

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held WEDNESDAY 4th MAY 2005
at RIVERSIDE SCHOOL, HEBDEN BRIDGE**

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; J T Allison(Chair), Mrs C I Bampton Smith, J C Beacroft-Mitchell, Mrs J C Beacroft-Mitchell, S Brown, P Coles, R Dixon, M Elder, J Frederiksen, G Gabbi, P Monahan, Mrs M L Murty, S Press, Dr M Smith, E Ward, N J Yorke and D K Young

1 Member of the public attended

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
There were no apologies for absence received

- 2. THE CLERK TO THE TOWN COUNCIL REPORTED** that the Public Notice of the Annual Town Meeting had been posted on the Town Notice Boards in accordance with statutory requirements.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD 5th MAY 2004**
It was moved by Cllr Mrs Murty
Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and
RESOLVED:- that the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held 5th May 2004 be accepted as a true and correct record

- 4. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL for the year ended 31st March 2005**
It was moved by Cllr Frederiksen
Seconded by Cllr Mrs Murty
RESOLVED:- to accept the Statement of Accounts of the Town Council for the year ended 31st March 2005

- 5. ANY OTHER TOWN BUSINESS**
Diana Monahan, expressed concern about the uncertain future of Calderdale MBC owned buildings in Hebden Royd.

Opinion was that there had been no progress over the last twelve months and that Calderdale MBC treated the electors of Hebden Royd with disdain.
It was moved by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell
Seconded by Cllr Dr Smith

i) RESOLVED: to write to Calderdale MBC, under the Freedom of Information Act, requesting copies of all documents relating to discussions held, and plans for the Council Offices in Hebden Bridge

Planning questions were asked in relation to the clock on the Carlton building, Southcliffe Barn and the archway between the old Tourist Information Centre and Bridgegate Car Park

It was moved by Cllr Coles

Seconded by Cllr Frederiksen and

ii) RESOLVED: to ask Ward Councillor Nader Fekri to seek answers to questions;

a) how the Carlton clock mechanism was allowed to be sold and the railings removed?

b) why Southcliffe Barn was allowed to be demolished?

c) what is happening regarding the archway between the old Tourist Information Centre and Bridgegate Car Park?

Notice of Meeting

In view of the low turnout at the meeting

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Frederiksen and

iii) RESOLVED: to advertise future Town meetings in the local press, Town Talk and on the Council's web site.

Other points raised included a request that the council's web site be kept up to date, the increasing problem of drug abuse be considered and progress be made on alcohol free zones. Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith reported that the police were holding meetings every five weeks to address issues of local concern and the next meeting would be on 26th May 2005 to seek the views of disaffected young people.

It was moved by Cllr Monahan

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Murty and

iv) RESOLVED: to express thanks to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their work on behalf of the township

The Mayor reminded those present of the visit to St Pol sur Ternoise to celebrate the 25th Twinning Anniversary on 4th June and the clerk was asked to issue a press release.

The Mayor thanked all persons present for attending and closed the meeting at 7:45 pm