

## HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

### MEETING of the ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE held WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008

#### MINUTES

**PRESENT** Councillors; Beacroft-Mitchell (Chair), C Sawer, and J Smith

Also present Liz Dodd, Sarah Munsie and Polly Webber

**230. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

It was moved by Cllr J Smith

Seconded by Cllr Sawer and

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell be Chair of the Allotments Committee for the Council year 2008/09

**231. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions**

There were no apologies for absence

**232. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**

None declared at this point

**233. PROGRESS REPORTS**

a) Allotments Report from meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008

i) Mytholm Meadows – an application for funding had been refused but permission for a ‘community’ garden had been obtained and work was progressing

ii) Mytholmroyd Marina – the marina was not feasible and consultation on future use was to take place with objective of community supported agriculture on site. The waste disposal licence was being revoked and the presence of Japanese Knotweed could be worked around.

The Chair thanked Sarah for attending and for reporting

iii) Mytholmroyd Site

Site suitable for 3 or 4 potential allotments

Letter to be written to landowner from HRTC in order to progress the possible use of this site

iv) Mason Street

Mr Pearson (Landowner)

Approx 4 to 6 existing allotments

Suggested Action: HRTC to write to the land owner suggesting that we are potentially interested but that concerns over access would need to be resolved.

**Comment [DD1]:** Letter sent  
13 October 2008

- v) Land above Dodnaze
  - Potential no. of plots not known
  - Tree Responsibility interested in carrying out a joint project
  - HRTC to continue to try and make contact with Calderdale Officers
- vi) Stubbing Holme Road
  - 3 to 4 plots
  - Await outcome of Appeal affecting site
- vii) Redacre Allotments
  - Privately owned and no Council involvement required

**Comment [DD2]:** Email sent to Jefferson Hammond 13 October 2008, with copy to Brendan Mowforth, referring to previous attempts 1/04/08 and 15/09/08

**234. COMMUNITY GROUP**

It was reported that there was a large demand for locally grown food aiming towards a 'proper' farmers' market  
A number of landlords were offering land, mostly in Mytholmroyd, but there are H&S issues and public expectations were largely unrealistic.  
The ATC was seeking funding and was prepared to offer training  
Hebden Royd Town Council is prepared to buy or lease land but this would not be available to persons outside its boundaries

**235. PUBLIC MEETING 24th SEPTEMBER 2008**

This meeting is intended to be an update from previous meeting.  
Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell would address the meeting, and a questionnaire would be issued

**236. THE WAY FORWARD**

It was agreed that the formation of a community group presented the best opportunity

**237. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

15<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7:30 pm

Meeting closed at 8:17 pm

## HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

### MEETING of the ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE held TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2009

#### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Councillors; Beacroft-Mitchell (Chair), C Sawer, and J Oosthuysen

**Also present** Jude Wadley-Project Officer, Liz Dodd, Sarah Munsie, Polly Webber and Bernard Parry-Allotments Action Group

**478. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions**  
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors; **J Smith and J T Allison**

**479. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**  
None declared at this point

**480. Matters arising from Report of Allotments Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 not itemised on this Agenda**  
Minutes of last meeting approved by full council meeting

**481. LAND AVAILABILITY**

- a. Dodnaze  
The land at Dodnaze will probably be free soon. Jude Wadley and others to look into viability of land for growing and if suitable, express a firm commitment to CMBC.
- b. Calder High  
Jude Wadley has sent a letter to Deputy Head Chris Sylge. Ask the Governors to chase it up.
- c. Network Rail  
Jude Wadley walked alongside railway between Whiteleys Arches and Walkleys and found no suitable land.
- d. Jude Wadley to look into land ownership by electricity substation at Walkleys

**482. ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES**  
Those present discussed options other than allotment land for growing food. Things to consider could be;  
There is lots of funding currently available for growing food/community gardening  
Micro gardening in council beds/verges, with allocated 'guardians' – promote via 'Town Talk'  
Garden shares

Container gardening – Tommy Topsoil do a veg bin with soil for £48  
Speak to farmers re community groups leasing land for growing – Jude Wadley to contact NFU  
Community composting - event at food festival

Polly Webber spoke to some of the landowners at Steep Fields, allotments and no-one wants to take responsibility for the land. Maybe individuals need to approach landowners?

