

Holme Valley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ASSETS SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10 JUNE 2019

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr T. Dixon

Councillors: Cllrs K Bellamy, M Blacka, P Colling, S East, R Hogley and J Roberts

Officer: Mrs E Bennett

1920 01 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

1920 02 Public Question time.

There were 6 members of the public present. No requests for questions were made

1920 03 To accept apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs G Barker, J Brook, P Davies, and S Sheard.

1920 04 To receive Members' personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

Cllr Bellamy has an interest in The Civic Hall Community Trust. Cllr East declared an interest in Honley Library as the HVPC trustee of the Friends of Honley Library, Charitable Organisation Incorporated (CIO).

1920 05 To consider written requests for new DPI dispensations

None received.

1920 06 To consider whether items on the agenda should be discussed in private session

No items were considered necessary to be heard in private session

1920 07 To Confirm minutes of previous committee meeting on 11 March 2019, numbered 1819 86 to 95 inclusive.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

1920 08 Report from Holmfirth Civic Hall Community trust

Standing orders were suspended for this item.

Mrs Patrick gave the report on behalf of the CHCT. Bookings of the hall have increased and for two weeks in June the hall was being used by both the Holmfirth Film Festival and the Holmfirth Arts Week. There will be a Rum Festival later in June, a two piano event in October, Care Delaney in November, (a comedienne seen on TV). Cafes and bars have been run in-house and this has raised £5000 already in this financial year.

Social media has helped with advertising. £50,000 in the bank balance.

The staff has been in post for 12 months and the centre manager post has been increased to 30 hours. There has been increased marketing and the creation of a 'Friends Group' to increase income.

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Premises; The plans for refurbishment of the disabled toilets downstairs were progressing and would cost £55,000 although the Trust would be consulting with CASC again before commencement.

The larger blocks of toilets were problematic as they were springing a leak. It was hoped they would be acceptable for the whole of ART WEEK which comes in July.

The use of Facebook was proving good for business and producing rapidly increasing business.

The Trust sees the priority as remedial works to the building; the leaking toilets, windows, roof leaks etc. Also redecoration was needed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to provide the HCHCT with list of dates of CASC meeting in the coming year.

1920 09 Acknowledgement of two grants made to Thongsbridge Cricket club in the last financial year.

Report attached to agenda to be published on the website.

1920 10 Grant Request from Thongsbridge Cricket Club

Standing orders were suspended while Mr Kemp described the project.

The Committee took the view that the building of the new Clubhouse was an excellent project and was a valuable asset to the community in general as it was now available to any organisations for hire. Some Councillors queried whether it was prudent to make such a large grant especially early in the year. Cllr Hogley explained that monies that had been considered in the overall budget for the year would leave sufficient funds remaining.

RESOLVED: 1. That a grant of £12,000 be made.
2. That the Clerk will provide details of the budgets and what monies have been earmarked.

1920 11 Holmfirth Public Conveniences;

Deferred until Locum Clerk in attendance.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will provide a financial report and pursue the lease of a part of the building to an identified tenant.

1920 12 To Consider urgent/financial matters relating to other community assets.

a) Honley Library.

The asset transfer is continuing towards a conclusion in September due in large part to a very well managed group of supporters, the 'Friends' of Honley Library.

b) Holmfirth Library

Kirklees Council have made a commitment to continue providing a library in Holmfirth while in some respects the building is showing the results of underfunding.

RESOLVED: The Clerk request an update from Kirklees.

c) Holmfirth Council Offices.

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The old Parish Council sign remains there.

RESOLVED: Clerk to request that the maintenance contractor removes it if possible or ask Kirklees to remove it.

d) Holmfirth Adult Education Centre.

The building is now managed as a community arts centre. The building had been offered to the Parish Council some years ago, but the Council declined to take responsibility for the Building due to the cost of refurbishment. The centre is doing very well and provides a very different resource to the Civic Hall e.g. with smaller rooms. The Parish Council has considered granting a sum of £25,000 towards the cost of replacing windows as a contribution to the preservation of this valuable resource. The Arts Centre is on temporary licence from Kirklees College and has an ongoing commitment to arts education.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will invite the Arts Centre managers to attend a future CASC meeting and provide an update.

e) Holmfirth Indoor market.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Kirklees seeking an update on the future of the market hall especially in regard to the proposed road scheme in Holmfirth.

1920 13 Freedom of Information Act

There were no supporting papers to be made available under the Council's publication Scheme.

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Chairman