

To Members of the **CLIMATE ACTION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Members are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **CLIMATE ACTION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE** to be held on **MONDAY 10 MARCH 2025 at 7.00 PM** in **THE EXHIBITION ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, THE CIVIC, HOLMFIRTH, HD9 3AS** to transact the following business:

AGENDA – (A)

WELCOME

7.00pm

The Chair welcomes all Committee members and any members of the public present.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Prior to the commencement of the business session of the Committee, there will be an open session lasting 15 minutes, for members of the public to speak to Members.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2425 103 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014** 7.15pm

Local (Parish and Town) **HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL** meetings can now be recorded. This meeting is being recorded by the Assistant Clerk in video format for the [HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL YouTube Channel](#).

Chair to ask if any Committee member or member of the public wishes to record the meeting in addition to the arrangements referred to above.

TO NOTE: any other recordings being made of the meeting in addition to the recording made by the Assistant Clerk.

2425 104 **Apologies and Reasons for Absence** 7.17pm

Apologies and reasons to be circulated prior to the meeting starting.

Assistant Clerk to report.

TO CONSIDER: apologies and reasons for absence.

2425 105 **Items on the Agenda to be Discussed in Private Session** 7.20pm

Any recording by members of the public to be halted during such items; co-opted members to move to a waiting room.

TO CONSIDER: items on the agenda to be discussed in private session.

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2425 106 Receipt of any Updated Written Declarations of Pecuniary and Other Interests 7.22pm

Any written Declarations of Pecuniary and Other Interests received from committee members prior to the meeting are usually emailed out in redacted form and are uploaded to the HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL website once noted.

Assistant Clerk to report.

2425 107 Members' and Officers' Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in Items on the Agenda 7.24pm

All Members and Officers present should declare any personal disclosable pecuniary and other interests in items on the agenda for consideration by the committee.

TO CONSIDER: Members' and Officers' personal and disclosable pecuniary and other interests in items on the agenda.

2425 108 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 7.26pm

Assistant Clerk to report.

TO NOTE: The Minutes of the CLIMATE ACTION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on 27 January 2025 Items 2425 79 to 2425 102. **(B)**

Assistant Clerk and Councillors to report on progress with resolutions and actions from the previous meeting not otherwise covered in agenda items.

CLIMATE ACTION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE – WORKING GROUP REPORTS AND ACTION-PLANNING

2425 109 Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Action Plan 2023-2027 7.30pm

The Assistant Clerk has updated the CACE action plan 2023-2027 **(C)** to include an outline of the future actions and direction for ongoing and planned projects following the disestablishment of the Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee in May 2025.

TO NOTE: Updated version of the CACE Action Plan 2023-2027. **(C)**

Assistant Clerk to report.

TO CONSIDER: Recommendations on the direction and oversight for existing projects within the Action Plan 2023-2027 following the disestablishment of the CACE Committee.

TO CONSIDER: Amendments or actions from the CACE Action Plan 2023-2027.

2425 110 Communications and Engagement Working Group – Feedback on Ongoing Work 7.35pm

Key Priorities identified by CACE members November 2023:

1. HVPC Brand refresh and website redesign to improve accessibility and appeal.
2. Logo and QR code stickers on Parish Council assets.
3. Review of Collaboration and Community Engagement activities. Audit and confirm community groups.

Communications and Engagement Working Group to Report.

TO CONSIDER: Recommendations on projects and ideas from the Action Plan that have not yet started on which should be taken forward to explore or progress by Full Council, other Committees/Sub-Committees or Working Groups.

TO CONSIDER: Any further action.

2425 111 Climate Action Working Group – Feedback on Ongoing Work 7.40pm

Key Priorities identified by CACE members November 2023:

1. Explore possible funding applications to the government's decarbonising scheme - for retrofitting/energy conservation measures for PC buildings in partnership with HCCT and FoHL to improve the energy efficiency and carbon footprint of HVPC owned buildings.
2. Feasibility study and costing - Park and ride, alongside Stotts review, including costings and possibilities for subsidised or free travel periods. Encourage the increased use of public transport and active travel by residents and visitors to the Holme Valley.
3. Solar Panels on public toilets in Holmfirth.
4. Embed the Climate Emergency.

Climate Action Working Group to report.

TO CONSIDER: Recommendations on projects and ideas from the Action Plan that have not yet started on which should be taken forward to explore or progress by Full Council, other Committees/Sub-Committees or Working Groups.

TO CONSIDER: Any further action.

2425 112 Transport Working Group – Feedback from working group members. 7.45pm

A Working Group has been established with members from both SERVICE PROVISION and CACE committees to review HVPC's contribution to local transport schemes with a view to making improvements and exploring other possible initiatives such as Park and Ride.

TO NOTE: An update from the Transport Working Group was presented to the Service Provision Committee on 24 February 2025. (D)

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Working Group members to report on progress.

TO CONSIDER: Any further action.

ONGOING PROJECTS

2425 113 Installation of Solar Panels at Holmfirth Public Toilets 7.50pm

At the Climate Action, Communication and Engagement Committee meeting on 3 March 2024 and the Committee **RESOLVED** to proceed with Wooldale Electrical as the preferred supplier, with funds **APPROVED** at **FULL COUNCIL** on 18 March 2024.

On 10 December 2024, planning permission was granted to proceed with the defined solar scheme at the Public Toilets.

Following developments from the Service Provision Committee, remedial works on the roof of the Gartside building need to take place prior to the solar installation and an exploration of integrating the wider work on improving the Gartside building with the solar installation is now taking place.

A condition report commissioned by the Service Provision Committee is in progress and following this an action plan can be put forward regarding if/how to merge improvement works to the building with an installation of solar panels to minimise costs and disruption for the expanded work. This is expected to be presented to Full Council on 24 March 2025.

Assistant Clerk and Cllr Morgan to report.

TO NOTE: Updates regarding the Gartside building and planned solar panel installation.

TO NOTE: Full Council has already approved that any unspent monies for the solar panels EMR 341 Gartside Energy Projects will remain in place for the year 2025/26.

2425 114 The Big Community Celebration 2025 7.55pm

At the **FULL COUNCIL** meeting on 16 December 2024, Cllrs **RESOLVED** to proceed with the recommendation from the working group that the Big Community Celebration would be repeated in Autumn 2025, and then move to every other year in the future.

A meeting of the working group was held on 10 February 2025 with the following key outcomes:

- The date for the next Big Community Celebration event is set for **8th November 2025**.
- The Civic has been booked, and the café will be open again from a slightly earlier time.
- This year will have a theme of “Our Valley, Our Future” and will focus on

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looking to the future, including climate, nature, youth, community development, the built environment, sustainable travel etc.

- An invite to exhibit will go out to the groups from last year in April, as well as a more general call out via social media, posters etc. Priority on space to exhibit will go to those who didn't get the chance at the previous event and those that most closely fit the theme.
- The working group will explore the possibility of youth and school music performances.
- The working group will look into parking alternatives for exhibitors.

