

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE, ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015 AT 7PM.**

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**Present:** Councillor A Lapish, Councillor R Martindale, Councillor R Taylor, Councillor C Tennant, Councillor M Tennant-King (Mayor), Councillor S Vickers, Councillor J Wright

**In Attendance:** Rev J Grosu, Sue Coles (Town Clerk).

**36/15 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and received apologies from Councillor D Dufton, Councillor K Hollis, Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood and WMDC Councillor J Cliffe M.B.E.

**37/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was 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.

**38/15 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M Tennant-King item 11 cheque for Mrs Herrington.

**39/15 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 items which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

**40/15 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor presented a grant cheque of £500 to Ms Wilma Horobin of Wakefield Play Forum for children's play sessions in Featherstone. Ms Horobin thanked Members for the much needed funding.

The Mayor presented a Civic Award to Paul Coventry and Stuart Jodrell of the Friends of Featherstone Rovers Volunteer Development Project.

The Mayor asked Members to sell Tea Dance tickets.

**41/15 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT**

The leader Councillor G Isherwood was not present at the meeting.

**42/15 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

It was

**RESOLVED:** To receive the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 pm minute numbers 01/15 to 17/15 were approved.

**43/15 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:**

- a) To receive the minutes of the Grants Committee dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015
- b) To receive the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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**43/15 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:**

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It was

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes a & b above be approved.

**44/15 QUESTIONS MAY BE PUT TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

There were no questions.

**45/15 YORKSHIRE BANK CLOSURE**

A letter of objection by the Town Council to the closure of the Featherstone branch of the Yorkshire Bank has been sent to the Leeds office and a reply from the bank has been received and already distributed to Members. The Rt. Hon. Jon Tricket M.P. has also sent a letter and copied the Town Council into the correspondence. The Yorkshire Bank has offered to attend a meeting with Councillors and Members asked for this meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> July during the next Council meeting.

The Mayor said the closure was a forgone conclusion and none of the Council's objections will override the decision she also advised that some of the elderly customers referred to in the Yorkshire Bank's letter could not walk to another bank. Councillor Vickers said that customers were constantly being asked about internet banking which is a self-destruction policy. Councillor Taylor has objected by transferring his bank account. Councillor Taylor advised that many people in Featherstone still relied on cash in their pockets to budget their affairs and a cash shortage at the current machines was a common problem. Councillor Lapish said the Yorkshire Bank was an important drop off point for food donations to the Food Bank.

**46/15 FINANCE**

- a) List of accounts circulated with the agenda for £3,928.30 plus list £1,307.75 given at the meeting
- b) List of Income for £2,904.54

It was

**RESOLVED:** To approve payments and note income.

**47/15 ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2015**

**Internal Audit**

- 1. To approve Section 1 Account statement for 2014/15
- 2. To approve Section 2. Annual governance statement 2014/15
- 3. To note Section 4. Annual internal audit report 2014/15
- 4. To note the report of the Internal auditor Mr Terry Flatters

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**RESOLVED:** Members approved sections 1, 2, 3, and noted item 4, the Mayor signed the Annual Return which is now to be sent to the external auditors PKF Littlejohn.

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**48/15 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

It was

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Yorkshire Internal Audit Services for 2015/16

**49/15 TO HIRE A LARGE STORAGE CONTAINER FOR EVENT MANAGEMENT**

A report with the details of four options for storage and hire of the event management items was attached to the agenda. Councillor Taylor asked how can members' empty the shed without the container here in the yard first and requested one was ordered before he goes on holiday. It was

**RESOLVED:** That a 10ft container be ordered from Mobile Mini at a cost of £9.50 per week (£494.00 per annum) until further notice.

**50/15 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS**

- a. WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions – Members had been forwarded WMDC planning applications and decisions via email or post for comment.
- b. Consultation for the proposed mixed use development by Dearne Estate on the Crystal Spring site on Wakefield Road was held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and members were invited to attend the 2.30pm viewing on the same day. The Planning Potential company were very pleased with the responses from residents.
- c. Wakefield Council application for Civil parking Enforcement Powers
- d. Department for Transport – revised proposed stopping up of highway at Verner St.,
- e. Wakefield Council Spatial Policy Group – Initial Briefing Note
- f. Any other planning matters received after the date of this agenda.

It was

**RESOLVED:** Members noted items a) to f) and had no further comments.

**51/15 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:**

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group-Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April the Town Clerk advised that a couple of agenda items were cancelled at the meeting but there was a CIL update but this was not applicable to Featherstone.
- b) National Coal Mining Museum. Councillor Tennant advised that 119,000 visited the Museum last year which had lost one third of its government grant this year. A full hard copy report was left in the office for members to view.

(Members of these outside organisations have the opportunity to report on any relevant matters arising from meetings of such organisations).

**52/15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
Summer 2015	Carers Wakefield & District	Newsletter
May 2015	British Heart Foundation	Help put defibrillators on the map
May 2015	Wakefield Council	FREE Active Children Fitness Sessions
May 2015	St Thomas Church	Thank you

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April 2015	The Prince of Wales Hospice	Thank you
May 2015	Mark Burns-Williamson Police and Crime Commissioner	Newsletter
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Citizens Advice Bureau	Thank you for the donation of £2,750
<b>Any other correspondence received</b>	Members noted	Members noted

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.