

# Holme Valley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMUNITY ASSETS SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2018

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr D Bellamy

Councillors: Cllrs S Baggott, K Bellamy, J Brook, JG Cropper, TW Dixon, R Hogley and J Roberts

Officer: Mrs S S Barber

### **1718 100 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

As Parish Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman checked if anyone wished to record the meeting, to ensure reasonable facilities could be provided. No-one wished to do so, but the Clerk recorded the meeting (for Minute purposes only) and the recording would be deleted once draft Minutes had been ratified.

### **1718 101 Public Question Time**

No members of the public or press were present.

### **1718 102 To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs E Bunbury and G Christofi.

### **1718 103 To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda**

None received.

### **1718 104 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations**

None received.

### **1718 105 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session**

It was agreed that no items required to be taken in private session.

### **1718 106 To confirm Minutes of the previous Committee meetings**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 29 January 2018, numbered 1718 83 to 1718 99 inclusive be confirmed.

### **1718 107 Holmfirth Adult Education Centre (HAEC)**

Members expressed their concern at the lack of uncertainty about the longer-term future of HAEC.

RESOLVED: (1) That the Clerk be authorised to investigate the Community Right to Designate for Assets of Community Benefit (under the Localism Act 2011) and the process required to designate HAEC (through the local planning authority, Kirklees Council) and to trigger a six months' moratorium if the owner decides to sell a registered property.  
(2) That a direct approach be made to anyone who has shown interest in the property in the

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past, for this Committee to consider holding a public meeting (if appropriate) to ask for genuine ideas and commercial opportunities for use of the space.

(3) That the Parish Council (through this Committee) should be the catalyst to get people together to come up with some ideas so that a proposal can be put forward to Kirklees College; to be considered further at the next CASC meeting on 12 March 2018.

(4) In the meantime, Kirklees College to be asked to provide details of their longer-term plans for the building (together with floor plans and details of the educational covenant); Cllr J G Cropper be authorised to contact the former headmaster of Holmfirth High School, who was a member of the Kirklees College Board, to encourage a channel of communication.

## **1718 108 To consider any priority matters relating to other community assets – Clerk to report**

(1) Holmfirth Indoor Market: Members expressed their continuing concern at the potential loss of this facility, potential impact of new road scheme through Holmfirth town centre and agreed that options for relocation of the market service should be investigated.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to arrange a meeting with the Kirklees Officer concerned, with the Chairmen of the Council, Service Provision and CASC involved, to:

- (a) express concerns on lack of consultation
- (b) investigate how Kirklees Council intends to continue the market service in Holmfirth
- (c) investigate longer term proposals for the site
- (d) reiterate the Parish Council's expression of interest in the site

(2) Holmfirth Public Conveniences: Members noted that the building work had now commenced and, following recent meetings with the appointed building contractor, revised estimates (in three phases) had been distributed, to include revised specifications for certain parts of the building.

RESOLVED: (i) That Phase I work, as detailed, be approved and within Budget.

(ii) That an initial stage payment of £5,000 plus VAT be approved.

(iii) That Cllr S Baggott be authorised to liaise with the contractor, to discuss baby changing requirements.

## **1718 109 Freedom of Information Act 2000 – to agree what information will be made available to the public**

RESOLVED: That, under the Council's Publication Scheme, supporting papers for any item within the public session of the meeting be made available, if requested, after confirmation of the minutes.

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Chairman