

## HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL  
held WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009

### MINUTES

PRESENT **Councillors; J C Beacroft-Mitchell (Chair up to Minute 462), S Press (Arrived during Minute 452 e) Chair from Minute 462 onwards), C Bampton Smith, K Boggis, R Dixon, N Fekri, J Gabbi, C Groves, L Jones, J Oosthuysen, C Sawer, Trickett and D Young**

Also Present Member of Youth Parliament, Callum Paramor

**444. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Cllr Jones announced that HBOS had presented her with a cheque for £250.00, in recognition of her voluntary work, towards the Mayor's Charity, Overgate Hospice. Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell, Deputy Mayor, accepted the cheque on behalf of the Town Mayor, Cllr Press

**445. REARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA**

Chair proposed to consider Item 15 immediately after the next two items

**446. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllrs; Mrs Beacroft-Mitchell, J Smith and Dr M A Smith** and for lateness from **Cllr S Press**

It was moved by Cllr Fekri

Seconded by Cllr Groves and

RESOLVED: to note the apologies and with reference to Cllr J Smith, that her absence was a consequence of lack of disabled access to the Council Chamber

**447. Members' Interests' relating to agenda items for this meeting.**

Cllr Jones declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 465 f) only as a person who had objected to previous applications

Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 462 only as a trustee of a tenant organisation

**448. VOTING AGE**

Cllr Fekri introduced the item and deferred to Cllr Oosthuysen who introduced her son, Member of the Youth Parliament Callum Paramor. Callum set out the case for the voting age to be reduced to sixteen partly on the principle of "no taxation without representation"; people can work from the age of 16 and are expected to pay taxes but at present cannot vote until they are eighteen.

Callum was thanked by the Deputy Mayor for addressing Council

Cllr Fekri spoke in support of the principle of voting at 16+

It was moved by Cllr Fekri

Seconded by Cllr Oosthuysen and

RESOLVED: that this Council supports wholeheartedly the principle of the age reduction of representation and participation and instructs the Mayor to write to NALC and the Department of Constitutional Affairs to convey this sentiment

**449. TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR AND THE CLERK**

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| a) Stadt Warstein                 | Christmas Greetings from Burgermeister  |
| b) Calderdale Forward             | Town & Parish Council Representative  |
| c) Yorkshire & Humber             | Rural Matters – Rural Affairs newsletter – December 2008  |
| d) Community Transport Calderdale | Community Car Gazette – newsletter December 2008  |
| e) Big Green Weekend              | Planning meeting–Hole in t’Wall<br>28 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 @ 7:30 pm  |
| f) Calderdale MBC                 | relaunch of Calderdale Hate Crime Partnership<br>27 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 – 12:30 – 3:00 pm  |
| g) Calderdale MBC                 | Commenting on Planning applications   |
| h) Newstart                       | publication – January 2009  |
| i) Hope Calderdale                | A new year Celebration of Faith in the Community<br>– Songs of Praise with Todmorden Community<br>Band – 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7:00 pm in<br>Todmorden Town Hall |
| j) Jason Elliott                  | email – Street Angels and Gaza –<br>forwarded to members 5/01/09  |
| k) HRTC                           | Committees and membership inc<br>Substitution Forms   |
| l) YLCA                           | email – consultation on Regional Spatial<br>Strategy & Sustainability Appraisal   |
| m) YLCA                           | mini essentials – Y&H Assembly newsletter   |
| n) Louise Harrison                | UCVR Steering Group – 13 <sup>th</sup> January – St<br>Michael’s at 7:00 pm   |
| Late items o) Calderdale MBC      | Relaunch of, ‘things to change’ resource pack   |
| p) HRTC                           | Town Talk Winter 2008 edition   |

In respect of item j)

Cllr Mrs Bampton Smith had attended the meeting and encouraged members of Hebden Royd Town Council to become involved. The operation was scheduled to commence after Easter

In respect of item p)

Cllr Fekri explained his apparent poor attendance record  
Cllr Groves is a Fairfield not White Lee councillor

In respect of item a)

Cllr Trickett translated the good wishes of the Burgermeister of Warstein



**454. ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID**

a) The Phone Co-op	Broadband Provision	£18.60
b) Calder Valley Skip Hire	Skips (Autumn Clean-up)	£759.00
c) British Recycled Products	2 Picnic Tables	£860.10
d) BT	Direct Line	£59.43
e) Environmental Community Warden	Expenses	£74.43
f) CALVAG	Sundries	£169.19
g) Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation	Display Unit	£237.42