Working Group and Assistant Clerk to report.

TO CONSIDER: Further actions regarding the planning and holding of a community celebration event in 2025.

2425 115 Holme Valley Parish Council Website

8.00pm

www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk changed over to the new site on 10 October 2024 and is now the main website.

The Assistant Clerk will continue to develop website content in the coming months in cooperation with the developer and CE working group and later the Communications and Engagement Sub-Committee.

Assistant Clerk to report.

TO CONSIDER: Any further action.

2425 116 Holme Valley Parish Council Brand Refresh

8.05pm

Following the selection of "Redbak" design agency to support the brand and logo refresh, the Assistant Clerk and Communications and Engagement working group have been working with Redbak to finalise the design work and aiming for adoption by Full Council in March 2025.

The Working Group will then define the timeframe and scope for the roll out on digital and physical assets.

Assistant Clerk to report.

TO CONSIDER: Any further action.

2425 117 Covid Memorial

8.10pm

The new Memorial Garden at Honley Library and Memorial Orchard at Sands are a tribute to the huge community effort, made by many volunteers in the Holme Valley, who came forward to help other residents in a time of need.

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A planting day has been arranged for 18 March at both sites.

TO NOTE: The memorials will have their official opening on **Saturday 5 April 2025** and members of the mutual aid groups, volunteers who supported community activity at the time, and other members of the community have been invited to attend.

10-00am - Sands Rec, Holmfirth

11-00am - Honley Library

Followed by refreshments in the library.

The Assistant Clerk has included an invitation **(E)**, which can be shared with community contacts.

Cllr Blacka to report.

TO CONSIDER: Any further action.

2425 118 Use of Glyphosate in the Holme Valley 8.15pm

Cllr Morgan has continued to liaise with Kirklees councillors and officers to request the cessation of the use of glyphosate in the Holme Valley by Kirklees Council.

The Finance and Management Committee considered the prohibition of glyphosate use of Holme Valley Parish Council owned allotments by tenants at a meeting on 3 March 2025.

Cllrs Morgan and Green to Report.

TO CONSIDER: Any further action.

2425 119 Councillor presence at community events in 2025 8.20pm

TO NOTE: Holme Valley Parish Council as sponsors of the Honley Agricultural Show Programme have a complimentary table in the Countryside Tent at the event on Saturday 28 June 2025.

Assistant Clerk to report.

TO CONSIDER: Councillor attendance at Honley Show and other events and festivals and exhibitor space to be booked in 2025.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

2425 120 Publicising the work of the HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL externally 8.30pm

Assistant Clerk to report.

TO NOTE: Reports of the work of HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL published (or

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due to be published) January 2025 to March 2025 in Holme Valley Review **(F)**, Tito **(G)**, Hade Edge Breeze **(H)** and Huddersfield Hub **(I)**.

2425 121 Social Media and Website Coverage

8.32pm

The Assistant Clerk and Deputy Clerk/RFO continue to post items relevant to the work of HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL to the HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL website and Facebook page.

TO NOTE: A Summary of Facebook engagement and website traffic analytics **(J)** (90 day report) from 3 December 2024 to 2 March 2025 has been included from the Assistant Clerk.

Assistant Clerk to report further.

BUDGET AND CORRESPONDENCE

2425 122 Correspondence

8.34pm

i. West Yorkshire Combine Authority Transport Plan Outcome Engagement Report

TO NOTE: The West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Plan consultation has released an Outcome Engagement Report following their consultation in Summer 2024.

A copy of the report can be found at:

<https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/ltp>

ii. Peak District National Park Active Travel Consultation

TO NOTE: The Peak District National Park are consulting on improvements to active travel routes within the park. A press release has been included **(K)**.

The consultation is live until 16 March 2025 and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/about-us/have-your-say/consultations/current-consultations/active-travel-consultation>

TO CONSIDER: Response to the Peak District National Park active travel consultation.

2425 123 Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee expenditure against budget and earmarked reserves 2024-25

8.40pm

TO NOTE: The Deputy Clerk has prepared a year-to-date projected expenditure report **(L)** and the following commentary on budget expenditure:

The Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee has two budget lines under its remit:

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- **4650** Communications and Engagement. At the start of the council year 2024-25, the budget contained £15,000.
- **4805** Climate Action. At the start of the council year 2024-25, the budget contained £5,000.

In **earmarked reserves**, the Committee oversees four funds which end 28 February 2025 had the following balances:

- EMR 336 Royal Events £1,000
- EMR 341 Gartside Building Energy Projects £13,527
- EMR 349 Community Engagement £3,610

TO NOTE: Full Council has already approved for any underspend from budget 4805 Climate Action at the end of the financial year (projected to be approximately £4,898) to be added to EMR 341 Gartside Energy Projects.

TO NOTE: At the end of the financial year budget line 4650 Communications and Engagement is projected to have approximate £3,200 remaining unspent.

TO CONSIDER: The Committee may wish to give recommendations to Full Council on how to manage the remaining funds in budget line 4650 Communications and Engagement. The Deputy Clerk has outlined the following as possible options for recommendation:

- £1,000 underspend from the royal events budget to be transferred to EMR 336 Royal Events.
- £1,000 underspend from the website and brand refresh budget to be transferred to a new EMR for the purpose of expenditure on assets and printing for the updated brand.
- The remaining approximately £1,200 to be returned to general reserves.

TO CONSIDER: any further action on the Climate Action, Communications and Engagement budget line and earmarked reserves 2024-25.

2425 101 Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee Budgets and Earmarked Reserves 2025-26 **8.45pm**

TO NOTE: A budget of £5,000 was approved for 2025/26 for budget line 4805 Climate Action, this budget following the disestablishment of the CACE committee will be considered at Full Council on 24 March 2025.

TO NOTE: A budget of £15,000 was approved for budget line 4650 Communications and Engagement, this budget following the disestablishment of the CACE Committee will be considered at Full Council on 24 March 2025.

2425 102 Items for publicity **8.50pm**

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The PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 14-09-21 motion 2122 27 press coverage has directed officers of the HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL to add an agenda item in all meetings asking Members what events or news from the meeting they wish to publicise via the press, website and/or Facebook.

A period of pre-election sensitivity remains in place ahead of the by-election on 27 March 2025.

Assistant Clerk to report.

TO CONSIDER: events or news to publicise via the printed press, website and/or social media.

Close

8.59pm

Please note that timings on the agenda are given for guidance of the Chair and the CLIMATE ACTION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE only and should not be taken as the time at which discussion of a particular item will commence. The CLIMATE ACTION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE may agree to defer (in whole or part) any items on the agenda, if necessary.



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DRAFT Minutes of the CLIMATE ACTION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2025 at 7.00 PM in THE EXHIBITION ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, THE CIVIC, HOLMFIRTH, HD9 3AS.

