**Minutes of the Communications Committee 10 January 2024 held at the Civic Hall, Uppermill.**

**Present:** Cllrs S. Al-Hamdani, H. Bishop, M. Powell, A. Marland, M. Birchall

**415. Apologies for absence** Cllr L. Dawson

**Absent:** A. Wrigley

**416. Declarations of interest** None were declared

**417. Minutes from 4th October 2023 meeting**

Agreed as true record and signed at the meeting

**418. Advertising & promotions**

* **review Miscellaneous budget code**

The code budget 490 Miscellaneous was reviewed. It was agreed to delete this and rename it Future Projects and report at the next meeting. *(post meeting note, RFO consulted and this will now be reported under code 443).*

**419. Articles for the website**

Cllr Al-Hamdani explained that he sends items to Bev Osborne who then writes an article which is then sent to the Clerk to add to the website, and also to send out as press releases. Due to time pressures, Cllr Al-Hamdani asked if another member of the committee could take on this responsibility and Cllr Marland volunteered. It was agreed that Cllr Al-Hamdani would send the press release list to the Clerk so this can be actioned going forward.

**420. Calendar of events**

This was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Bishop would update this list and share with Cllr Al-Hamdani and Cllr Birchall so events can be promoted on our Facebook Page and X (formally Twitter).

**421. 50th anniversary of the Parish**

There was some discussion around what could be done to recognise and promote this. It was suggested that Saddleworth Museum be contacted to organise a display to mark the anniversary, to perhaps include a display of listed buildings in the area. Other ideas suggested were inviting a famous local resident to make a speech, have flags/balloons, SPC commemorative pin badges.

It was agreed that the Yorkshire Day Sunday 4th August would be the ideal day to commemorate this and it was suggested an afternoon tea or cheese & wine event be served in the Civic Hall.

It was agreed Cllr Al-Hamdani would contact Saddleworth Museum, and the Clerk would provisionally book out the Civic Hall. For 4th August.

*Post meeting note, Cllr Powell will liaise with the Yorkshire Day organisers.*

Councillors were asked to think of any other ideas and circulate to the committee, and the progress made will be discussed at the next meeting.

**422. Ken Bennett’s email re Information boards for consideration**

The Clerk had previously shared the communication received from Mr Bennett regarding the installation of history information boards across the villages. Councillors agreed it was a good idea and it was discussed. We already have boards in some villages but it was agreed a good idea for each one to be uniform. We may need OMBC planning permission, and it was suggested the Resident Associations may support. Funding options would need to be explored. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the OMBC Heritage Officer to ask whether he holds details of information boards already in situ across Saddleworth. The Clerk to also ask Mr Bennett for further information on these boards.

**423. Items for next agenda**

 Update of Calendar of events

 50th Anniversary

 Information Boards

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 7pm.**