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Fekri and

RESOLVED: to pay the accounts and press for placement of the picnic tables in item c)

**455. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Fekri and

RESOLVED: to approve the Statement of Account up to 08 January 2009

**456. WORKING PARTIES**

a) Transport Issues

i) Hebden Bridge

Parking Issues – an audit of available spaces is to be conducted by Leeds University in autumn

Bridge Lanes Car Park suffers from some permanently parked vehicles and Cllr Fekri reported that part of the area had been chained off

Station Road Car Park was having a ‘positive impact’ on the A646

ii) Mytholmroyd

No report

b) Young Peoples

No report

c) Central Street

There is a need to sustain pressure to achieve progress

d) 500th Bridge Anniversary

Cllr Dixon reported on deliberations of the working party and recommendations

i) Become a committee from May 2009 to include existing WP members, Project Worker and at least one ‘dual hated member’

ii) Have a budget of £2000

iii) Committee include representation from community groups when appropriate

iv) Committee concentrate on ‘Core Civic Events’

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Groves and

RESOLVED: to note the information

- 457.           DISABILITY ACCESS**  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Fekri and  
RESOLVED: to assess the Council Office building with the Quick  
Access Checklist and report back to Council
- 458.           APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL**  
Mytholmroyd Youth Action Group  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Groves and  
RESOLVED: to award £499.99 towards the cost of providing Girls’  
Boxercise Sessions
- 459.           CALDERDALE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**  
Cllr Jones reported on Core Strategy Development Plan – Issues and  
Options Paper in respect of;
- Green Belt Review
  - Settlement Hierarchy Methodology
  - Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report
- The documents relied on extensive use of jargon and proved difficult to  
evaluate but the work was ongoing  
The deadline for submissions had been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009
- 460.           TOWN HALL IN HEBDEN BRIDGE WORKING PARTY**  
Cllr Jones outlined the background to the request  
It was moved by Cllr Fekri  
Seconded by Cllr Groves and  
RESOLVED: to pay £750.00 from reserves but ask for copy of accounts
- 461.           WYPTA – RURAL BUS SERVICE 906**  
Letter received 14<sup>th</sup> December 2008  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Oosthuysen and  
RESOLVED: to note
- Note           Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell declared a prejudicial interest in the next item only,  
relinquished the Chair and withdrew from the Chamber  
Cllr Press took the Chair
- 462.           MYTHOLMROYD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
Letter received re rent levels for community groups  
Some members did not find the ‘tone’ of the letter encouraging  
It was moved by Cllr Groves  
Seconded by Cllr Dixon and  
RESOLVED: to note the letter and await the outcome of the meeting  
scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Note  
463.

Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell returned to the Chamber

**COMMUNITIES IN CONTROL**

Consultation document from Communities in Local Government on,  
“Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity”

After discussion

Cllrs: Mrs Bampton Smith, Dixon and Cllr Oosthuysen agreed to study  
the document and report back to the next general council meeting

464.

**CALDERDALE MBC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Plans considered on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009

The Barn, Hill Top Farm, Hill Top Lane, Cragg Vale	Refuse consent
Wheatley Royd Farm, Hodgson Lane, Brearley	Consent
Thymeley Bent Barn, Stannery End Lane, Cragg Vale	Mindful to permit

465.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Note

Cllr Oosthuysen declared a personal interest in next item only as an  
acquaintance of the applicant

**a) Application 08/02030/LBC (list dated 14.12.08)** for conservatory to  
East elevation (Listed Building Consent) at OWLERS, BURLEES  
LANE, WADSWORTH, HEBDEN BRIDGE HX7 8PS.

It was moved by Cllr Fekri

Seconded by Cllr Dixon and

RESOLVED:

Recommend Refusal – development is out of  
character with a listed building and constitutes a  
disproportionate extension over the original building

**b) Application 08/02032 (list dated 14.12.08)** for conservatory to East  
elevation at OWLERS, BURLEES LANE, WADSWORTH, HEBDEN  
BRIDGE.HX7 8PS

It was moved by Cllr Fekri

Seconded by Cllr Dixon and

RESOLVED:

Recommend Refusal – development is out of  
character with a listed building and constitutes a  
disproportionate extension over the original building

**c) Application 08/20150/TPO (list dated 14.12.08)** to fell one tree  
(Tree Preservation Order) at WEST LEE, 1 HANGINGROYD CLOSE,  
HEBDEN BRIDGE. HX7 6AN

It was moved by Cllr Jones

Seconded by Cllr Oosthuysen and

RESOLVED:

