

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.

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

In attendance: Sue Coles (Town Clerk).

125/16 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillor A Lapish, Councillor D Stapleton and Mrs Val Heaps (Mayor's Chaplain).

126/16 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.

127/16 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

128/16 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.

129/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor held a fantastic Viva Rock & Roll night at the Green Lane WMC. Mr Rushworth has re-donated his fee of £75.00 to the Mayors Fundraising and a letter of thanks is to be sent. A further £10 was given to him from the Balloon Race, one 'found' balloon ticket has returned to the office and more details will be given at the next meeting.

130/16 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT

There was no report since items will be discussed at item 12.

131/16 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council MIN 94/16 to 109/16 held on the 20th July 2016 be approved.

132/16 MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 20th July be approved.

133/16 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

- a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- b) Licensing matters. Wakefield Council has launched a consultation of a revised statement of licensing policy. Councillor R Taylor advised that all business within the Community Impact Zone is subject to licensing so a small café is the same as a night club with the regulations. WMDC are to make a two tier system so that a café (for example) would not be subject to the same rigorous procedures.

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134/16 NEW BANK ACCOUNT

MIN 121/16 made a recommendation from the Administration & Finance Committee meeting held at 6pm to open a new bank account with Nat West for the PASG Management Group to hold the fundraising and grant monies separately from the rest of the Council funds to enable clarity for auditing purposes. It was

RESOLVED: That a new bank account in the name of Featherstone TC Project Management Group be opened with the signature of Town Clerk, Councillor M Isherwood and Councillor J Wright.

135/16 STAFF OVERTIME PAYMENTS

The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to work 8 hours in total from 20th to 27th July to enable the office to be open in the absence of the Town Clerk. Councillor G Isherwood advised that staff should receive more in overtime payments rather than TOIL which then means the staff are not in the office. It was

RESOLVED: to approve overtime payment as above for the DTC and discuss at the next Administration & Finance Committee the requirements of the Council with the possible changes to offices.

136/16 CHARITABLE TRUST AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

A verbal report was given by Councillor G Isherwood and Councillor M Isherwood to Members concerning the setting up of a new Charitable Trust by WMDC for the Community Centre. WMDC Councillors he advised have been liaising closely with officers at Wakefield to put together a proposed management plan of the building and an agreement of the costs of repairs and other funding which Wakefield will be providing.

The Town Clerk advised that WMDC Councillors' should declare a non pecuniary interest in these matters being put to the meeting before further discussions take place and not vote. This was declined.

Councillor M Isherwood put forward the following proposal:

That should the situation arise the Town Council will move [its offices] into the Community Centre. This was seconded by Councillor G Isherwood and agreed by all. It was

RESOLVED: That the Town Council will move to the Community Centre.

Due to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor being named in the next resolution Councillor Taylor took the chair.

Councillor G Isherwood proposed that Councillor Vickers, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor J Wright and Councillor K Hollis will be the Town Council's representatives on the Community Centre's Charitable Trust when it is formed by WMDC. (The persons named above did not vote on the matter). The other members present agreed unanimously. It was

RESOLVED: That Councillors' Vickers, M Isherwood, J Wright and K Hollis are appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Charitable Trust.

137/16 NEW SIGNS FOR NORTH FEATHERSTONE & STREETHOUSE.

Members advised on the possible locations of the new Welcome to Streethouse and Welcome to North Featherstone signs and was advised by the Town Clerk that Express Signs will make up a design to be presented to the meeting but wished to measure the sites beforehand. There were also advised that Highways permissions may be required

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137/16 NEW SIGNS FOR NORTH FEATHERSTONE & STREETHOUSE Cont'd...

depending on where they are to be situated and Members should keep this in mind. Councillors Martindale and Hollis will contact the office with the exact requirements.

Councillor G Isherwood advised that the surrounding wall of the War Memorial at Streethouse is in need of some repairs and Streetscene have agreed to undertake these. He has also been in contact with Streetscene in regards the play equipment in Streethouse and they have undertaken a clean of the site including the graffiti and they will try to get the equipment replaced.

138/16 WALKS AROUND FEATHERSTONE 'APP'

Councillor Hollis had spoken to Audio Trails with regards to the purchase of their iphone 'App'. She advised that there will be a delay to the project since it links into the PASG project to create a substantial art work, due to grant funding processes and the PASG decision to prioritise Beam's involvement.

139/16 FEATHERSTONE IN BLOOM CONTRACT

Plantscape the contractors for baskets and containers have been badly let down by a sub-contractor who has failed to maintain the watering of the flowers. Plantscape is doing all it can to source alternative flowers and will be in town on the 10th August to rehang baskets which had been taken down because the flowers were failing. Meetings have been held with their Manager who expressed great dismay and he offered profound apologies. At tonight's meeting Members also expressed their disappointment in Plantscape's performance this year and Councillor Vickers pointed out that the contract was with Plantscape and not the sub-contractor and the Council had high expectations of them. It was

RESOLVED: To invite Mr M Stone Managing Director, Mr K Shaw Manager and a director from the new parent company TCL to discuss the contract and secure suitable compensation.

140/16 PROPOSED CHANGES TO COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT

An email concerning the public consultation for changes in Council Tax Support was attached to the agenda and Members noted the report.

141/16 WYCA TRANSPORT & BUS STRATEGY CONSULTATION.

An email with details of the strategy documents and questionnaires for the above consultation was also noted.

142/16 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – No meetings held.
- b) National Coal Mining Museum – No meetings held.

143/16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
29 th July	Police and Crime Commissioner's Youth Advisory Service	Noted
28 th July	3 rd Featherstone Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Mrs Debbie Davenport has emailed to thank the Council for its donation for the Gala Parade.	Noted
26 th July	Amy Hardman of Featherstone Rovers asked for a letter of support from the Council for a grant from Sport England and Featherstone Academy.	The Town Clerk had sent a letter of support as requested.

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		This was noted.
8 th August	Prince of Wales Sparkle Twilight Walk Poster	Noted.
10 th August	Tree Wardens Voluntary group meeting 7 th September.	Councillors' G & M Isherwood to attend.
16 th August	Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust: Share your experience of care	Email sent to Members and Noted
Any other correspondence received		

144/16 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made.

The Mayor gave his apologies for the meeting to be held on the 14th and 15th September. Councillor Hollis gave her apologies for the meetings on the 15th September.

Closure:

The meeting closed at 7.45pm