Attendees:

Cllr Chris Green (Vice Chair)

Councillors: Cllr Donna Bellamy, Cllr Jenny Holmes, Cllr Alison Morgan, Cllr Hugh Osborne,

Members: Liz Bennett, Julia Brown, Peter Van Ruiten

Officers: Gemma Sharp (Assistant Clerk)

Approved Apologies:

Cllr Sarah Whitelaw (Chair), Cllr Mary Blacka, Cllr Tricia Stewart, Cllr Martin Rostron.

Absent:

Cllr Jo Liles

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all Committee members and any members of the public present.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Baylin attended as a member of the public to speak on items 2425 90 and 2425 93. The committee **Resolved** to suspend Standing Orders to allow the representative from HVACAP to speak during those items instead of the public session.

One member of the public was present to be considered for co-option to the committee in item 2425 80.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS**2425 79 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 on 6 August 2014**

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No other recordings were made.

2425 80 The Election of Co-opted Members of the Committee

HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation both specify that in addition to the committee membership of 13 elected parish councillors up to a further 6 members of the public can be co-opted onto the committee.

Co-opted members have the right to receive agendas etc and participate in meetings. Only the 13 elected members can vote.

Peter Van Ruiten, Chair of HVACAP attended and gave an introduction about himself and indicated that he would like to be put forward for co-option to the committee.

RESOLVED: Peter Van Ruiten was approved by the committee to be a co-opted member of the Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee.

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2425 81 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies and reasons for absence had been received from Cllrs Whitelaw, Blacka, Rostron and Stewart.

Cllr Liles was absent.

NOTED: The committee noted the absences of Cllrs Whitelaw, Blacka, Rostron, Stewart and Liles.

RESOLVED: The Committee approved the apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs Whitelaw, Blacka, Rostron and Stewart.

2425 82 Items on the Agenda to be Discussed in Private Session

RESOLVED: No items on the agenda would be discussed in private session.

2425 83 Receipt of any Updated Written Declarations of Pecuniary and Other Interests

None received.

2425 84 Members' and Officers' Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in Items on the Agenda

None declared.

2425 85 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

NOTED: The Minutes of the CLIMATE ACTION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on 25 November 2024 Items 2325 53 to 2425 78.

The Assistant Clerk updated on ongoing items from previous minutes not otherwise covered in the agenda.

Cllr Morgan will carry forward her work on the cessation of the use of Glyphosate in Kirklees.
Mbr Van Ruiten will follow up on work towards non-standard recycling points with the team at HVCAP.

CLIMATE ACTION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE – WORKING GROUP REPORTS AND ACTION-PLANNING

2425 86 Review of HVPC Committee Structure and Meetings Cycle

At the meeting of the Full Council on 13 May 2024, councillors **RESOLVED** to establish a working group consisting of Cllr Whitelaw, Cllr Green, Cllr Ransby, Cllr Morgan and Cllr Blacka to review possible changes to the committee structure and meetings cycle for 2025-26.

At a meeting of the Full Council on 16 December 2024, councillors **RESOLVED** that the committee structure would change affecting the Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee as follows:

- i. To disestablish the CACE Committee from May 2025 on the understanding that every action taken by this council will be measured on its positive affect on the environment, both in terms of biodiversity and carbon emissions.

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- ii. To establish a Communications and Engagement sub-committee of Full Council from May 2025 to allow for greater flexibility.

A report on the recommended actions to support embedding climate action at Holme Valley Parish Council for Full Council following the disestablishment of the Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee has been prepared by the Clerking team, Cllr Whitelaw and Cllr Green.

Cllr Green gave an overview of the recommendations.

RESOLVED: Recommendation to Full Council on structure and processes for mitigating the Climate Emergency following the disestablishment of the Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee as set out in the paper with one amendment for the standing item at Full Council of “Green Matters” to be termed “Climate Emergency”.

The Communications and Engagement sub-committee will define its own structure following the formation of the sub-committee at the Annual Council meeting on 19 May 2025.

RESOLVED: Recommendation to Full Council that the Communications and Engagement Sub-Committee should have the facility to co-opt members of the public to support the work of the sub-committee.

2425 87 Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Action Plan 2023-2027

NOTED: Updated version of the CACE Action Plan 2023-2027.

2425 88 Communications and Engagement Working Group – Feedback on Ongoing Work

Key Priorities identified by CACE members November 2023:

1. HVPC Brand refresh and website redesign to improve accessibility and appeal.
2. Logo and QR code stickers on Parish Council assets.
3. Review of Collaboration and Community Engagement activities. Audit and confirm community groups.

2425 89 Climate Action Working Group – Feedback on Ongoing Work

Key Priorities identified by CACE members November 2023:

1. Explore possible funding applications to the government’s decarbonising scheme - for retrofitting/energy conservation measures for PC buildings in partnership with HCCT and FoHL to improve the energy efficiency and carbon footprint of HVPC owned buildings.
2. Feasibility study and costing - Park and ride, alongside Stotts review, including costings and possibilities for subsidised or free travel periods. Encourage the increased use of public transport and active travel by residents and visitors to the Holme Valley.
3. Solar Panels on public toilets in Holmfirth.
4. Embed the Climate Emergency.

2425 90 Transport Working Group – Feedback from working group members.

A Working Group has been established with members from both SERVICE PROVISION and CACE committees to review HVPC’s contribution to local transport schemes with a view to making improvements and exploring other possible initiatives such as Park and Ride.

Standing orders were suspended in order to allow Cllr Baylin to speak during this item.



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Cllr Baylin gave an overview of the current work of the sustainable transport working group. The working group has welcomed Sarah Wells from the Penistone Line Partnership to the group, and will also be liaising with EPIKS on some of their proposals.

The working group met on 20 January 2025 and will be focusing on the following priorities going forward:

- Promoting local bus services.
- Park and Ride/Stride for Holmfirth with a potential pilot for Art Week 2025.
- Possible improvements to local bus services (timetabling and routes).

Cllrs discussed the plans and made suggestions on including supermarkets to routes and event transport.

Mbr Bennet has produced a blog about using the buses around the Holme Valley. Part 1 is published on the HVPC website and via social media, Part 2 will be published in the near future.

NOTED: Update form the Transport Working Group and Bus Blog from Mbr Bennett.

ACTION: An action for Cllr Baylin is to invite Mbr Bennet to the Transport Working group pending agreement of the working group.

ONGOING PROJECTS

2425 91 Installation of Solar Panels at Holmfirth Public Toilets

At the Climate Action, Communication and Engagement Committee meeting on 3 March 2024 and the Committee **RESOLVED** to proceed with Wooldale Electrical as the preferred supplier, with funds **APPROVED** at **FULL COUNCIL** on 18 March 2024.

On 10 December 2024, planning permission was granted to proceed with the defined solar scheme at the Public Toilets.

The Clerking team have given notice to the Gartside Unit tenant, toilet maintenance contractor and Kirklees car parks regarding the works. A provisional start date has been agreed with the supplier of 3 March 2025 and is expected to take two weeks.