Recommend Refusal – opposed to felling healthy trees

**d) Application 08/20164/TPO (list dated 14.12.08)** to fell one tree and  
prune other (Tree Preservation Order) at 3 SLATER BANK, HEBDEN  
BRIDGE HX7 7DY

It was moved by Cllr Jones

Seconded by Cllr Sawyer and

RESOLVED:

Recommend Approval

Note Cllr Fekri declared a personal interest in next item only as a nearby resident and Cllr Boggis declared a personal interest in next item only as a close relative of owner of adjacent property  
**e) Application 08/02060 (list dated 14.12.08)** for new shopfront. Partial demolition and rebuild of existing stone wall to Cheetham Street Frontage at CHEETHAM STREET, HEBDEN BRIDGE. HX78EW  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Jones and  
RESOLVED: Recommend Approval

Note Cllr Jones declared a prejudicial interest in the next item only as a previous objector  
**f) Application 08/02061 (list dated 14.12.08)** for proposed two detached dwellings at THE ANNEX, CROW NEST ROAD, HEBDEN BRIDGE. HX7 6JF  
It was moved by Cllr Fekri  
Seconded by Cllr Dixon and  
RESOLVED: Recommend Approval  
**g) Application 08/01898 (list dated 14.12.08)** for construction of 2m metal railing and gates between each block at SITE OF 2 – 28 AND 1 – 171 LONGFELLOW COURT, MYTHOLMROYD. HX7 5DP  
It was moved by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell  
Seconded by Cllr Jones and  
RESOLVED: Recommend Approval

**WITHDRAWN 15.12.08**

**h) Application 08/01725/LBC** for change of use of first and second floors from offices to form 4 apartments, alterations to ground floor offices and to basement community rooms (Listed Building Consent) at MACHPELAH WORKS MACHPELAH, HEBDEN BRIDGE.

**i) Application 08/01977/LBC (list dated 19.12.08)** for remedial works and anti-trespass fencing (Listed Building Consent) at HEBDEN BRIDGE RAILWAY STATION, STATION ROAD, HEBDEN BRIDGE.  
It was moved by Cllr Oosthuysen  
Seconded by Cllr Fekri and  
RESOLVED: Recommend Approval

**j) Application 08/02094 (list dated 19.12.08)** for café change to residential at CANAL CAFE, 9 HEBBLE END, HEBDEN BRIDGE HX7 6HJ.  
It was moved by Cllr Young  
Seconded by Cllr Fekri and  
RESOLVED: Recommend Approval

**WITHDRAWN 16.12.08**

**k) Application 08/01059** for Ground floor wine bar with 4 flats above at LAND OPPOSITE HOLME HOUSE, HOLME STREET, HEBDEN BRIDGE.

**l) Application 08/02089 (list dated 2.1.09)** for single storey rear extension and alteration to windows in gable elevation to form raised balcony at SMITHY STEADS FARM, CRAGG ROAD, CRAGG VALE HX7 5SQ.

It was moved by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell

Seconded by Cllr Jones and

RESOLVED: Recommend Approval

**m) Application 08/02011 (list dated 2.1.09)** for demolition of former fire station and change of use to provide a temporary car park (Conservation Area Consent) at FORMER HEBDEN BRIDGE FIRE STATION, VALLEY ROAD, HEBDEN BRIDGE HX7 7BZ.

It was moved by Cllr Young

Seconded by Cllr Fekri and

RESOLVED: Recommend Approval – noting building is likely to contain asbestos and caution will be needed when dealing with fuel tank

**n) Application 08/02106 (list dated 2.1.09)** for works conversion into three 3 bedroomed houses with five external car parking spaces at ROYD WORKS, SIMPSON ROAD, MYTHOLMROYD HX7 5AY.

It was moved by Cllr Beacroft-Mitchell

Seconded by Cllr Groves and

RESOLVED: Recommend Approval

It was moved by Cllr Press

Seconded by Cllr Young and

RESOLVED: that the recommendations on the above planning applications are sent to the Environmental Services Department, Calderdale MBC. When the Chair or Deputy Chair cannot attend, Ward members be authorised to represent the view of Hebden Royd Town Council at meetings of the Planning Committee at Calderdale MBC.

**466. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED BY CALDERDALE MBC**

The Clerk reported on planning Notices received from the Chief Town Planning Officer **GRANTING PLANNING PERMISSION** to applications previously considered.

It was moved by Cllr Press

Seconded by Cllr Fekri and

RESOLVED:- to note the information

Meeting closed at 9:25 pm