

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.

Present: Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor R Martindale, Councillor D Stapleton, Councillor R Taylor, Councillor C Tennant, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor S Vickers (Mayor), Councillor C Woodhead and Councillor J Wright.
In attendance: Mr Bill Mulroe, Sue Coles (Town Clerk)

338/17 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillor K Hollis and Councillor A Lapish

339/17 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.

340/17 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors' Tennant, Tennant-King, G Isherwood, M Isherwood, Taylor in MIN356/16.
Councillor Vickers MIN307/16.

341/17 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 such as the Community Centre Lease which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

342/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A grant cheque for £500 was presented to Mr Mulroe for the Dr. Jackson Cancer Fund he thanked the Council and said the shop was very busy but had suffered some damage from a break in.

The Mayor stated that the all the Christmas Events had been fantastic. He had taken the Minute books to Spink & Thackery in Leeds for binding. His Mayor's Auction would be held on the 17th February at the Girnhill Lane Working Men's Club and he would also be holding another Viva Rock and Roll on the 22nd April.

343/17 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT

Councillor G Isherwood advised that the WMDC grant for the Community Centre had been approved and the new door was now in place the office has been decorated and re-carpeted all that was waiting now was the new amended lease for the building and the Town Council would then be ready for taking the centre over.

All the Christmas events had been very successful and many compliments had been passed to him. The small Christmas trees on the streetlights at first had been very successful but from the 23rd onwards they had not been working. The Town Clerk had arranged for one to be rehung and asked that Plantscape look at the timings of the others but the company hadn't been able to successfully re-programme them therefore they had only been working satisfactorily for 10 days. He advised Members that the company had promised to attend the Flowers & Lights Committee on 12th February. There were now 3 trees in the office which had fallen due to not enough stainless steel bands to secure them being used.

344/17 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

It was

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council MIN 297/16 to 311/16 held on the 7th December 2016.

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345/17 MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

It was **RESOLVED**:

- a. To approve the minutes of the Events & Markets Committee dated 9th November 2016 MIN numbers 249/16 to 258/16
- b. To approve the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 7th December 2016 MIN numbers 283/16 to 296/16.
- c. To approve of the Grants Sub-Committee dated 7th December 2016 MIN numbers 275/16 to 282/16.

346/17 PASG WORKING GROUP MEETING AND WORKSHOPS

After the Administration & Finance Committee held at 6pm this evening a verbal report was given to the meeting by the Town Clerk concerning the financial costs incurred so far, the funding received and grant applications being made. The next PASG meeting would be held on the 19th January to discuss the Wren grants application. This was noted.

347/17 PRECEPT 2017/18

Wakefield Council has requested the Town Council's Precept demand by Friday 10th February. It was thought that Members may wish to delay the decision to the meeting on the 8th February but it was decided that the Council still wished to adopt the Community Centre when the lease was finally agreed and that the Precept demand should be £130,000 to assist in covering the costs of running the centre in the first instance this will be offset by the increased usage when the centre, which is currently closed, is reopened. There has been an increase in tax base to 4,487 houses due to the new housing being built in the Featherstone area and therefore a band A property will rise by just £2.50 per year to £19.32 and a band D will rise by £3.74 per year to £28.97. It was

RESOLVED: That the Precept is set at £130,000 and that the press release is issued by the Leader's Group.

348/17 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

- a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions – Noted
- b) Any other planning matters received after the date of this agenda. None.
- c) Licensing matters. None received.
- d) Complaint received regarding the Welcome to Streethouse sign. Noted.

349/17 MEETING DATES AND TIMES

- a) Dates and times of meetings for May 2017 to April 2018.
- b) Council meeting scheduled for 12th April, the Mayor has asked that this is moved to the 19th April.
- c) The Annual Town Meeting will be held on the last 26th April in the Methodist Church Hall subject to both the approval of the Church and Members. It was

RESOLVED: That the dates be considered by Members and brought back to the May meeting, the April meeting date is moved as in b) and the Annual Town Meeting is held on 26th April.

350/17 DEFIBRILLATORS FOR THE TOWN

The Town Clerk had contacted the Yorkshire Ambulance Service and Councillor M Tennant-King had also received notice of a meeting of YAS, Cardiac Science Ltd and Heartbeat of Sport charity to be held on the 1st February. Members requested that Councillor Tennant-King circulate the details and that Mr Jones is asked to a meeting in February so that the Town Council is better informed. Councillor Tennant was concerned that all areas should be covered but it was thought that Featherstone and surrounding areas is vast and each defibrillator only covers 600 metres. Councillor G Isherwood Wakefield Council may provide one for the Community Centre and he will look into this.

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351/17 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – Next meeting is 1st February.
- b) National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant advised that there will be events to commemorate 70 year of the coal industry being nationalised.
- c) Yorkshire Local Council Association Branch Meeting – 9th February 7pm at Havercroft Skills Centre. Members are asked to nominate a Member/s to attend but no-one was forthcoming.

352/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
3 rd January	A Nations Tribute 11 th November 2018 A letter was attached to the agenda.	Noted
16 th December	Scope About Disability – house to house collections in the area. 3 rd to 23 rd April 2017 and 2 nd to 22 nd April 2018	Noted
Any other correspondence received		

353/17 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made.

None.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

354/17 NOMINATION FOR CIVIC AWARDS

Members are asked to complete the forms for consideration at February's meeting.

355/17 NOMINATION FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2017/18.

This will be discussed at February's meeting.

356/17 HEADS OF TERMS FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE UPDATE.

Nothing further has been heard from Wakefield Council.

Closure.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm