakeholders interest in a green network, potential roles and contributions, and community priorities and ideas.

RESOLVED: Following an audit, the committee agreed to remove two banners that have become damaged. Further enquiries regarding the banner removal and the renewal of the remaining six banners will be undertaken by the Deputy Clerk.

RESOLVED: The committee reviewed the ongoing Christmas grotto offer as part of HRTC's Christmas events. It was agreed that an alternative supplier will be trialled this year to provide a fresh, practical, and cost-efficient option. These measures will support the grotto being offered free of charge to the public again at Christmas 2025.

To approve expenditure of £1500+VAT from Christmas Events within the budget for an alternative Christmas grotto, to be split equally between the Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge sites.

RESOLVED: To approve expenditure of £1,225 from New Projects within the budget for two areas of development work on the WOHB platform: community exhibitions and community festivals. This investment will ensure these types of events can be more accurately and appropriately listed on the site.

227.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There was no motion to exclude members the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 during consideration of items of a confidential nature.

Meeting finished at 8:52pm