

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held WEDNESDAY 7th MAY 2008
at THE LITTLE THEATRE, HEBDEN BRIDGE**

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; N Fekri(Chair), Mrs Bampton Smith,
Beacroft-Mitchell, Dixon, Groves, J Oosthuysen, S Press, Smith,
and D K Young
Ward Councillor Janet Battye
21 electors and members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr; **Boggis**
It was moved by Cllr Groves
Seconded by Cllr Dixon and
RESOLVED: to note the apology

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 and
also on the Council's and the Hebden Bridge websites.

**3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD
2nd MAY 2007**

It was moved by Cllr Young
Seconded by Dianna Monahan and
RESOLVED:- that the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held
2nd May 2007 be accepted as a true and correct record

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN
MEETING HELD 2nd MAY 2007**

In response to a question from Dianna Monahan about the Carlton Clock,
the Clerk reported that the flat where the clock controls were sited had been
identified but it had not been possible to access the controls. The
management company had not been helpful.

5. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL for the year ended 31st March 2008**

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Groves

RESOLVED:- to accept the Statement of Accounts of the Town Council for the year ended 31st March 2008

6. **ANY OTHER TOWN BUSINESS**

Dennis Edmundson, not an elector of the parish, made a lengthy statement about fluoridation

It was moved by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith

Seconded by Cllr Groves and

i) RESOLVED: to write to Calderdale MBC seeking clarification on that Council's policy on fluoridation of water supplies and if there was any information relating to fluoridated water being supplied to the area via the grid

Elizabeth Dodd enquired as to the progress achieved in obtaining allotments in the area. The Clerk replied that some suitable land had been identified and that the Allotments committee would meet in the near future to consider the matter

Trevor Smith asked about use of the Council owned land on Station Road as a car park and was assured that this remained the preferred option

Val Wade observed that there had been not been any progress in eliminating use of off-road vehicles on land east of Height Road at Mount Skip. The Clerk reported that there was little that Hebden Royd Town Council could do without action from the landowner and/or Calderdale MBC although the police had warned some users as to the law and risk of confiscation of vehicles.

To address the perception that nothing had been done, it was agreed to ask the Clerk to write advising of action taken.

Traffic flow on Wadsworth Lane was also of concern to her, particularly vehicles driving down the route.

It was moved by Cllr Dixon

Seconded by Cllr Press and

ii) RESOLVED: to request Calderdale MBC give consideration to extending the 20 mph town centre limit to include Wadsworth Lane

Comment [DD1]: Traffic surveys did not show speeds were excessive and no measures were contemplated. (Enquiry 14?07/08)

Susan Quick stated that there was to be a disabled accessible bus shelter on King Street that would result in the loss of several car parking spaces. In addition there was not a DDA compliant bus stop on the other side of the road where there was a significant area without a pavement. The meeting was asked to support relocation of the highway, as part of the King Street development, to permit wheelchair access along this route.

Paul Monahan expressed a positive view of changes in the area and wished to thank Council Officers, in particular Jason Boom and Naomi Goddard for their work in betterment of the local environment. He did have some concern over the issue of double taxation in relation to employing a person to clean areas of the town at weekends.

It was moved by Paul Monahan

Seconded by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell and

iii)RESOLVED: to write to Calderdale MBC requesting clarification that scheduled cleaning was taking place and what, if any, cleaning was carried out in Calderdale at weekends.

It was moved by Dianna Monahan

Seconded by Cllr Jones and

iv)RESOLVED: to seek removal of vegetation from Old Bridge and crown lifting and thinning of trees on island to the south of bridge to improve vista from West End

The Chair of the National Pure Water Association, concurred with the sentiments expressed earlier by Dennis Edmundson and was thanked by the Chair for attending.

Dianna Monahan asked for a report on the future of Tanpits

It was moved by Paul Monahan

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith and

v) RESOLVED: to investigate possibilities of providing a canopy over the dry dock to improve working conditions, reduce noise pollution and improve the appearance of the area.

Paul agreed to attend a Council meeting to present on the idea

Dennis Edmundson addressed the meeting on an issue about which the Council had no power to act and the meeting was closed by the Chair

Meeting closed at 8:37 pm

Comment [DD2]: HB
Partnership asked to adopt idea as
project 14/07/08