

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL (Finance & General Purposes)
held WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2007

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; E Ward(Chair), J T Allison, Beacroft-Mitchell, S Brown, M Elder, N Fekri, J Frederiksen G Gabbi, P Monahan, Mrs M L Murty, S Press, and D K Young

Also present 6 members of the public

THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

445. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs; **Mrs C I Bampton Smith, Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell, Dr M Smith** (illness) and for lateness Cllr **Fekri**

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Ward

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: to note the apologies

446. Members' Interests' relating to agenda items for this meeting.

Cllr Allison and Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell declared a prejudicial interest in items 8 a) and 9 c), Cllr Elder declared a prejudicial interest in item 9 b) only and Cllr Frederiksen declared a prejudicial interest in item 9 c) only

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Ward

Seconded by Cllr Elder and

RESOLVED: to note the declarations of interest

447. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Ward

Seconded by Cllr Elder and

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw for the reason specified in item 5 of standing order 38.

- Note
Cllr Allison declared a personal interest in the next item only as the correspondent was known to him and withdrew from the chamber
- 448. LETTER IN LOCAL PRESS**
After discussion
It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell and
RESOLVED: to seek legal advice regarding a letter published in the Hebden Bridge Times on 8th February 2007 and contact the paper to provide an opportunity for a retraction
- 449. READMISSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**
It was moved by Cllr Mrs Ward
Seconded by Cllr Young and
RESOLVED: to readmit the public and press
- Note
Cllr Allison returned to the Chamber
- REARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA**
Chair proposed to consider Item 9 next in view of the public interest
- 450. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL**
- a) HEADS – ‘Unfair Trade’ a community Arts Project
Jude Wadley spoke in support of the application
It was moved by Cllr Brown
Seconded by Cllr Young to award £2,500 towards the cost of the project
It was moved as an amendment by Cllr Mrs Murty
Seconded by Cllr Monahan to award £1,250 towards the cost of the event
The amendment was not approved
It was moved by Cllr Brown
Seconded by Cllr Young and
RESOLVED: to award £2,500 towards the cost of the event
- b) Hebden Bridge Cricket Club
John Allison and George Kidd spoke in support of the application
It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Cllr Press and
RESOLVED: to award £2,722.50 to secure the immediate future of the Club
- Note
Cllrs; Allison, Beacroft-Mitchell, Frederiksen and Monahan declared a prejudicial interest in the next item only and withdrew from the Chamber
- c) Mytholmroyd Station Partnership
Geoff Mitchell spoke in support of the application
It was moved by Cllr Mrs Murty
Seconded by Cllr Young and
RESOLVED: to award £358.08 towards the cost of renovating the Iron Man Notices
- Note
Cllrs; Allison, Beacroft-Mitchell, Frederiksen and Monahan returned to the Chamber

- 451. TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR AND THE CLERK**
- a) NALC – Review of the Quality Town & Parish Council Scheme
 - b) Clerks & Councils - Direct 2007
 - c) West Yorkshire Police– Luddendenfoot Ward Meetings
 - d) West Yorkshire Police- Hebden Bridge Police – Ward meeting
 - e) YLCA – White Rose Update - January 2007
 - f) YLCA Assembly Digest - January 2007
 - g) YLCA Advice Note - Number 025
 - h) CMBC – Chief Finance Officer – re Parish precept 2007/08
 - i) Chris McCafferty MP – Advice Surgery Notice
- The Clerk provided clarification of a) and e)
 It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Brown and
 RESOLVED: to note the communications
- 452. MAYOR’S REPORT/DEPUTY MAYOR’S REPORT**
- It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Elder and
 RESOLVED: to note the report
- 453. MINUTES of the TOWN COUNCIL (Development, Environment and Amenities) held WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2007**
- Re minute 424 - Cllr Young stated that the design of replacement windows had yet to be agreed and fitted
 It was moved by Cllr Mrs Ward
 Seconded by Cllr Young and
 RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held 31st January 2007, as amended, be accepted as a correct record
- 454. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES of the TOWN COUNCIL held WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2007**
- Cllr Monahan raised the issue of vehicle parking on the Hebden Bridge marina
 It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Monahan and
 RESOLVED: to contact Calderdale MBC to emphasise the policy of this Council
- 455. MINUTES OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE held 7th February 2007**
- It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Brown and
 RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held 7th February 2007 be accepted as a correct record and the recommendations therein be adopted

456.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRANTS

- a) ROYD Refurbish Youth Club premises
- b) Rotary Club of HB Vintage Weekend
- c) Wild Rose Heritage & Arts Making Oral History Accessible

457.

REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Aid in Sickness Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith - member not present
Calderdale Community Safety Partnership No Contact
Calderdale Rural Transport Partnership Cllr Elder - No report
Calderdale Twin Links Committee Cllr Fekri - member not present
Calder Valley Club Cllr Mrs Ward – organisation in healthy position
Council For The Preservation Of Rural England No representative
Ground Floor Project Cllr Brown - No report
Hebden Bridge And District International Group Cllr Elder – informal visits planned this year to Strakonice and St Pol sur Ternoise
Hebden Bridge And District Old Peoples` Welfare Committee
Cllr Dr Smith - member not present
Hebden Bridge Brass Band Committee Cllr Mrs Murty band achieving outstanding success
Hebden Bridge Carnival Committee No representative – event under threat
Hebden Bridge Fair Trade Forum Cllr Brown – organisation active but communicates electronically
Hebden Royd Partnership Cllr Brown – missed last meeting
Helliwell`S Charity The Clerk – no report
Heptonstall Exhibition And Richard Naylor Charities Cllr Elder – meets twice yearly
Kerbside (Calderdale) Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith - member not present
Mytholmroyd Community Association Cllr Allison - some concern – invite to next Council Meeting
Mytholmroyd Gala Committee Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell - no report
Photographic Library Committee of Hebden Bridge Camera Club Cllr Coles - member not present
Police Forum Cllr Monahan – attending Ward meeting on 15th Feb
Public Rights of Way Liaison Committee Cllr Elder – no report
Royd Regeneration Cllr Frederiksen action plan discussed but missed last meeting
Todmorden & Upper Valley Social Car Service Cllr Brown - are to lose the project worker – meeting on 19th Feb
Upper Valley Housing Committee Cllr Mrs Ward – no report
Yorkshire Local Councils Association Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell – no report
Colden Clough Nature Reserve Cllr Brown – not notified of any meeting
WY Rural Transport Partnership Stakeholder meetings Cllr Brown – no meeting recently
It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Cllr Fekri and
RESOLVED: to note the reports and remove inactive bodies from the list

- 458. ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID**
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| a) Calderdale College – | CCTV monitoring Service | £28,383.30 |
| b) HFGL Limited | Photocopier Lease | £326.65 |
| c) Alternative Technology Centre | Water Pack | £3,307.63 |
| d) CMBC – | Crocus and Daffodils | £587.50 |
| e) The PhoneCo-op | Broadband provision | £19.00 |
| f) npower | Floodlights Old Bridge | £39.30 |
| g) npower | Old Gate/Market Street | £194.22 |
- It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Fekri and
 RESOLVED: to pay the accounts

- 459. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**
 Statement of Account up to 14th February 2007
 It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Fekri and
 RESOLVED: to accept the statement of account

- 460. NEW PROJECTS**
 The Council's Project Officer submitted a statement on success in obtaining matched funding of £10,000 for environmental projects in Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd
 It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Fekri and
 RESOLVED: to note the information and thank the Project Officer for her work

- 461. COURSES/CONFERENCES**
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| a) SkillPath – Successful Project Management | Leeds | 16th/17th April |
| b) SkillPath – Conference for Women | Leeds | 18th April |
| c) SkillPath - Managing Multiple Projects | Leeds | 27th March |
| d) CompuMaster Getting the most from Microsoft Excel - | Leeds | 4th April |
| e) Society of Local Council Clerks – (costs include VAT) | | |
| i) Conference for 'Practitioners' – 2 nd /3 rd March - Stoke-On-Trent | | £223.25 |
| ii) Regional Conference - 20 th March at Chorley - | | £47.00 |
| iii) WYorks Branch Training Day – Continuous Professional Development – 16 th March at Leeds | | £ 20.00 |
| f) HM Revenue & Customs – Free Business Support Services – Training Workshop from 9th March 2007 | | |
| g) West Yorkshire Pension Fund – 'A Pensions Odyssey – 7th & 14th February | | |
| h) YLCA – 'In the Chair' – Civic Centre, Otley – 13, 20 and 27th March and 17th April Cost £117.50 (incl VAT) | | |
- It was moved by Cllr Young
 Seconded by Cllr Fekri and
 RESOLVED: to empower the Clerk to designate appropriate courses for staff development

Meeting closed at 8:48 pm