

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE, ON 30th JULY 2014 AT 7PM.

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

In attendance: Sue Coles (Town Clerk), Siobhan Thomas (Youth Ambassador), WMDC J Cliffe M.B.E & Father J Grosu.

110/14 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillor J Jackson, Councillor C Tennant,

111/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

112/14 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R Taylor, Councillor Tennant-King, and Councillor Mulroe in item 9 of the agenda.

113/14 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

It was

RESOLVED: that 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.

114/14 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor presented to Mrs V Symons her Certificates of Achievement for attaining her ILCA and Food Safety award.

The Mayor's trip to Blaenavon to visit the Town Council and the World Heritage site was a success. She attended the Civic Service of the Mayor Sylvia Lewis and was presented with a picture of the mine by the Deputy Mayor Gareth Price. She brought to the meeting information brochures and said that the Town Clerk had written to Blaenavon Clerk to ascertain a list of organisation in the area in order to form links with the schools and choirs.

115/14 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT

Councillor G Isherwood advised that the booklet for WW1 compiled by the Historical Society has been printed. Unfortunately the end of term school date has been missed and a copy to each child will be distributed in September.

Councillor M Isherwood reported that Mr R Parkinson the tree warden for WMDC attended a meeting with her and Mr D Mee officer at WMDC on the Millpond Meadows site and they have given the go ahead for the tree planting, a further meeting will be arranged to discuss with the Town Council the start of the project. It is planned to erect a statue at the entrance and she will ascertain the costing and this will be brought to a meeting.

Councillor G Isherwood stated that a minibus could be arranged to take the school children to the site which will have footpaths and a display board with the tree and details of the soldiers. The statue should be of such a structure that people will want to come and visit the site for this as much as the trees. The Mayor thanked Councillor M Isherwood for her efforts.

Councillor G Isherwood advised that he had received a letter via email from WMDC Mrs D Jeffery's concerning the Christmas Trees and he will give the letter to the Town Clerk. Councillor S Vickers asked as to whether there was enough time to place the order, in September, to ensure a delivery date. Councillor G Isherwood stated that there was no deadline in the letter. Councillor Vickers then asked the Town Clerk if the Council had not

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agreed the purchase in the budgets and the Clerk replied that there was an allocation for trees but no agreement in place and the letter should come to the next Council meeting on the 10th September for approval and also that the letter had not been received in the office directly from WMDC.

Members agreed that Councillor G Isherwood should indicate to WMDC that the trees are required for Christmas delivery.

Councillor G Isherwood had also received a request from a resident for a noticeboard in All Saints Churchyard which would be a 50/50 use for the Town Council and the Church. This item is to be placed on the next agenda.

116/14 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 18th June 2014 at 7pm Minute numbers 364/14 to 82/14 be approved.

117/14 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

a) To receive the minutes of the Markets & Featherstone in Bloom Committee
With reference to **MIN 78/14** Councillor B Mulroe advised the meeting that the cheque for Plantscape is on hold until the queries about the planters is resolved. He had verbally agreed with the contract manager that two planters would be substituted for two window boxes for the Purston and Featherstone signs. He had measured the signs and agreed with the contract manager all the details but they have not been erected. He said that someone needs to count the planters and the Town Clerk confirmed that the officers would undertake this on 31st July. He said that the three year contract is coming to an end and it needs to be rethought at the next Markets & Featherstone in Bloom meeting. Also, there has been a complaint from resident in Snyderdale that there are no hanging baskets in the area. A decision had been taken between the Leader and himself that the baskets outside the Garden Centre would be removed and repositioned but they were tied in such a way as cannot be taken down. The Town Clerk advised that the streetlamps in Snyderdale may not be approved by AMEY and they should ascertain this so that the Council's insurance covers any potential public liability claim. Councillor G Isherwood said he will identify the lampposts where he wants the baskets hanging.

b) To receive the minutes of the Events Committee.

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RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Committee meetings with the comments above be approved.

118/14 GRANTS COMMITTEE

To approve the Grant Applications that could not be determined at the Committee due to declarations of interest.

a) New Charlston Welfare AFC for £285.00 to assist the club in purchasing equipment for the open age football team now based at Featherstone Lions Club.(interest declared by Councillor's Taylor, Tennant-King and Mulroe who did not discuss or vote on the item). Councillor M Isherwood was concerned that the application was in the name of New Charlston and Councillor Vickers said that it does not suggest a Featherstone organisation.

