

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING (MAYOR MAKING) OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON 7TH MAY 2014 AT 6.30PM.

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

In attendance: Mr B Power, Father J Grosu, Youth Ambassadors; Mr J Haller & Miss S Thomas, Gala Queen Miss T Dyas.

Moment of Reflection was led by the Mayor's Chaplain Rev Jackie Evans.

1/14 ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Mayor Councillor R Taylor called for nominations for Mayor for the year 2014/15. Councillor M Isherwood nominated Councillor Mrs J Power which was seconded by Councillor C Tennant. There being no further nominations it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Power to be appointed as Mayor for the ensuing year.

2/14 SIGNING THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor J Power signed her declaration of acceptance of office.

3/14 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

The Mayor Councillor J Power welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Members for her appointment. Apologies were received from Councillor J Jackson (work commitments), Councillor W Mulroe (due to the organisation of the refreshments).

4/14 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor Councillor J Power called for nominations of the Deputy Mayor for the year 2014/15. Councillor G Isherwood nominated Councillor J Wright which was seconded by Councillor M Tennant-King. There being no further nominations it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Wright to be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

5/14 SIGNING THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor J Wright signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

6/14 ELECTION OF COUNCIL LEADER

It was proposed by Councillor C Tennant seconded by Councillor R Taylor and

RESOLVED: that Councillor G Isherwood be appointed Council Leader for the forthcoming year.

7/14 MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

8/14 RENEWAL OF THE POSITION OF MAYOR OF THE OCCASION

It was

RESOLVED: that for the forthcoming year the position is offered by the Town Mayor to any Members of the Council on the occasion of the Mayor or Deputy Town Mayor being unable to attend a Civic function. It is not considered necessary to appoint one Member to hold the position but to offer the opportunity to any Member who is available and able to perform the duties of Mayor of the Occasion.

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9/14 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor Councillor J Power invited Father J Grosu (St Thomas Church) as her Chaplain for the ensuing year which he accepted with great pleasure.

10/14 APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH AMBASSADORS

It was

RESOLVED: Mr J Haller St Wilfrid's School, Mr C Cave and Miss S Thomas Purston E-Act Academy were appointed as Youth Ambassadors for the forthcoming year.

11/14 MEETING OF THE LEADERS GROUP HELD ON 10TH APRIL 2014

It was

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Leaders Group of the Town Council held on the 10th April 2014 at 12 noon, Minute numbers 337/14 to 338/14 be approved and signed.

12/14 MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE & CULTURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2014

It was

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Heritage & Culture Committee of the Town Council held on the 16th April 2014 at 6pm Minute numbers 339/14 to 347/14 be approved and signed.

13/14 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2014

It was

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on the 16th April 2014 at 7pm Minute numbers: 348/14 to 366/14 be approved and signed.

14/14 MINUTES OF THE MARKETS COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 17TH APRIL 2014

It was

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Markets Committee of the Town Council held on the 16th April 2014 at 7pm Minute numbers: 367/14 to 373/14 be approved and signed.

10/14 ELECTION OF COMMITTEES WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EACH COMMITTEE.

It was noted that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of each committee is to be properly appointed at the first meeting of that committee.

Administration & Finance Committee

Councillor M Isherwood (Chairman)

Councillor J Power – also Grants Sub-Committee

Councillor D Stapleton - also Grants Sub-Committee

Councillor R Taylor

Councillor G Isherwood

Councillor W Mulroe – also Grants Sub-Committee

Councillor M Tennant-King – Grants Sub-Committee Chairman

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10/14 ELECTION OF COMMITTEES WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EACH COMMITTEE Cont'd...

Events Committee

Councillor S Vickers (Chairman)
Councillor J Jackson
Councillor C Tennant
Councillor J Wright
Councillor G Isherwood
Councillor J Power
Councillor W Mulroe

Markets & Featherstone in Bloom Committee

Councillor W Mulroe (Chairman)
Councillor J Wright
Councillor G Isherwood
Councillor D Stapleton
Councillor S Vickers
Councillor J Power

The Leader's Group

Councillor G Isherwood (Leader)
Councillor W Mulroe (Deputy Leader)
Councillor R Taylor
Councillor C Tennant
Councillor M Isherwood

RESOLVED: The Council confirms that it has reviewed the Membership and Terms of Reference for each Committee and that all Councillors are deemed to be Members of the Events Working Parties unless otherwise agreed. That the Committees and Groups as above be formed for 2014/15.

11/14 TOWN COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

It was

RESOLVED: The Council confirms that it has reviewed the current Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Complaints' Procedure.

12/14 REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES

The Town Council reviewed the following representatives to serve on the External Bodies as below:

Councillor G Isherwood advised that the Featherstone Regeneration Steering Group has been disbanded and replaced by WMDC Local Members Group which is to be made up of WMDC Council Members, as appropriate, depending on the subject matter.

Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – Councillor W Mulroe and the Town Clerk

National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant.

RESOLVED: That the Featherstone Regeneration Steering Group be removed and that the Town & Parish Council Liaison Group and National Coal Mining Museum be approved as above.

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RESOLVED: That the above documents be approved.

14/14 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2014/15

Details of the dates and times of meetings for the year were attached to the agenda. The Town Clerk advised Members that the date Thursday 9th July should be amended to Thursday 10th July. It was

RESOLVED: That the dates and times of the meetings for 2014/15 be approved.

15/14 LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

A list of payments totalling £1,459.71 was attached to the agenda and a further list totalling £3,161.24 was presented to the meeting for approval. It was

RESOLVED: That the lists of accounts totalling £4,620.95 be approved for payment.

16/14 CLOSURE

The Town Mayor thanked all those who attended the meeting and invited everyone to the Green Lane Working Men's Club for a celebratory meal.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.