

The Council has 18 members, two of which are also members of Calderdale Council.

Committees

There are seven committees, Allotments, Bridge 500, Environmental Renaissance/Parks & Footpaths, Grants, Staffing, Strategy & Review and Twinning, dealing with the main business and overseen by the Full Council.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

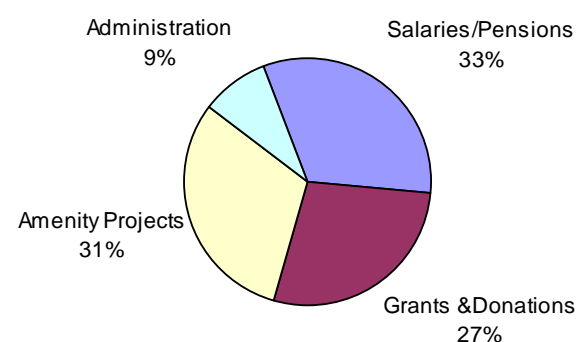
Member	Committees	Full Council Meetings		Committee Meetings	
		Possible	Actual	Possible	Actual
J T Allison	Environmental, S&R	16	7	13	4
C Bampton Smith*	Allotments, Grants, Staff, S&R	16	14	23	13
J C Beacroft-Mitchell	All Committees as Mayor	16	14	44	9
K Boggis	Environmental, Grants	16	11	17	8
C Davenport	Environmental, Twinning	13	8	12	6
R Dixon	Allotments, Bridge 500, Environmental, Staff, S&R, Twinning	16	14	40	39
N Fekri*	Staff	16	7	6	0
M Foster	Not appointed	16	9	-	-
G Gabbi	Staff, Finance Monitor	16	10	6	3
C Groves	Bridge 500, Environmental, Grants, Staff, S&R	16	14	34	24
L Jones	Bridge 500, Environmental, S&R, Twinning	16	16	24	22
J Oosthuysen	Allotments, Bridge 500, Environmental, Grants	16	7	14	9
S Press	Grants, Twinning	16	11	14	6
C Sawyer	Allotments, Bridge 500, Environmental, Twinning	16	15	16	9
J Smith	Not appointed	16	16	5	5
M A Smith	Staff	16	2	6	0
S Trickett	Grants, Environmental, S&R, Twinning	16	11	28	10
D Young	Environmental, Grants, Staff, S&R	16	16	23	23

* also member of Calderdale Council

These figures do not show other meetings attended by members on behalf of Hebden Royd Town Council, casework or other tasks undertaken by ward members.

The Council will have held sixteen meetings this year plus committee meetings as well as working parties and some community public meetings. The possible number of meetings depends on the committees to which a member is assigned and the record is summarised above.

Council Expenditure 2009/10
Total Expenditure £233,267



The Precept, amount collected by Calderdale MBC on behalf of Hebden Royd Town Council, was set at £198,684 plus a grant of £8,941. This works out at £58.64 per year for a Band D household or £1.13 per week. The majority of dwellings in Hebden Royd are Band A paying £39.09 or 75p per week.

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Hebden Royd Town Council

ANNUAL REPORT



May 2009 – April 2010

Town Mayor

Clr John Beacroft-Mitchell

Deputy Town Mayor

Clr Robin Dixon

Chair of Allotments Committee

Clr Christopher Sawyer

Chair of Environmental Renaissance/Parks & Footpaths
and Staffing Committees

Clr David Young

Chair of Grants Committee

Clr Janet Oosthuysen

Chair of Strategy & Review and Bridge 500 Committees

Clr Robin Dixon

Chair of Twinning Committee

Clr Lesley Jones

Other Members of the Council

Clr Rev James Allison
Clr Christine Davenport
Clr Gian Gabbi
Clr Jade Smith

Clr Christine Bampton Smith
Clr Nader Fekri
Clr Catherine Groves
Clr Dr Michael Smith

Clr Karl Boggis
Clr M Foster
Clr Susan Press
Clr Scott Trickett



Clerk to the Council - Mr David Dempsey

Neighbourhood Manager - Mr Jason Boom
Mayor's Secretary - Mrs Christine Jackson

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Hebden Royd Town Council

The parish of Hebden Royd lies in the Calder Valley and includes the main population centres of Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd as well as surrounding rural areas, notably, Cragg Vale.