EMR 341 Climate Action Projects currently contains £13,526.68. £10,000 of this earmarked reserve has been committed to the solar panels projects at Holmfirth toilets. However, there has been additional expenditure on this project (on the planning application and drawings) and there will be further additional expenditure relating to the booking out parking spaces for scaffolding and a pavement work licence which means the ringfenced £10,000 will not now cover the full cost of the installation.

Cllr Morgan raised concerns regarding a potential conflict with the work from the Service Provision Committee on the fabric of the Gartside Building with the installation of the Solar Panels.

ACTION: An action for Cllr Morgan is to contact the architect carrying out the work on the Gartside Unit to investigate whether the solar installation can go ahead on schedule around other works.

RESOLVED: Approval of an additional up to £3,000 from budget line 4805 Climate Action for expenditure relating the solar panel installation at Holmfirth Public Toilets to cover additional

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delivery expenditure such as booking out car parking spaces for the works and a pavement licence.

2425 92 The Big Community Celebration 2025

At the **FULL COUNCIL** meeting on 16 December 2024 Cllrs **RESOLVED** to proceed with the recommendation from the working group that the Big Community Celebration would be repeated in Autumn 2025, and then move to every other year in the future.

The Working Group held a review session on 5 December 2024 and a provisional dates of 8 or 15 November 2025 was agreed and recommendations from the feedback have been taken into account. Notes from the meeting have been included with the papers.

NOTED: The working group for the 2025 Big Community Celebration will be formed at Full Council and will meet for the first time on 10 February 2025 at 9.30.

2425 93 Holme Valley Parish Council Website

www.holmevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk changed over to the new site on 10 October 2024 and is now the main website.

Standing Orders were suspended during this item to allow Cllr Baylin to contribute to discussion.

The Assistant Clerk now has access to the analytics page for the website for the monitoring of traffic.

The Assistant Clerk will continue to develop website content in the coming months in cooperation with the developer and CE working group and later the Communications and Engagement Sub-Committee. Possible expansions include a directory, tourist info and more climate action information. An initial plan for developing content and sections has been compiled by the Assistant Clerk.

Assistant Clerk gave an overview of plans and asked for feedback from members on the direction and content of the development of the site.

Cllr Baylin gave an overview of some of the ideas he had worked on with external local groups on transport and tourism that could be included in the site.

ACTION: An action for the assistant Clerk is to include the suggestions and priorities from the committee into the action plan for website development.

2425 94 Holme Valley Parish Council Brand Refresh

Following the selection of “Redbak” design agency to support the brand and logo refresh, the Assistant Clerk and Communications and Engagement working group have been working with Redbak on the design work.

The latest version of the brand presentation from Redbak was included in the papers. The Communications and Engagement Working Group invited the Committee’s views before the design is finalised and put to Full Council for adoption. The Working Group will then define the timeframe and scope for the roll out on digital and physical assets.

The Assistant Clerk gave an overview of work so far and options for the next stage.

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NOTED: Presentation on Holme Valley Parish Council Brand from Redback.

RESOLVED: An action for the Communications and Engagement Working Group is to work with Redbak on the final changes to the brand refresh.

2425 95 Funding Applications for Climate Mitigation Measures on HVPC Assets

The Clerk continues to work with Holmfirth Civic Community Trust on applying for grants to improve the carbon footprint of The Civic. This work going forward will become part of the work of the Finance and Management Committee.

NOTED: The Community Ownership Fund (COF), which was expected to be a potential source of funding in 2025 was closed in December 2024.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

2425 96 Publicising the work of the HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL externally

At a previous meeting of the Committee on 25 November 2024 the Committee RESOLVED to make a monthly contribution of £200 from January 2025 to Huddersfield Hub to establish a Holme Valley community news page within the site.

The page will include 2 stories per month from HVPC and also bring together other stories from the Holme Valley that Huddersfield Hub are reporting on.

To view the page, please visit:

<https://huddersfieldhub.co.uk/category/holme-valley-parish-council/>

The Assistant Clerk gave updates on the work with Huddersfield.

NOTED: Reports of the work of HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL published (or due to be published) December 2024 to February 2025 in Holme Valley Review, Tito, and Huddersfield Hub.

2425 97 Social Media and Website Coverage

The Assistant Clerk and Deputy Clerk/RFO continue to post items relevant to the work of HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL to the HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL website and Facebook page.

A Summary of Facebook engagement and website traffic analytics (90 day report) from 23 October 2024 to 19 January 2025 has been included from the Assistant Clerk.

Assistant Clerk to report further.

NOTED: Summary of Facebook engagement from the HVPC account 23 October 2024 to 19 January 2025.

BUDGET AND CORRESPONDENCE

2425 98 Honley Agricultural Show 2025 – Programme Sponsorship

Mbr Brown Declared a personal interest in the item as a volunteer for Honley Agricultural Show

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Society.

Mbr Brown presented a proposal for the sponsorship of the Honley Show Programme and then left the room while Cllrs discussed the proposal.

RESOLVED: To sponsor Honley Agricultural Show 2025 Programme for £1,500 with funds from budget line 4650 Communications and Engagement.

2425 99 West Yorkshire Combined Authority consultation on Climate and Environment Plan

West Yorkshire Combined Authority are working on a new Climate and Environment Plan for 2025 - 2028. In the draft plan, they set out how to prioritise and actions needed to take to move towards the net zero target.

The priorities in the plan focus on five themes: energy, transport, business, housing and nature.

The survey is open until 31 January 2025 and can be accessed via the following link:
<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Interview/2dd699b1-463b-4d00-a732-dc66332dd908>

A Stakeholder Engagement Document has been included with the papers.

ACTION: An action for the Assistant Clerk is to forward the consultation to Full Council to respond as individuals if they so wish.

2425 100 Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee expenditure against budget and earmarked reserves 2024-25

NOTED: The Deputy Clerk has prepared a year-to-date projected expenditure report and the following commentary on budget expenditure:

The Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee has two budget lines under its remit:

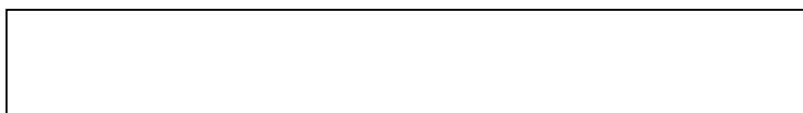
- **4650** Communications and Engagement. At the start of the council year 2024-25, the budget contained £15,000.
- **4805** Climate Action. At the start of the council year 2024-25, the budget contained £5,000.

In **earmarked reserves**, the Committee oversees four funds which end 31st December 2024 had the following balances:

- EMR 336 Royal Events £1,000
- EMR 341 Gartside Building Energy Projects £13,527
- EMR 349 Community Engagement £3,610

2425 101 Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee Budgets and Earmarked Reserves 2025-26

NOTED: At a meeting of the Full Council on 16 December the council resolved to approve budgets of £5,000 for budget line 4805 Climate Action and £15,000 for budget line 4650 Communications and Engagement for the council year 2025/26.



