

**MINUTES OF THE SERVICE PROVISION COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY, 8th July 2019**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Michael Pogson

Councillors: Cllrs K Bellamy (Vice Chairman), T Dixon, S East, S Sheard, M Blacka

Officer: Mrs E Bennett

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

As Council meetings can now be recorded, the Chairman checked if anyone wished to do so, to ensure reasonable facilities could be provided. No one wished to record the meeting.

1920 02 Public Open Session

Three members of the public were present. Two people spoke about the recent changes to the Netherthong H5 bus service and the imposition this caused to residents of Holmbridge. One member of the Honley Business Association was present to represent the request for two grants.

1920 03 To accept apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs B Feeney and J Brook. No apologies were provided for Cllr Firth or Cllr Dalton.

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

Cllr Bellamy expressed an interest in the bus service in question

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

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

1920 07 To confirm Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Service Provision Committee meeting held on 11th March 2019, numbered 1819 89 to 1819 102 inclusive, be confirmed.

1920 08 To consider grant applications.

Standing Orders were suspended while a member of Honley Business Association gave a verbal report on the Honley Youth Club over the past year. Members were impressed with the restorative effects of this club on the increasing numbers of attendees. The detailed written reports for the Youth Club and the Lights Switch on event were also taken into account.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £1000 be made to the Honley Business association for the Honley Youth Club.

RESOLVED: that a grant of £1000 be awarded to the Honley Business association for the Christmas Lights Switch on in November.

1920 09 Maintenance Contractor

Councillors reviewed the budget spend on the maintenance of seats, bus shelters and graveyards. It was considered a considerable expense in all for labour, mileage and materials but it was also the majority view that the work was done to a high standard and in a reliable manner. The contractor also helps with minor maintenance jobs for the council.

RESOLVED: that the current scheme continues. That a record of work undertaken is presented to the committee at each meeting and that Councillors are encouraged to observe the work undertaken in their own wards and be aware of standards so that the council continues to get value for money.

1920 10 War Memorials

RESOLVED: that the locum Clerk would look into the status of war memorials and particularly why the wreaths were removed in all six locations this year much earlier than usual.

1920 11 Transport matters

Mr Dearne from WYMETRO had been invited to the meeting but was unable to make this date, nor the next scheduled Service Provision meeting in September. The Parish Council grants £24,000 per year towards the running of the 5 local bus services and has always enjoyed a helpful relationship with the WYMETRO service.

RESOLVED: the clerk to write to MR Dearne with the concerns raised today by the public.
RESOLVED: to approach HoTT with a suggestion that a travel guide be printed for Holmfirth with details of buses etc.

Patient Transport Scheme.

This is a scheme organised by the GP surgeries to enable people who cannot use public transport, to get to the GP surgeries. The Council grants £1000 to this service every year and while there is sometimes discussion as to whether this is the best way to use this money, no other methods have come to light.

RESOLVED; to continue the annual grant of £1000 per year towards this service.

1920 12 Adopted Phone Boxes

K6 phone box adjacent to Building Society, Holmfirth, has continued to attract attention due to its poor state of repair. The phone box is not one that belongs to the Council. The owners are being contacted by Cllr Hogley with offers of support in materials and a request that the box be suitably painted.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

1920 13 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