

MINUTES OF THE MARKETS AND FEATHERSTONE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE on WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2016 AT 6.45pm

Present: Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor C Tennant, Councillor J Wright (Chairman).

In Attendance: Councillor R Martindale, Councillor R Taylor and Sue Coles (Town Clerk).

295/16 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting had been delayed to 6.45pm. Councillor S Vickers.

296/16 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

297/16 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.

298/16 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

It was

RESOLVED: that under the terms of the public bodies admission to meetings act that the press and public be excluded from any items relating to MIN 302/16 plus at any part of the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted.

299/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Markets & Featherstone in Bloom Committee meeting held on 10th September at 11am Minute numbers 172/15 to 178/15 be approved.

300/16 WEEKLY MARKET

A report was attached to the agenda concerning the weekly market and the market stalls. Councillor Tennant stated that the £5,000 expenditure to erect the stalls weekly was currently a waste of public money and those Members present agreed. It was

RESOLVED: Traders are to bring their own stalls and the trailer is handed back to WMDC.

301/16 THEMED MARKET IN APRIL

Members had expressed a wish to have a themed market before Easter and it was agreed that there was not enough time to arrange this and that the council discusses this further at the next working party of 21st January. A continental market organiser is to be contacted for further information. Councillor Taylor suggested that one could be held as part of the Gala. Councillor G Isherwood suggested a Harvest Festival market the office was asked to contact the local Allotment Association to see if this would be a welcome event.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

302/16 FEATHERSTONE IN BLOOM 2016-2018

- a) The Town Council's contract with Plantscape for baskets, planters, miner's tub and window boxes was initially just for 2015 – 2018 subject to a one year trial basis in the first year. Members are asked to consider and recommend to Council the signing of a further three year contract to ensure continuity of service. The prices will remain as in 2015. It was

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Plantscape be awarded the contract for 2016-18.

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- b) Location of baskets for 2016. Members agreed that the Town Clerk with the Chairman will check all the lampposts numbering and suitability and bring a report back to the February Council meeting in order that the positioning of the hanging baskets could be agreed.

The meeting was closed at 6.59pm.