

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE, ON 4th MARCH 2015 AT 7PM.

Present: Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor G Isherwood. Councillor R Martindale, Councillor J Power (Mayor), Councillor D Stapleton, Councillor C Tennant, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor J Wright, Councillor S Vickers, Councillor B Mulroe, Councillor R Taylor

In Attendance: David Bond (Deputy Town Clerk), Vicky Symons (Admin Assistant) Rev J Grosu, Ms K Watson of Beam Wakefield, Ms F Smith of Beam Wakefield, Youth Ambassador, Miss S Thomas.

361/15 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillor J Jackson.

362/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting is to be opened for members of the public to address the Council on matters relevant to its business. However residents cannot take part in the main proceedings of the meeting, this is strictly limited to Councillors.

363/15 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

364/15 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

To consider, if thought fit, a resolution under the terms of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded from any item which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

365/15 MILLPOND MEADOWS COMMEMORATIVE WOOD PROJECT UPDATE

Ms K Watson and Ms F Smith from Beam arts people and places attended the meeting and gave a summary of the recommendations to manage the Featherstone Gateway Public art. Ms Smith spoke in detail about the Artist Open Call and suggested that a working party be created with 5 or 6 members from the council to discuss options such as the location of the art work. Ms Watson also spoke about budgets, funding and the time frame for the work to be carried out with a view to completion in 2018. Councillor Bill Mulroe questioned what the art work will be made from. Ms Smith advised that this will go into the brief for the artist and will remain open for now, but obviously will need to be weather proof as the artwork will be outdoors. Councillor G Isherwood asked if there would be a backup for funding should Wren not fund the project. Ms Smith stated that there a number of other funders we can contact in the event of this happening. Councillor Mulroe also commented to ask that any funders should not have their name covered all over the memorial. Councillor Vickers advised that there would be some funding available for a leaflet to be made. Councillor G Isherwood was in agreement that any acknowledgements would be made in the leaflet and not on the memorial. The Mayor thanked Ms Watson and Ms Smith for their attendance at the meeting. It was

RESOLVED: That Beam Wakefield be commissioned to undertake the Featherstone Gateway Public Art project and that a working party be formed and submit monthly reports back to the Council.

366/15 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reminded members of the Mayor's Charity Concert on Saturday 21st March at St Thomas Church and urged members to give their support in selling some tickets and attending the event.

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367/15 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT

Councillor G Isherwood advised members that the Community Chest from Wakefield will allow seats to be refurbished in the Town and an extra seat will be placed in Purston Park. However the leader added that next year the community chest fund will be reduced by half.

The land next to the War Memorial opposite the post office in Streethouse has now been cleared by Streetscene and looks better already. Councillor G Isherwood advised that he would like to propose at the next Full Council meeting to look into the purchase of a 'Welcome to Streethouse' sign to be placed on this land. He wants to involve the children of Streethouse and Mr Roger Parkinson has also shown an interest to help out with enlisting the help of the children to plant seeds and daffodils bulbs at the site.

Councillor G Isherwood also proposed at the next Full Council meeting there be an agenda item for the hiring of a container in the yard. This will enable the council to keep the Christmas decorations locked up in a dry environment.

368/15 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 21st January 2015 at 7pm Minute numbers 315/15 to 333/15 be approved.

369/15 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

- a) To receive the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 15th January 2015.
- b) To receive the minutes of the Markets and Featherstone in Bloom Committee dated 15th January 2015
- c) To receive the minutes of the Events Committee dated 21st January 2015.
- d) To receive the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 11th February 2015

It was

RESOLVED: to receive the minutes a) to d) above.

370/15 QUESTIONS MAY BE PUT TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

No questions were received.

371/15 ELECTION DETAILS AND INFORMATION

Advice and information on the elections which take place on the 8th May 2015 can be obtained from the following websites: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/> or <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/about-the-council/elections>. The Town Council will receive further information as the process of the elections progresses.

It was

RESOLVED: Members noted.

372/15 PLANNING AND LICENCING MATTERS

- a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions – Please see file for details
- b) Any other planning matters received after the date of the agenda being sent out.

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- c) Local Development Framework Consultation from 12th February to 25th March. Please see attached details the documents are in the office to view or www.wakefield.gov.uk/cil comments should be made on the WMDC website <http://consult.wakefield.gov.uk/portal>. Please note that the CIL charging schedule proposals for Featherstone are LOW - £0 per sq m.
- d) Deanfield Surface Mine Scheme notification of withdrawal of appeal 14/00078/REF

It was

RESOLVED: Members noted

373/15 FINANCE REPORTS

- a) List of Accounts for £1,856.75 was presented to the meeting.
- b) Wakefield Council has advised the rate for the Featherstone tax base shows a reduction of 2.1% on individual bills.

It was

RESOLVED: To approve payments and note item B.

374/15 ANNUAL REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

The Town Councils documents listed below are due for review. These documents will be emailed to Members and are available as hardcopy on request.

- a) Standing Orders
- b) Financial Standing Orders
- c) Health & Safety Policy
- d) Members Code of Conduct
- e) Town Council Complaints Procedure
- f) Information Security Policy
- g) Freedom of Information model publication scheme
- h) How to make an Information Request

It was

RESOLVED: Members would take the hard copies of the documents and come back to the council with any amendments.

375/15 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – The Town Clerk attended a meeting at Wakefield with Sandra Hardy Elections Officer and other Council representatives on 18th February 2015.
- b) National Coal Mining Museum. Councillor C Tennant had attended the National Coal Mining Museum where there were ongoing expeditions from Yvette Vanson paying tribute to the 30th year anniversary of the Great Strike of 1984/5. Also a new canteen has been opened and overall it is well worth a visit.

Councillor M Tennant-King advised that she had attended a meeting on Friday 27th February at Moorthope called 'Safer Project'. This meeting was well attended and was looking into the vulnerable people in our community who can receive many phone calls a day requesting payments or competition winners. Councillor Tennant-King advised members that a local gentleman had been scammed out of over £160,000 so the 'Call Blockers' are very useful and it was a very worthwhile meeting.

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376/15 ALLOTMENTS WITHIN TOWN COUNCILS AREA

Members discussed the correspondence that had been received from Wakefield Council. Councillor G Isherwood stated that Featherstone Town Council do not have the finances or expertise to take over the management of the allotments, and asked the Deputy Clerk to respond. All members were in agreement that we express no interest in taking over the allotments It was

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk respond back to Wakefield Council advising of the above.

377/15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
January 2015	Healthwatch Wakefield	Newsletter

No other correspondence was received.

378/15 – Urgent mattes for information only

Nothing was received

The meeting closed at 8.05pm