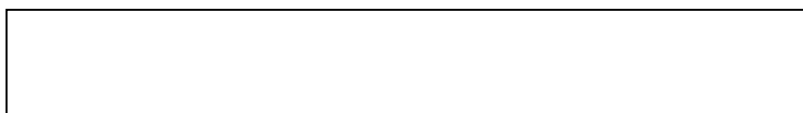
HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

2425 102 Items for publicity

The PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 14-09-21 motion 2122 27 press coverage has directed officers of the HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL to add an agenda item in all meetings asking Members what events or news from the meeting they wish to publicise via the press, website and/or Facebook.

ACTION: An action for The Assistant Clerk is to post the West Yorkshire Climate and Environment consultation on Facebook.

Close 8.36pm





CACE 2023 - 2027 PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN – CLIMATE ACTION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

At the Full Council meeting on 18 December 2023 the council approved the following priorities as guiding principles for council activity and decision making:

1. Be ambitious, working in partnership to improve the lives of residents.
2. Celebrate community life in the Holme Valley
3. Look after local people and the services that support them
4. Address the Climate Emergency
5. Promote prosperity by supporting local tourism and festivals

(Committee identified priorities highlighted in blue)

Communications and Engagement Actions ongoing	Progress	After May 2025
<p>1. Website redesign and PC re-branding</p> <p>NB The PC brand/logo needs to be used consistently everywhere.</p>	<p>Website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Website launched & content migrated October 2024. - Initial structure and basic content set up for Climate Action Pages. - Images gathered from community sources for general use on the site. - <p>Brand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CE working group members are working with design agency Redback on the refresh of the HVPC logo and look/feel and brand pallet. The intention to present to Full Council in March 2025. 	<p>Website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Communications and Engagement Sub-committee will have oversight of the website. The Assistant Clerk will continue to work with the sub-committee to develop resources and reach, including a local directory, climate pages and tourist information. <p>Brand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once new branding is established clerking team will work through changing all documents, collateral, assets and online presence to the new style.
<p>2. Commission PC publicity banners (10) – post rebranding</p>		<p>To be actioned post rebrand under the oversight of the C&E sub-committee</p>
<p>3. Quarterly Printed monthly newsletter trial –</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr working group created and circulated a flyer to introduce HVPC to the public in Early 2024. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration to be given for a second flyer and the timeframe for this. This may depend on the timing for the brand relaunch and the review of external communications/comms strategy work. - A monthly E-newsletter is planned for after brand work is complete.
<p>4. Monitor HVV Communication Screen trial – to April 2024 (6 months) HVV is monitoring trials and will report.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistant Clerk to met with potential local supplier to get estimated costs November 2024. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be explored further by the C&E subcommittee, reporting to full council for funding.

<p>5. Consider/trial further SM outreach e.g. TikTok/Instagram - ongoing to April 2024 (6 months)</p> <p>TikTok will require regular short video pieces – and people willing to create content for them.</p> <p>NB Social Progress – local business recommended for SM training, guidance and updates on best practice and effective SM use</p>	<p>Will be considered as part of the communications strategy.</p>	<p>Work to be transferred to the C&E sub-committee. GS recommendation to expand into Instagram and LinkedIn post rebrand, accounts are already in place but currently unused.</p>
<p>6. Logo and QR code stickers/plaques on all PC assets</p> <p>Logo post re-brand – QR reader stickers/plaques to be implemented at every opportunity</p>	<p>- Initial research indicates metal or plastic plaques will cost approx. £5-£10 per plaque plus additional costs to fit. Approx 200 plaques will be needed to cover all benches and bus shelters.</p>	<p>Work to be explored further post rebrand, may require funding or managing by F&M or SP committees or managed by C&E sub-committee.</p>
<p>7. Identify and trial Councillors’ outreach activity</p> <p>Individual/Ward Councillors to share ideas and activities with fellow Councillors</p>	<p>The Big Community Celebration took place on 9 November 2024 with over 800 members of the community in attendance.</p> <p>The event will be repeated on 8 November 2025 on the theme “Our Valley, Our Future”</p> <p>All Cllrs are encouraged to write blogs for publication via the HVPC website and social media channels.</p>	<p>Work on the event to be continued by the working group, decisions needed as to whether this reports to sub-committee or directly to full council.</p> <p>Other outreach work exploration to be overseen by the C&E sub-committee.</p>
<p>8. Establish monitoring of ‘engagement’ strategies – beyond FB</p> <p>Use ‘old’ existing engagement strategy as a starting point.</p>	<p>Cllr Whitelaw drafted a communications strategy that was adopted by Full Council in December 2024. Engagement analytics for social media and website are regularly reported to CACE.</p> <p>Additional publicity channels have been established in 2024 through Holme Valley Review and Huddersfield Hub.</p>	<p>Ongoing development to be supported by the C&E sub-committee.</p>
<p>9. Review of Collaboration and Community Engagement activities. Audit and confirm community groups.</p> <p>Scope, specify and plan collaboration and communication opportunities with local Community groups, schools etc.</p> <p>Plan in place with costings and recommendations for Budget to support</p> <p>NB Includes database completion and expansion of the monthly Comms planner</p>	<p>- Database cleaned up and will be ready to be used as part of a monthly eNewsletter to be launched after rebrand. Identifiable users/email address will need to “opt-in”. Sign up form will also be able to be integrated in the HVPC website.</p> <p>- Database was used for inviting groups to the Big Community Celebration.</p>	<p>Ongoing development to be supported by the C&E sub-committee.</p>
<p>10. Establish Publicly accessible PC activities Calendar</p>	<p>Meetings calendar is now available on new website, further events to be explored as part of website development.</p>	<p>Ongoing development to be supported by the C&E sub-committee.</p>

<p>11. Establish regular communication and discussion with Kirklees Ward Councillors – beyond Planning – monthly ‘touch base’</p>	<p>Some progress with full council has been made on this. Kirklees CEO has indicated a review of Parish and Town relationships is forthcoming. A working group from full council has been established to investigate possible improvements.</p> <p>A Planning working group on the Kirklees Local Plan Review has been opened out to all councillors and a reference group also includes some Kirklees Councillors for HVS and HVN.</p>	<p>Ongoing development to be overseen by Full Council.</p>
<p>12. Build relationships with Kirklees officers NB Via Ward Councillors, using existing relationships and community contacts to assist this development</p>	<p>Some progress with full council has been made on this. Kirklees CEO has indicated a review of Parish and Town relationships is forthcoming. A working group from full council has been established to investigate possible improvements.</p>	<p>Ongoing development to be overseen by Full Council.</p>
<p>13. Review Parish ‘image’ and presence following evaluation of Year One Communication and Engagement actions.</p>	<p>This will closely relate to the review of external communications and website/rebranding work – to be looked in conjunction with other committees as it will involve signage etc on assets.</p>	<p>Ongoing development to be supported by the C&E sub-committee.</p>
<p>14. Review use of print media HD9 and Tito ‘booklets’</p>	<p>Regular commitment now also includes Holme Valley Review and Huddersfield Hub.</p>	<p>This has been factored into the budget for 2025-26. To be overseen by the C&E sub-committee.</p>

