

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.

Present: Councillor K Hollis, Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor D Stapleton, Councillor C Tennant, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor S Vickers and Councillor J Wright.

In Attendance: Steve from Featherstone Flyer Football Club. Mr and Mrs A Edwards from Tom's Club. Mrs C Woodhead, Mrs H Dawson, Mr A Edwards. Sue Coles (Town Clerk) and Rev J Grosu.

393/16 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillor R Taylor and Councillor R Martindale.

394/16 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. No topics were raised for discussion.

395/16 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

396/16 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 item 13 Casual Vacancy on the Central Ward be approved.

397/16 MAYOR'S REPORT

Representatives from Featherstone Flyers F.C. received their grant cheque of £500 and Tom's Club received their cheque form £467.94.

The Mayor reminded Members of the Tea Dance on the 24th March and requested donations to her hamper prize draw. Councillor C Tennant apologised that he couldn't attend. Billies Consort is to be held on the 17th March at St Wilfrid's School and everyone was urged to attend.

398/16 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT

Councillor G Isherwood mentioned the agenda item on CIL and requested that the Town Clerk attend along with himself.

399/16 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meetings held on the 10th February at 7.00 pm, Minute numbers 331/16 to 349/16, be approved.

400/16 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

- a) To receive the minutes of the Events Committee dated 10th February 2016.
- b) To receive the minutes of the Grants Sub Committee dated 11th February 2016.
- c) To receive the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 11th February 2016.

It was

RESOLVED: that the minutes a) to c) above and the resolutions contained within them be received by the Council.

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401/16 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

- a. WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions – were circulated by email prior to the Council and noted. Members were pleased to see application 15/02726/OUT which will tidy up the site and stop the illegal dumping.
- b. Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule. There is to be a briefing session on Tuesday 15th March at 2pm at Wakefield Council, County Hall. The Town Clerk and Councillor G Isherwood will attend.
- c. Hydraulic Fracturing – ‘Fracking’ – in Wakefield District. Councillor G Isherwood advised that at a special meeting of Wakefield Council the report was rejected. Councillor C Tennant stated that the mine workings of the area and the work of fracking could cause movement and proposed that the Town Council put on record with WMDC that Featherstone Town Council are against test drilling and any form of works now and in the future. It was

RESOLVED: agreed that these comments be forwarded to WMDC

- d. A number of temporary traffic orders have been put into place recently in a number of traffic lights in Station Lane, Wakefield Road, opposite Wilson Street and the memorial garden. This was for works to pavements and kerbs, gas board pipe, railway safety barriers or flooding issues. Members noted.

402/16 CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

An email from Ms V Parker of North Featherstone was attached to the agenda concerning the rubbish and dog fouling on ‘the backs’ on Stanley Street and she also asked the Council to consider ‘clean for the Queen’ The email address for Councillor G Isherwood was incorrect and he made immediate arrangements for the area to be cleaned with WMDC. He also advised that Wakefield had started the ‘Big Tidy Up’ campaign. Members noted.

403/16 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – next meeting on 15th March for CIL update.
 - b) National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant
- (Members of these outside organisations have the opportunity to report on any relevant matters arising from meetings of such organisations).

404/16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
March	Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine
March	Carers Wakefield	Monthly newsletter
March	Police Commissioner Mark Burns Williamson	Monthly newsletter
March	Email concerning local projects	Noted
8 th March	Letter from Mr Roper of Little Lane	The letter was circulated to members who were concerned about Mr Roper’s claims that the NHS are holding secret meetings, stopping certain medications and refusing to cover patients for their medical needs. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the two medical centres to ascertain further information. To also contact Cllr P Garbutt Cabinet Member for Adults Heath. A reply be sent to Mr Roper.
Any other correspondence received		

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405/16 Urgent matters for information only

Councillor M Isherwood requested that the next Grants Sub-Committee and the Administration & Finance Committee is held on Thursday 21st April to be then followed by the last meeting of Markets and Featherstone in Bloom Committee and that the meetings scheduled for the 13th April are cancelled. All members noted the dates for the Civic Service and Mayor Making

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406/16 CASUAL VACANCY ON THE CENTRAL WARD

There had been four candidates for the casual vacancy three of whom were in attendance. Mrs H Dawson, Mr A Edwards and Mrs C Woodhead. Members discussed with each application individually why they would be co-opted to the Town Council for the Central Ward. The Candidates and the Town Clerk were asked to leave the room whilst a private discussion took place. It was

RESOLVED: That Mrs Woodhead is co-opted to the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm