

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.

Present: Councillor K Hollis, Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor A Laphis, 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: Sue Coles (Town Clerk).

420/17 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED

None.

421/17 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.

422/17 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

WMDC Councillors' G Isherwood, M Isherwood, Taylor, Tennant, Tennant-King. Councillor K Hollis WMDC employee.

423/1 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 any items which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

424/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor A Laphis was presented with a cheque for a grant to FaithNet foodbank. She thanked the Council for the money which was granted for fuel poverty and advised that just recently a family with a new born baby and to attend the foodbank.

The Mayor advised that he had had a very successful Auction Night and then attended Castleford and Pontefract Lions International dinner where he was presented with a further donation to his fund. He thanked all the Members present for their assistance in raising funds and advised that the Tea Dance is on the 30th March and the Viva Rock and Roll night 22nd April which would be his last event and the Civic Service is to be held on Sunday 30th April at 6pm.

425/17 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT

The leader spoke about the increase in the Council's precept and advised the 1p per day increase to fund the Community Centre was well worth it and Members' should be very proud of their work. The Community Centre looks like new after all the redecorating works and the new cooker will be in place shortly along with the Defibrillator all paid for by WMDC Members' Community Fund. He advised that a leaflet will be designed and delivered by Members' to inform residents. Councillor G Isherwood advised that there may be a problem with the routine opening of the Community Centre on a Tuesday when the Library is closed but he felt sure that this will be resolved. Engie have the contract to open/close the building.

WMDC is creating a new traffic scheme to assist residents at 2,4,6,& 8 Green Lane (to Common Side Lane). Councillor G Isherwood has arranged for a site meeting with Mr S Galey and Ms D Hodgson and requested that the Council writes to advise that it is receiving complaints regarding the current road situation and there is a great need to resolve the parking and access problems. Discussion ensued on the traffic flows; S Galey, G West and G Wyatt will draw up and implement a new scheme in the next six months.

Councillor Tennant added that the traffic at the Travellers Rest / Hall's Lane is once again increasing in HGV's vehicles.

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426/17 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING It was

RESOLVED: to approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council MIN 378/17 to 395/17 held on the 8th February 2017.

427/17 MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES It was

RESOLVED: To receive the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 8th February 2017 MIN numbers 363/17 to 377/17.

428/17 YORKSHIRE AMBULANCE SERVICE DEFIBRILLATOR

Members noted that Ms A Moran WMDC has ordered a defibrillator for the Library/ Community Centre paid for by the Capital Grants fund of WMDC Town Councillors. Mr John Spikings of Yorkshire Ambulance Service had sent details to the Town Council of the current defibrillators in the area this information was circulated at the meeting.

429/17 COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE.

An update was given to members to advise that the Lease is still with Wakefield Council and may not be received for some time. Councillor G Isherwood advised that he had been in contact with the Librarian who will ensure that the building can be used for Mayor Making

430/17 STANDING ORDERS TERMS OF REFERENCE

MIN 164/16, 216/16 and 267/16 refers. It has been agreed to formally set up a Community Centre Management Committee to advise the Council on all matters in relation to the running of the Community Centre.

- a. The Terms of Reference for this new committee is again distributed to Members.
- b. There is an amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Administration & Finance Committee in regards to the future handling of staffing matters by the appointment of a sub-committee as per standing orders.
- c. The first meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee (CCMC) was called on Wednesday 19th October at 6pm but abandoned due to the terms of the lease. (two minor amendments were highlighted – item 10 should read ‘room hire’ and item 24b should read his/her absence).

Due to unexpected prolonged negotiations for the lease of the Community Centre Members decided to defer the above items until such time as the lease has been amended. It was

RESOLVED: to approve items a) to c) above and agree the date of the Community Centre Management Committee meeting as Thursday 20th April at 11am.

431/17 THE MARKET AREA

Mr S Mason Principal Markets Officer advised that WMDC would like to hand the market land back to the highways department so that the service is no longer responsible for its up keep. If required the Council can still hold special events by applying for a temporary events notice and inform highways for the road closure.

It was

RESOLVED: That the Council confirms that it does not require the land for a market in the future.

432/17 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions –

APPLICATION NUMBER	ADDRESS	PROPOSAL	DECISION
16/02020/FUL	Mill Pond Meadows	Siting of War Horse	Approved
17/00132/FUL	Premier Way North	Erection of milk processing facility	17.03.17

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16/02812/FUL	The Farmhouse Burcroft	1no. dwelling with detached garage	Refused
17/00147/NMC	St Wilfrid's School	Amendment	Approved

- b) Any other planning matters received after the date of this agenda. None.
 c) Licensing matters. None

433/17 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – no meeting
 b) National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant - nothing to report
 c) Dementia Friends – Councillor M Tennant-King -meeting to be held on the 20th March.

434/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
Spring 2017	Carers Wakefield	News-sheet
01.03.17	Wakefield Council Apply to be a Co-opted Member on an overview and scrutiny committee	email
11.02.17	The Prince of Wales Hospice Memory Walk 19 th March 2017	letter
01.03.17	Healthwatch Wakefield Have your say on local stroke services	Replies by 15.03.17
February 2017	West Yorkshires Police and Crime Commissioner	Newsletter.
Any other correspondence received		

435/17 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made.

Councillor M Tennant-King asked that when the Mill Pond Meadows is open for people to view the War Horse that an addition to the finger post in the Miner's Memorial garden opposite Lidl is created to sign visitors to the area.

To note that the HGV 7.2 tonne sign is now in action prohibiting lorries using Station Lane. It was also noted that the Pelican Crossings at Colliers Court, Nunn's Lane and Station Lane were causing traffic chaos at peak times during the day.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

None.

Closure and next meetings

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.