<p>Climate Action Actions Ongoing</p>	<p>Progress</p>	<p>After May 2025</p>
<p>1. In the light of discussions with Kirklees CA officer (Rob Green) explore possible funding applications to Government decarbonising scheme for retrofitting/energy conservation measures for PC buildings in partnership with HCCT and FoHL</p>	<p>The Clerk has been working with HCHCT on funding applications for climate mitigation on HVPC owned buildings.</p>	<p>The Clerk will continue to work with the community trusts, the Service Provision and Finance and Management committees to identify and secure possible sources of funding for improving the carbon footprint of HVPC owned buildings.</p>
<p>2. Feasibility study and costing - Park and ride, alongside Stotts review Including costings and possibilities for subsidised or free travel periods (prior to November Budget set) Encourage the increased use of public transport and active travel by residents and visitors to the Holme Valley.</p>	<p>- Presence at summer festivals in 2024 to promote Sustainable Transport – including promoting our relationship with Stotts buses and other local walking and cycling content.</p> <p>Reviews and research into the feasibility of improvements to local public transport and possibilities for Park and Ride is ongoing via the Transport Working Group.</p>	<p>The Transport working group will continue to report to the Service Provisions Committee and work towards their key priorities of promoting sustainable transport and establishing the feasibility of a park and ride/stride scheme for Holmfirth.</p>
<p>3. Solar Panels on Parish toilets in Holmfirth</p>	<p>- Planning for the Solar Panels was granted on 10 December 2024.</p>	<p>- The Clerk and Assistant Clerk will work with the Service Provision committee and external suppliers to progress</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Clerking team is working towards the logistical requirements and meeting planning conditions. - Initial work with an architect has indicated that some remedial works on the roof will be required before installation can take place. 	<p>a wider project of improvements to the Gartside building to include solar panels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The budget and EMR for climate projects at the Gartside building will form part of this work as will the budget and EMR for improvements set up by the service provision committee.
<p>4. Review climate audit for planning commentary, align with Kirklees criteria</p>	<p>The Planning Standing Committee are considering climate for every application they comment on as standard. A review of the Kirklees Local Plan is due in 2025 and the Planning Committee will engage with this on local and climate related matters and continue to engage with local and national consultations to favour climate emergency measures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The planning committee will continue to consider the climate emergency as business as usual when considering applications and other consultations.
<p>5. Engage with Kirklees officers (Landscaping) and Ward Councillors to stop use of glyphosate, including a direct request to Kirklees Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letters requesting cessation of glyphosate use sent to Kirklees Holme Valley North and South Ward councillors November 2023. Cllrs have proposed a ban on the use of glyphosate on HVPC owned allotments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Morgan will continue to follow up on progress, decision needed on which committee will continue oversight.
<p>6. Improvements to grants process – to allow for increased weighting on green projects and improved feedback on climate mitigation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A grants working group Via F&M will look at the grants process and explore ways for climate to carry more weight in decisions to fund, and to include more climate related feedback/reporting (such as energy/carbon savings) from grant recipients. - Changes have been made to the criteria to better embed council priorities into the grant decision process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The F&M committee will continue to consider the climate emergency as business as usual when awarding grants.
<p>7. Embed the Climate Emergency - Identify mechanisms to ensure climate emergency is always considered as a priority on all committee and council decisions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The statement of intent drafted and approved at Full Council include a requirement for all decisions to take in to account the climate emergency. A working group has also been established to review the committee structure and operation of the council which will include effective decision making and resource allocation in this area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committees will be changing from May 2025 to reflect the outcomes of this process and recommendations have been made by the Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee on how to ensure that the Climate emergency remains a priority within the new structure.

CACE – Activity identified, not yet progressed.	Suggested future development
1. Investigate possible relocation of Parish Council offices to more central, visible and accessible premises.	
2. Ongoing monitoring of Comms strategies – including community survey	To be explored by C&E sub-committee
3. Propose Comms strategies modifications as necessary	Policies and strategies are reconfirmed by full council at the annual council meeting in May, where, there is an opportunity to review and amend as needed.
4. Identify any further Climate Action and Community Engagement strategies e.g. Consider commissioning feasibility study for District Heating where no gas available experts £15,000	Facility for Councillors and members of the public to bring projects or potential actions to Full Council to be defined.
5. Progress feasibility for sourcing land for allotments purchase/acquisition	
6. Energy Show with suppliers for public advice and to discuss feasibility and costs Could include thermal camera – heat loss trial – 1 month - Hire cost Plus 'staff' NB This might be incorporated in to a larger Climate -focussed Spring/summer festival (outdoors) building on the cycling event	Events carried out by HVCAP in 2024
7. Engage with Business Associations on improving and encouraging the decarbonization of local businesses	
8. Investigate incentives for local business and households to go greener such as stickers for carbon savers in shops / houses or green energy suppliers and LED in all shops / houses, including bulk client reduction	
9. Work with SP and WYCA to implement the transport subsidies identified in Y1	
10. Submit FOI to Kirklees re PC Carbon emissions date	

Update from the Public Transport/ Sustainable Travel Working Group. Feb 2025.

A re-focus on our programme of tasks has enabled us to make better progress;

Collaboration with the Penistone Line Partnership Community Rail Officer extends our opportunities for joined up travel initiatives.

The freelance designer who has been working with the PLP has given us initial proposals for marketing items that would allow us and the bus operators to better inform and inspire the public about transport options.

We have the option of to include a section about public transport/ sustainable travel information on the YourHolmfirth website now being further developed, and this could link with other info and adverts about businesses, events etc on the same website and social media channels. Additionally a page could be included on the new HVPC website with links, as well as on Holmfirth.Info.

Contact has been continued with EPIKS Active Travel Hub who are developing Walks By Bus promotions. It is understood that there are possibilities in enabling our local businesses to benefit from a new WYCA project to offer incentives to customers of shop/ attractions who travel car-free.

Both Aldi and Lidl have responded positively to the idea of their car parks being call-in points for Stotts buses. The Coop have yet to be approached, A conversation with Stotts would be the next step to take this forward and would then include other requests for slightly altered H bus routes, e.g. Brockholes and Honley Stations. We can also explore repeating and improving the free journey initiatives to coincide with Holmfirth events.

Cllr Morgan has met with Cllr Richard Brook (Denby Dale PC) to gather information and ideas from him and forge links for future partnership working as appropriate.

Cllr Liles is still pursuing a P&R possibility.