The Town Council, whose members act in a voluntary capacity and are unpaid, has to respond to legislation but is the tier of government closest to the electorate and it seeks to serve by identifying and responding to local needs.

VISION STATEMENT:

The economic, social, and environmental well-being of those who live and work in Hebden Royd will be a major factor in all our decision-making.

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are committed to a better quality of life for all the people of Hebden Royd. We plan to achieve this in association with community groups and the public, private and voluntary sectors. Hebden Royd Town Council will therefore strive to:

- *Be open and accessible in all its decision-making*
- *Be accountable in all its council activities*
- *Be responsive to the needs of the community*
- *Promote equal opportunities*

Wherever possible, individuals and groups are encouraged to work in partnership with the Council to enhance the area to the benefit of the wider community.

Mayor's Report

Report not received at time of printing
Deadline Noon 17th May 2010

Work of the Council

During the last year the full council has met on 16 occasions and made over 600 decisions plus considered and made recommendation to Calderdale MBC on 170 planning applications.

The Town Mayor, in his address mentioned some of the more outstanding achievements of the Council, however, much work goes unreported.

Committees

Committees are where issues are examined in detail, seven have been appointed this year.

Allotments

Formed to address the demand for growing land from residents, over 100 at last count but the demand is difficult to satisfy in a narrow valley with steep sides. Several sites have been evaluated and all but one have been eliminated. The one possible remaining site is feasible but considerable public support, work and funding would be needed to bring it to fruition.

500th Anniversary of Bridge

This committee has assessed interest in the celebrations and liaised with community groups, developed ideas, drawn up draft plans and recommended a budget to Council. Planning work has increased over the year with events almost every weekend through the summer. See, "Celebrate 500 Years of Creativity".

Community Funding

With a budget of £60,000 last year it was still one of the biggest funders in the Calder Valley. All grants awarded directly benefited residents of Hebden Royd. It would not be fair to single out awards on the basis of size as all grants are important to those organisations that applied for them. Any formally constituted group may apply for funding and in certain circumstances even running costs can be funded.

Contact the office or website for further information.

Environmental Renaissance

Seeks to improve the environment of the area. Much planting has taken place and hanging baskets have improved the appearance of Hebden Royd. Work to improve the appearance of the township continues, notably with landscaping of Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd Memorial Gardens. Clean-ups in spring and autumn are among the more mundane activities of this important committee.

Staffing

Looks at employment issues affecting the Council and its employees.

Strategy and Review

Formed to decide and recommend on, Strategy of the Council, Finance and Budgets, Procedure and Standing Orders, Police Liaison, Representations and Reports and other matters not specifically allocated to other committees. Thanks to the work of this committee, there was a consensus when setting the Budget and hardly any increase in cost to residents of Hebden Royd.

Twinning

Considers all aspects of international relations particularly with our twin towns of St Pol sur Ternoise and Warstein. Assisted and participated in a visit to the Christmas Market in St Pol sur Ternoise in December. 2010 marks the 30th Anniversary of twinning with St Pol sur Ternoise and the 15th with Warstein.

Working Parties

Central Street

Formed several years ago to address the squalor of this neglected town centre area, the WP persuaded Calderdale MBC's Regeneration & Development Committee to recommend an improvement programme only to have it rejected by the Cabinet Committee on the grounds that there was little evidence of support from landlords. Eleven out of twelve landlords in the area confirmed their support for the scheme and Calderdale MBC reviewed its decision. However, when asked to commit to the scheme financially, even though half the cost was to be found by Calderdale MBC and this Council, the majority of landlords did not respond. This Council has yet to consider what to do. Calderdale Council may have been right all along but it still leaves the mess.

Traffic Issues

Main considerations have been follow up to the Hebden Bridge Traffic Review and the review currently taking place for Mytholmroyd. A number of issues have been identified, including the perennial one of parking in Hebden Bridge and a full report is available, on request, from the office.