

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FLOWERS AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON THURSDAY 16TH JUNE 2016 FOLLOWING THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE AT 11AM

Present: Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor J Wright, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor G Isherwood and Councillor S Vickers.

In Attendance: Vicky Symons (Deputy Town Clerk).

73/16 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was

RESOLVED: Councillor M Isherwood proposed Councillor J Wright which was seconded by Councillor M Tennant-King.

74/16 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor A Lapish and Councillor K Hollis.

75/16 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None were declared.

76/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting is to be opened for the public to address Members on matters relevant to the business of the committee. However residents cannot take part in the main proceedings of the meeting, this is strictly limited to Councillors. There were no members of the public present.

77/16 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 that the press and public be excluded from any items relating to Staff Matters plus at any part of the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted.

78/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Flowers & Lights Committee (previously Markets & Featherstone in Bloom) meeting held on 20th April 2016 Minute numbers 452/16 to 459/16 be approved.

79/16 FEATHERSTONE IN BLOOM 2016/2018

Featherstone Hotel has made contact with the office and will liaise with Plantscape directly. The hanging baskets and planters will be installed from 1st June and it may be necessary to purchase more brackets although the company will endeavour to reposition any being unused in the town. The watering of the extra baskets will incur an extra cost of £715.00. Cllr G Isherwood raised some concerns that he had with regards to the baskets. He had also been in touch with WMDC who advised that there were 13 lamp posts which needed to be tested by AMEY, the cost of this would be £600.00 to £800.00. Cllr Vickers asked if we had enough in the budget to cover the testing. Cllr M Isherwood advised there was £12,000 in the budget so this would cover the cost. Cllr G Isherwood had been out to count all of the hanging baskets and in total found 97. The invoices received totalled 118 baskets leaving the council 21 short. Therefore the invoice 10896 would be placed on hold until the council receives all of the hanging baskets. There had been complaints from residents in Old Syndale since no baskets had been placed in the village and there were also none in Station Lane. Cllr G Isherwood has also had to collect a hanging basket that had fallen from a bracket on Pontefract Road. This was now in the office.

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79/16 FEATHERSTONE IN BLOOM 2016/2018 Cont'd...

It was

RESOLVED:

- a. Councillor G Isherwood would report back to the office to advise which hanging baskets will need to be moved.
- b. The extra cost of £715.00 to water was approved.
- c. Members requested that the Deputy Clerk is to find out the cost of watering until the end of September and this would be placed on the Administration & Finance Agenda (as there will not be another meeting of the Flowers & Lights Committee until 15th September).
- d. The Deputy Clerk was also requested to contact Plantscape to replace the bracket for the fallen hanging basket.
- e. . Members were all in agreement that some of the baskets were too low and requested that the Deputy Clerk contact Plantscape to attend and ensure the baskets are placed higher

Meeting closed at 12.15.