Liz Bennett has been put forward as a potential cooptee on our WG and would bring additional perspective to our project and practical support for our programme of tasks.

Cllr Lawrence Baylin, Coordinator.

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Holme Valley Parish Council



**INVITATION to the opening of the Holme Valley
Covid Memorials in Holmfirth and Honley**

Saturday 5 April 2025

10-00am - Sands Rec, Holmfirth

11-00am - Honley Library

Followed by refreshments in the Library

All Welcome

The new Memorial Garden at Honley Library and Memorial Orchard at Sands are a tribute to the huge community effort, made by many volunteers in the Holme Valley, who came forward to help other residents in a time of need.

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NEWS - FEBRUARY EDITION 2025



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HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL URGES PEOPLE TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON NEW LOCAL PLAN – AND IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT HOUSES

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Holme Valley Parish Council is urging local people to have their say on the future of where they live.

Kirklees Council is currently consulting the public on an update to the district's Local Plan, a blueprint for land use and development up to 2043.

The council's Early Engagement Consultation, which has run since November 2024, closes on February 28 2025 so it's your last chance to get involved at this early stage.

A Local Plan sets out how the local authority will manage development. It aims to set out development plans and planning guidance which support businesses and local people and aim to meet environmental goals.

By law, all local councils must adopt a Local Plan, which sets out how much and where land can be developed to meet the needs of local people and businesses.

In the years that followed the previous adoption of the Kirklees Local Plan in 2019 there have been many events and changes locally, nationally and globally and the update aims to take these into account. Once adopted, the new Local Plan will continue to govern how all planning applications are assessed.

Cllr Mary Blacka, who chairs the Planning Committee on Holme Valley Parish Council, urged people to take part in the consultation and make their views known.

She said the Local Plan wasn't just about building new homes and added: "Where houses are built is really important to us all in Kirklees, however the Local Plan covers many other issues which impact on the quality of our lives such as transport, heritage, the green belt and the local economy.

"At Holme Valley Parish Council, we have set up a Reference Group, involving nine organisations in the Valley, to respond to the Local Plan update.

"We will be submitting an interim response to the Early Engagement Survey and will then work together to produce a vision of what we want for the Holme Valley, against which we will consider the draft updated Local Plan.

"This is a chance for all local residents to shape the future of the areas where they live."

Members of the public are encouraged to take part in the Early Engagement survey to have their say in shaping their local area. The survey can be accessed via the Kirklees website [HERE](#)

Image by: Huddersfield Hub photographer SEAN DOYLE

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOLME VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL INCLUDING GRANTS, ASSETS, PLANNING AND EVENTS

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Events and Festivals: The council organises and supports various events throughout the year, including village Christmas trees and light switch on celebrations and community festivals. These events bring the community together and enhance the local area's appeal as a tourist destination.

Climate Action: In 2019, the council declared a climate emergency and has since been committed to addressing environmental issues.

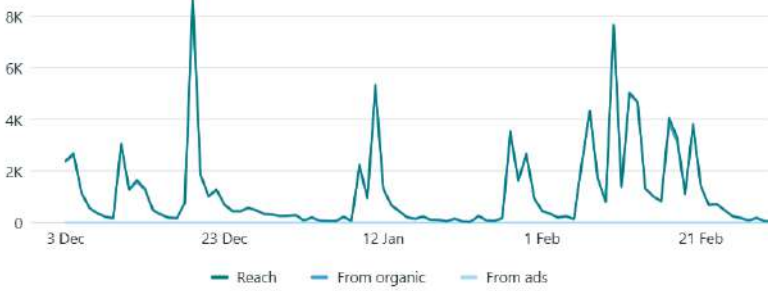
This commitment is reflected in all activities and decision making, particularly the grant-making process and planning observations, which prioritise sustainability and climate-conscious projects.

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Facebook Engagement 3 December 2024 to 2 March 2025



Views 246.9K
Reach 21.8K ↓ 4.3%
3-second views 71 ↑ 688.9%
1-minute views 0 0%
Content interactions 959 ↑ 5.8%
Watch time 20m 23s ↑



Reach breakdown
 3 Dec 2024 - 2 Mar 2025
Total 21,779 ↓ 4.3%
From organic 21,779 ↓ 4.2%
From ads 0 ↓ 100%

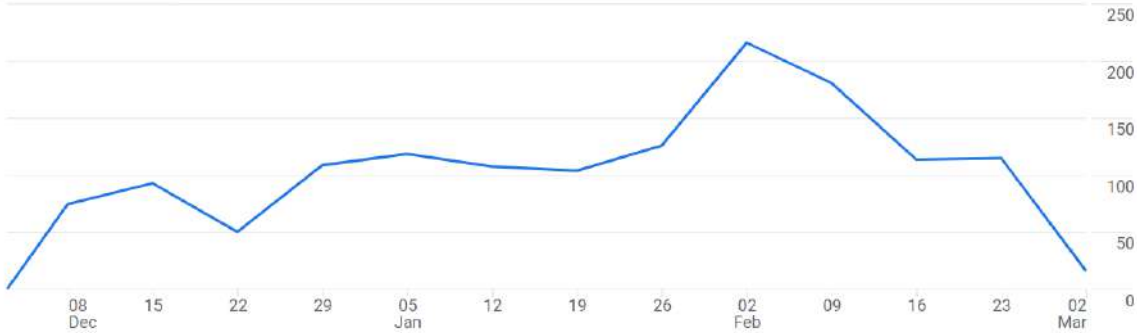
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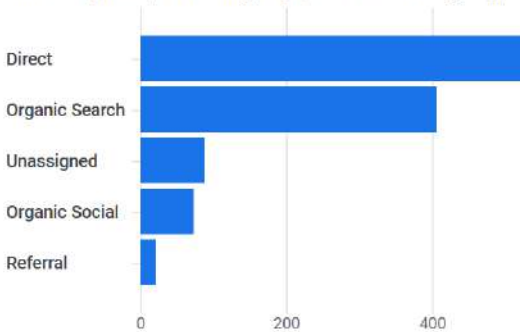
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Google Analytics for HVPC website 3 December 2024 to 2 March 2025

Active users 1.3K
New users 1.3K
Average engagement time per active user 1m 06s
Total revenue £0.00



New users by First user primary channel group (Default channel group)



Views by Page title and screen class

PAGE TITLE AND SCREEN ...	VIEWS
Home - Holme Valley Parish ...	1.2K
Councillors - Holme Valley P...	298
Grants - Holme Valley Parish...	256
Committees - Holme Valley ...	163
Parish Precept 2025/26 - Ho...	132
Planning Committee - Holme...	122
Your Council - Holme Valley ...	107

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Have your say to improve walking and cycling routes in the Peak District National Park

Friday 7 February 2025

People who live, work in and visit the Peak District National Park are being asked for their views on walking, cycling, riding, and wheeling (wheelchairs/trampers) routes in an online consultation.

It's a great opportunity to let the National Park Authority know: 'Which places are most important to you?' and 'Where would you like to see improvements to the network?'