**483. MYTHOLM MEADOWS**

Polly Webber reported that Glen is back from maternity leave so this can now progress. Jude Wadley to assist Polly Webber with funding bid and both to meet with Glen.

**484. REDACRE AREA**

Sarah Munsie reported that by the end of March they hope to be registered as a not for profit company limited by guarantee. Eddie is meeting the Planning Officer after a successful initial enquiry and hopes to obtain a license to use the land for 12-18 months. The land will hopefully be bought with grant funding. The group is consulting, getting constituted, writing funding applications, making connections with other community supported agriculture projects.

British Waterways have turned down the request for 3 moorings and Royd Regeneration are intervening to appeal.

The project will be promoted at a number of relevant local events.

Jude Wadley to speak to Clerk about the Council being a financial 'parent' for lottery bid, like it did for Friends of Calder Holmes Park.

Jude Wadley to give Council funding application forms to Sarah Munsie.

**485. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 3 March at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 7.27pm

## HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

### MEETING of the ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE held Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009

#### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Councillors; J Smith(Chair), C Sawyer, C Groves, and L Jones

**Also present** Jude Wadley-Project Officer, Liz Dodd, Polly Webber

**606. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

It was moved by Cllr C Sawyer

Seconded by Cllr Jones and

RESOLVED: that Cllr J Smith be Chair of the Allotments Committee for this meeting

**607. Apologies for Absence and any substitutions**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors; J Beacroft-Mitchell, J Oosthuysen and J T Allison plus Sarah Munsie  
Cllr L Jones substituting for Cllr J Beacroft-Mitchell

**608. Members` Interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**

None declared at this point

**609. Matters arising from Report of Allotments Meeting held 3rd February 2009 not itemised on this Agenda**

Corrections to minutes- Cllr C Groves absent with apologies, Cllr J Smith backdated absent with apologies due to access issues  
Minutes of last meeting approved by Full Council meeting

**610. LAND AVAILABILITY AND GENERAL PROGRESS**

a. JW and DD visited the land at Dodnaze with Tim Edge from CMBC Countryside dept. who are keen to proceed with a mix of allowing HRTC allotments on the land and their own conservation and income generating initiatives. (wild flower meadow and hay cutting) JW recommended referring to the land by its Sandy Gate access rather than Dodnaze access to minimize disruption to Dodnaze estate. Much work will be needed on the land to provide access, car parking, water. JW emailed site map to Pam Smithies at CMBC so that CMBC can confirm that they do own the land and can allow allotments to be developed.

b. PW reported the Mytholm Meadows land is moving forward and that a landowner at Pecket Well is offering land for community growing. Liz Dodd to pursue rather than HRTC.

c. Land at Mayroyd-PW waiting for response from landowner

- d. Calder High, no response from Chris Sylge. PW emailed school. Mr Sykes responded and arranged to attend Food Group Meeting, but sent apologies and did not attend.
- e. Potential land on corner of Chiserley Gardens, Old Town- JW to pursue.
- f. Concern was expressed over the number of local groups applying for food growing funding and the fact that this is not being centrally coordinated so that all work together rather than against each other. PW to attend meeting with JW, Cllr Janet Battye and Fran from Kerbside to discuss land and Kerbside Lottery bid. JW to seek permission from DD to try to link groups and funding bids.

**611. FOOD FESTIVAL UPDATE**

Plans for events are progressing well with many local groups, producers, growers and businesses on board and links to Incredible Edible events in Todmorden. Networking, via the festival, will hopefully unite all those offering or looking for land. Bid for funding to lottery is slowed down by demand. Food Festival to apply for stop gap funding that can be returned to HRTC if lottery money comes through, to allow organising to proceed.

**612. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 5 May at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.16pm