



Featherstone Town Council

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Regenerating Supporting & Caring for our Community

11th June 2014

Dear Councillor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to an ORDINARY MEETING of FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE on **WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE 2014** commencing at **7.00 pm**.

Sue Coles
TOWN CLERK

Moment of Reflection (Town Clerk)

AGENDA

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED

2. CIVIC AWARD PRESENTATION

Mr & Mrs Jon Sharp of 'Sevendales' 204A Featherstone Lane, Featherstone for the exceptional Christmas lights display which they put on each year in order to raise money for the Pontefract Hospice. Over the years they have raised a tremendous amount for the Hospice and have attracted many visitors into the town as a result of the display.

3. GRANT AWARD

Normanton Police for assistance with a children's play activity during the summer holiday for £200.00 to be presented to Mr Paul McKinn

4. YOUTH AMBASSADORS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

The meeting is to be opened for the Youth Ambassadors and members of the public to address the Council on matters relevant to its business.

5. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Town Clerk Ms Sue Coles MILCM



6. 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.

7. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT

9. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

To receive the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 7th May 2014 at 7pm. Minute numbers 1/14 to 16/14.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL : There is an amendment to MIN 10/14, Councillor G Isherwood has resigned from the Administration & Finance Committee it is proposed that Councillor Wright should be nominated.

10. QUESTIONS MAY BE PUT TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

11. APPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

- a) To receive the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee
- b) To receive the minutes of Events Committee
- c) To receive the minutes of Markets & Featherstone in Bloom Committee

12. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR ONTO THE NORTH WEST WARD

Notices have been placed in the newspaper, noticeboards and website which have resulted in one application being received from Mr R C Martindale.

- a) To discuss the co-option of a new Councillor onto the North West Ward.
- b) Signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- c) Members contact details with photograph
- d) Appointment to Markets & Featherstone in Bloom Committee.
- e) Copy of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Good Councillor Guide.

RECOMMENDATION: To consider the applications received.

13. PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

- a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions – Please see file for details
- b) The Planning Inspectorate –
 - i. Application by Knottingley Power Limited for an order granting Development Consent for the Knottingley Power project.
 - ii. Changes to the original application and the proposed closure of Kellingley Colliery
- c) The Coal Authority – Land to the Rear of Brooksbank Garage, North Featherstone. – See attached letter.
- d) Resolve Public Affairs – See attached Five Towns Park Leaflet.
- e) Wakefield Consultation for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

RECOMMENDATION: Members views are requested.



14. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Section 1 to be signed by the Mayor Cllr J Power
- b) Section 2 to agree statement items 1 to 8
- c) Section 2 to be signed by the Mayor Cllr J Power
- d) Section 4 to note the Annual internal audit report 2013/14.

15. FINANCE REPORTS

- a) List of Accounts totalling £439.58 plus any payments received before the meeting.
- b) Income received report.

RECOMMENDATION: To approve payments and income.

16. PLANTSCAPE CONTRACT

Wakefield Council has listed 24 lampposts for this year's Plantscape Contract which do not have permission to hang hanging baskets on the structure. This can be due to the fact there is a statutory sign on the post or it could be that the post is past the date that they are considered structurally sound to take the weight.

The Town Council can apply to AMEY at a cost of £800 per day to certify the post. No other company can be accepted since it is AMEY which has the risk against its public liability insurance. AMEY were granted the PFI contract for 25 years. This year both Horbury Town Council and Castleford Precinct applications for consent has also been knocked back. Please see attached email from Streetlighting.

RECOMMENDATION: To reconsider the 24 positions.

17. B.T. INTERNET CONNECTION

Approval is sought for an investigation by B.T. into the intermittent broadband service. New router and new filters have been introduced and presently the service is operating satisfactorily however the Event Working Party has requested that this is looked into further. The new router resulted in the laptop failing to connect to the printer however I.T. support has now corrected this.

RECOMMEDATION: Should further investigations be required now or in the future the officers are authorised to instruct B.T. to attend the site at a cost of £225.00.

18. REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group –meeting was held on 23rd April which included a presentation on the Air Ambulance which is now based at Nostel Priory.
 - i. The fundraisers for the Air Ambulance will be in attendance at the Gala
 - ii. Request a site for recycle bins 'Bag it Up'. Must have 24 hour access.
 - iii. Parish Council Charter 19th October 2011 now signed and agreed a copy is available in the office or at the meeting.
- b) National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor Tennant
(Members of these outside organisations have the opportunity to report on any relevant matters arising from meetings of such organisations).



19. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	Sender	Details	Decision
22.04.14	The Prince of Wales Hospice	Posters for Hospice Memory Walk	
24.04.14	The Conservation Volunteers	Requesting work projects in the community	
01.05.14	Mr P D Roper	Recycling	
08.05.14	Post Office	Details of new-look Post Office at North Featherstone	
08.05.14	Police & Crime Plan Refreshed	Email as circulated to Members	
14.05.14	CAB	75 th Birthday Party as circulated	
13.05.14	The Prince of Wales Hospice	To thank the Mayor for his fundraising in 2013/14	
14.05.14	Mrs M Newnham	Letter of Normanton – copy given to Mayor at the meeting	
13.05.14	Department of Energy & Climate Change	Reply to the Leader's letter concerning the proposed Knottingley Colliery closure.	
27.05.14	Carers Week	Events from 9 th to 15 th June	
Plus any	others received		

Closure of meeting

Next meetings of the Council and it's Committees.

Administration & Finance Committee	Thursday 9 th July at 10.30am
Events Committee	Wednesday 30 th July at 6pm
Council	Wednesday 30 th July at 7pm
No meetings will be held in August	