

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE, ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 AT 7.00PM**

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**Present:** Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor J Wright, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor S Vickers (Mayor), Councillor K Hollis, Councillor C Woodhead, Councillor R Martindale, Councillor R Taylor and Councillor C Tennant.

**In Attendance:** Vicky Symons (Deputy Town Clerk), Mrs W Wilson from Citizens Advice Bureau and Miss J Garrett from Jestors Sports Acro.

**94/16 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor A Lapish and Councillor D Stapleton.

**95/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting is to be 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.

**96/16 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

**97/16 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.

**98/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A representative from Jestors Sports Acro received their grant cheque of £500.00 and the Citizens Advice Bureau received their cheque for £3000.00 to continue its drop in advice services on Tuesdays.

The Mayor had attended numerous Town Council events since last council meeting and wanted to congratulate all who were involved in Featherstone Gala. The Mayor advised that the event raised lots of money for his charity and he thoroughly enjoyed the day. He had also attended Normanton Town Council's Party in the Park and Streethouse School Sports Day.

The Mayor reminded Members of his Viva Rock and Roll event which is to be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August.

**99/16 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT**

Councillor G Isherwood mentioned that at one of his Councillors Surgeries at All Saints Church he had been advised that there is nothing available for children in North Featherstone. Councillor Isherwood advised that he would look at this as a future project for the Town and will report back in due course.

The Leader of the Council was also looking for a project in Streethouse one of his thoughts was to look at the memorial and see if the Council could improve the surrounding wall. There was also the possibility of looking into tidying the area near the railway station. He requested the councillors for this ward look at the area and come back to a future meeting with their thoughts and ideas.

Councillor Isherwood had received some complaints with regards to the Memorial Woods grass. He had been in touch with Roger Parkinson from the Woodland Trust and his advice was that the site should ideally be left and cut in September to allow the wild flowers on the site to scatter and seed. Roger has also advised that he will come to the wood for 3 days and hand scythe the area so no damage is caused to the trees.

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**99/16 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT Cont'd....**

Councillors G Isherwood, M Isherwood, R Taylor and M Tennant-King had been working on a project with WMDC to take over the running of the Community Centre. Councillor G Isherwood advised that if the Town Council didn't do anything there was a possibility of the Community Centre closing down. He would like for the Town Council to move into the Community Centre with offices for staff members. Councillor G Isherwood asked that Members agreed the decision in principle for the Town Council to move to the Community Centre. Councillor S Vickers requested that this item be a separate agenda item for the next meeting so that Members could discuss this matter in further detail. This proposal was seconded by Councillor J Wright. Councillor Tennant asked if the agreement with WMDC was leasehold as he had previously dealt with buildings on leasehold and if any improvements are to be made in the future it could prove difficult. Councillor R Taylor advised that this is to be negotiated with the WMDC. Councillor M Isherwood advised that a Charitable Trust needs to be set up with Members' of the Town Council as trustees. A management group comprising of Councillor Vickers, Councillor M Isherwood and Councillor J Wright is to be set up to oversee any problems in the meantime until the full charitable status is approved by the charities commission. Councillor S Vickers thanked the District Councillors for the work they had done so far on this project.

**100/16 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

It was

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm, Minute numbers 45/16 to 55/16, be approved.

**101/16 MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:**

- a) To receive the minutes of the Events & Markets Committee dated 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- b) To receive the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 16<sup>th</sup> June.
- c) To receive the minutes of the Flowers & Lights Committee dated 16<sup>th</sup> June.

It was

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes a) to c) above and the resolutions contained within them be received by the Council.

**102/16 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS**

WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions – were circulated by email prior to the Council and noted.

Any other planning matters received after the date of this agenda –No further applications.

**103/16 NEW BANK ACCOUNT**

Recommendation from the Administration & Finance Committee meeting held tonight at 6pm concerning the opening of a new bank account for the PASG Project Management.

It was

**RESOLVED:** That a new bank account be opened for the PASG Project and that the signatories would be Councillors' S Vickers, J Wright and M Isherwood along with the RFO.

**104/16 CONTRACT FOR BEAM'S SERVICES**

Recommendation from the Administration & Finance Committee meeting held tonight at 6pm concerning the signing of a Letter of Agreement for Services for Beam to the value of £2,100. It was

**RESOLVED:** That the Letter of Agreement for Services for Beam be approved and signed by the Mayor.

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**105/16 NEW SIGNS FOR NORTH FEATHERSTONE & STREETHOUSE.**

Councillor G Isherwood advised Members that he would like suggestions from Ward Councillors' for Streethouse and North Featherstone for the best positioning of the new signs. Councillor G Isherwood would like for the wording on the signs to be printed on so there is no chance of vandalism to the letters. The wording on signs would need to read "Welcome to Streethouse" and "Welcome to North Featherstone".

It was

**RESOLVED:** To approve the ordering of signs and the wording for these from our preferred supplier Express Signs subject to 10.3 of Financial Regulations. A budget of £2,200 has been approved by the Finance and Administration MIN 68/16.

**106/16 WALKS AROUND FEATHERSTONE 'APP'**

Councillor K Hollis gave a detailed report to Members of the Council. Following on from the report Councillor Hollis asked if there were any questions. Councillor M Isherwood thought it was a wonderful idea as Featherstone has a lot of history to tell, and requested that the Town Clerk and Deputy look for sources of funding. Councillor Taylor advised that there are further sites of interest that could be added to list. Councillor Vickers added that reading though the report there was a facility for add-ons in the future. He also added that he would like to see the launch of the app to take place with the opening of the public art at the Commemorative Wood. Councillor Hollis requested that any Members with further sites contact her by email and she will look into adding them onto the existing walk.

It was

**RESOLVED:** to purchase the services of Audio Trails subject to 10.3 of Financial Regulations and that the Town Clerk and Deputy are to look for sources of funding.

**107/16 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:**

Town & Parish Council Liaison Group - none

National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant advised that the next meeting takes place on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

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

**108/16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
29.06.16	Revalued Green Lane Featherstone. Email to offer support for local events. Please see attached	Noted
04.07.16	Yorkshire Air Ambulance to thank the Council for the Gala where they raised £55.00	Noted
16.06.16	Bubble Fund Run 10 <sup>th</sup> June - posters	Noted
July	Healthwatch – Your future in mind Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2-4pm another event will take place in the autumn	Noted
Any other correspondence received		

**109/16 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made**

Councillor M Tennant-King advised that the Town Council meeting which is due to be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September will now takes place on the same evening as WMDC meeting of its Council. A request was made that the Town Council change the Full Council meeting to 14<sup>th</sup> September. All members were in agreement.

Meeting closed at 6.35pm.