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It was

RESOLVED: That the application name should be changed to a Featherstone organisation and a new application be made.

b) Featherstone Youth and Community Partnership for £500.00 to purchase art and craft materials. (an interest declared by Councillor's Mulroe and Tennant-King). Councillor G Isherwood said it was a good group with good numbers of attendance by the community. It was

RESOLVED: That the application be approved. It was further **RESOLVED** that should the Grants Sub Committee not be able to go ahead in future because of declarations of interest that the Town Clerk should arrange for substitute members so that the meeting is quorate.

119/14 QUESTIONS MAY BE PUT TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

No questions were raised.

120/14 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

- a. WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions – were noted.
- b. Application 14/01284/FUL 68A Pontefract Road, External Car Wash and 14/01283/ADV Signage Scheme. Objections by the Town Council submitted 15th July and noted.
- c. WMDC notification of appeal application 14/00233/FUL Location: Until 1, 68A Pontefract Road Featherstone. Proposal: External hand car wash and re-surfacing existing hard standing area. Objections by the Town Council submitted 15th July and noted.
- d. WMDC consultation regarding Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which can be viewed at http://consult.wakefield.gov.uk/portal/spatial_policy/cil/pdsc/pdsc.
- e. Five Towns Park Update – June 2014. Was noted.

121/14 WAKEFIELD COUNCIL – INTEGRATED EARLY HELP OFFER, CHILDREN'S CENTRE

A letter informing the Council of a formal consultation for the Integrated Early help offer for Children's Centre services from 15th July to 15th October 2014. Councillor Taylor advised members that the service is to be streamlined and the building are to be reduced with more outreach services provided. This will cut back on building cost and increase the connection with families most in need.

122/14 WAKEFIELD COUNCIL – WORKING TOGETHER

The Town Clerk's report from a meeting with Cllr D Jeffery Deputy Leader at Wakefield Council was attached to the agenda. Councillor G Isherwood questioned the report's reference to the capabilities of Featherstone Town Council and stated that the Town Council will not take over services from Wakefield. The report was noted.

123/14 THE PURSTON E-ACT ACADEMY

A letter to request permission to use the Town Council Crest on Uniform, Signage, Letterheads etc. was submitted by the Purston E-Act Academy and attached to the agenda. Councillor G Isherwood said that he had already given permission to the school to use the crest.

124/14 FINANCE REPORTS

- a) List of Accounts totalling £100.00 was attached to the agenda and a list for £2,879.05 was distributed at the meeting for member's approval.
- b) Income received report from 1st July to 23rd July totalling £1,712.50.

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c) To consider on-line banking to enable the Town Clerk to access bank statements at close of business of the 1st each month.

RESOLVED: The list of accounts was approved for payment and income was noted. On-line banking for access to bank statements was also approved.

125/14 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – meeting 16th July 2014 presentation on Community Infrastructure Levy notes were available at the meeting.

b) National Coal Mining Museum

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

126/14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
June 2014	Email from Wakefield Council on consultation on leisure services and request comments by 1 st August. www.wakefield.gov.uk/leisureconsultation	Noted
20 th June 2014	Mr & Mrs J Sharpe has written to thank the Council for the Civic Award and the donation of £100 promised at that meeting.	Noted
2 nd July 2014	National Union of Mineworkers to thank the Council for its support in our endeavour to keep Kellingley Colliery open.	Noted
30 th June 2014	Healthwatch Wakefield emailed Annual Report to members.	Noted
11 th July 2014	Yorkshire Air Ambulance letter of thanks for attendance at Gala and £154.40 raised at the event.	Noted

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

127/14 HOUSE OF COMMONS – JON TRICKET MP

A confidential letter from Jon Tricket M.P. was given to the meeting concerning provision of benches and residents' concerns about illegal parking.

RESOLVED: The Town Clerk is to reply to Mr Tricket M.P. setting out the details of new bench provision and the Council has noted the illegal parking which Mr Tricket M.P. has forwarded already to the police.

128/14 CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

REF MIN 99/14 From the Administration & Finance Committee. It was

RESOLVED: that Mrs Symon's contract of employment, which originally was until 16th July, is confirmed to her on a permanent basis. That also, in recognition of her attainment of her Introduction of Local Council Administration, she is awarded a pay rise from £7.134 to £8.10 per hour as from 1st August 2014 as stipulated in her contract of employment.

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129 /14 STAFF PENSIONS

Reference to MIN 46/14: Pensions a report was given to the meeting concerning the statutory provision of pensions from 1st August 2016. The Council had been asked to consider that Featherstone Town Council be nominated for membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme with effect from 1st April 2015. It was

RESOLVED: That this matter is brought to the relative meeting at which time the Council is discussing budgets for 2016 with a view to implement the provision of pensions on the 1st August 2016.