An interactive map is also being used to help people pinpoint routes and where improvements could be made. This is the first time the National Park Authority has used new technology in this way in a public consultation. Using the map will help show where people walk, cycle and wheel, and understanding what people use and like will help the Authority plan for the future.

The six-week consultation, which is live now and runs until 16 March, is being carried out by the National Park's rights of way and sustainable transport teams, with funding from Active Travel England. They are keen to find out where walkers, cyclists, wheelchair users, and horse riders want to enhance access across the Peak District.

Access and rights of way officer Sue Smith said: "We want to improve how people get around the National Park and to achieve this we need to find

out how people are using local routes. We're interested in active travel for everyone, which includes everyday trips such as people walking to the shops, cycling to work or school, as well as the longer routes people take for leisure, which could be a walk, run, wheel, or ride on a trail.

"There's a short, online questionnaire to fill in which asks people to identify places that are most important to them, how often they use routes, where they would like to see improvements, what the improvements would be, and there's opportunity to make comments about routes too. You can complete the questionnaire as many times as you would like for different routes."

Transport policy planner Tim Nicholson said: "The consultation results will feed into our strategic-thinking for the network across the National Park. We're keen to see how we can connect to and extend existing routes, as well as link to attractions and places. Our aim is to improve access and active travel opportunities throughout the wider Peak District, including via multi-user Trails along former railways, Sustrans routes, and local authority key networks."

Chief executive Phil Mulligan said: "This work, supported by Active Travel England, is about improving the infrastructure for walking and cycling and all the benefits being active brings for health and wellbeing. We are also committed to being carbon neutral by the year 2050. With more than a third of all carbon generated by the way we travel, it's important that we all work towards enabling greener ways to get around so that we can go beyond the national ambition for 50% or more of all short journeys to be walked, cycled, ridden or wheeled. So, whether you are a Peak District resident, business, visitor or other interested party, telling us what you think about routes through this consultation is your chance to inform our plans to help make it easier and safer for people to access the area."

Following the consultation, the information from the public will be used to help shape a new Peak District Cycling, Walking and Wheeling Infrastructure Plan, together with partner organisations, that will cover

utility and leisure routes and focus on key connections between communities, adjoining towns and cities, visitor attractions, and long-distance routes.

The online consultation is open now and runs until 16 March.

People can take part by completing the questionnaire at

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/activetravelconsultation



Projected Expenditure against Budget 2025-26

Climate Action, Communication and Engagement Standing Committee

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Starting Budget	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Year End	Total	Payments from EMR	Expenditure from original budget	Available Funds	THIS YEAR'S BUDGET 2024-25	BUDGET 2025-26	CODE	
Climate Action, Communications and Engagement Committee																							
4650	Communications and Engagement	78.67%	£15,000	£210.00	£260.00	£367.00	£210.00	£1,489.75	£210.00	£2,163.48	£1,460.80	£210.00	£250.00	£910.00	£4,060.00	£0.00	£11,801.03	£0	£11,801.03	£3,198.97	£15,000.00	£15,000.00	4650
4805	Community Mobilisation / Climate Action	17.38%	£5,000	£370.66	£0.00	£78.25	£0.00	£420.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£868.91	£767	£101.58	£4,898.42	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	4805
Total Publications & Communications		63.35%	£20,000	£580.66	£260.00	£445.25	£210.00	£1,909.75	£210.00	£2,163.48	£1,460.80	£210.00	£250.00	£910.00	£4,060.00	£0.00	£12,669.94	£767	£11,902.61	£8,097.39	£20,000.00	£20,000.00	
To end February 2025 are actual figures; January to March 2025 are projections. Council has already approved that any underspend on 4805 be added to the earmarked reserve Gartside Building Energy Projects.																							
CACE Expenditure by transaction 2024-25																							
4650	TITO - Council News - APR-MAR x 12		£210.00	£210.00	£210.00	£210.00	£210.00	£210.00	£210.00	£420.00	£210.00			£210.00	£210.00								
4805	Planning Application - solar		£347.33																				
4805	Ink Cartridge		£23.33																				
4650	Honley Show Pitch			£50.00																			
4650	Huddersfield Hub - JAN-MAR																						
4650	Swift Media - Holme Valley Review					£157.00		£24.00					£250.00										
4650	Enterprise Print																						
4650	Arts Materials					£14.08																	
4650	Banner etc					£64.17																	
4650	Redbak flyer for community event							£275.00															
4650	Zonkey									£1,367.50													
4650	HCHCT - community event																						
4650	Canva subscription																						
4805	Drawings re solar panels																						
4650	TITO double page																						
4650	Vision ICT web domain name																						
4650	GoDaddy - climate emergency website																						
4650	Zest for Print - Banners - Big Celebration																						
4650	Facebook adverts																						
4650	First Aider for Big Event																						
4650	Hepworth Focus - articles																						
4650	Redbak Ltd - TO PAY																						
4650	Honley Show - TO PAY																						
4650	Redbak - further brand refresh - TO PAY																						

Expenditure in blue, bold is from an earmarked reserve.

Earmarked Reserves - Actuals to 28 February 2025; projections to 31 March 2025

Code	Account	Opening Balance	Net Transfers 01/04/24	EMR Balance 30/04/24	Net Transfers MAY 2024	EMR Balance 31/05/24	Net Transfers JUN 2024	EMR Balance 30/06/24	Net Transfers JUL 2024	EMR Balance 31/07/24	Net Transfers AUG 2024	EMR Balance 31/08/24	Net Transfers SEP 2024	EMR Balance 30/09/24	Net Transfers OCT 2024	EMR Balance 31/10/24	Net Transfers NOV 2024	EMR Balance 30/11/24	Net Transfers DEC 2024	EMR Balance 31/12/24	Net Transfers JAN 2025	EMR Balance 31/01/25	Net Transfers FEB 2025	EMR Balance 28/02/25	Net Transfers MAR 2025	EMR Balance 31/03/2025	EMR: 2025-26	Code	Account
336	EMR Royal Events	£0	£1,000	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£0	£1,000	£1,000 + £1,000 4650 underspend = £2,000	336	EMR Royal Events
341	EMR Gartside Building Energy Projects	£13,697	£357	£13,707	£240	£13,947	£0	£13,947	£0	£13,947	£-420	£13,527	£0	£13,527	£0	£13,527	£0	£13,527	£0	£13,527	£0	£13,527	£0	£13,527	£0	£13,527	£13,527 + 4805 underspend = est. £18,425	341	EMR Gartside Building Energy Projects
349	EMR Climate Action Community Engagement	£0	£2,645	£2,645	£965	£3,610	£0	£3,610	£0	£3,610	£0	£3,610	£0	£3,610	£0	£3,610	£0	£3,610	£0	£3,610	£0	£3,610	£0	£3,610	£0	£3,610	£3,610	349	EMR Climate Action Community Engagement