

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.

Present: Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor R Martindale, Councillor R Taylor, Councillor C Tennant, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor S Vickers (Mayor), Councillor C Woodhead and Councillor J Wright.

In Attendance: Mrs Val Heaps (Mayor's Chaplain), Sue Coles (Town Clerk) and seven members of the public.

474/17 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillor K Hollis, Councillor A Lapish, Councillor D Stapleton.

Councillor G Isherwood, as Leader of the Council, thanked Mrs Heaps on behalf of the Council for all that she has brought to the meetings through her role as Mayor's Chaplain and her gifts of books by R Caswell.

475/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was opened for members of the public to address the Council on matters relevant to its business.

Mr M Gledhill and Mr D Robinson attended to speak to Members about the Streethouse Angling Club with view to them submitting a grant application for £500 for a disabled fishing peg. Mr Gledhill advised that they took over the pond a couple of years ago and has worked tirelessly to get the area cleared. Fishing pegs have been installed and 19 were now established. Mr Gledhill and Mr Robinson have invested a considerable amount of their own money in the project. Residents of Millennium House attend and they are over the moon with the fishing opportunity. Wildlife now visit the area, kingfisher, bats and deer have been seen. Members of the Council were invited to come and see the pond. Councillor G Isherwood complemented them on their work and thanked them for their report. Mr Roger Parkinson introduced himself to the group and advised them that he could supply wildflowers and young trees which they could collect for free from his Wakefield Tree Wardens and Thornes Park group.

476/17 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors' G Isherwood, M Isherwood, R Taylor, C Tennant, M Tennant-King.

477/17 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 discussion on the Civic Service any other items which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

478/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor presented grant cheques to Mrs M Townend Friends of Purston Park, Mr R Parkinson Wakefield Tree Wardens, and Mrs S Butler of St Thomas Church Gardens.

He advised Members that he had been invited to unveil the Prince of Wales Mosaic Tea Pot at the Café and as a result in his increasing involvement with the hospice it had also increased his empathy for the charity. The Tea Dance was fantastic and he thanked everyone for the food which was great. The Mayor asked everyone to attend Viva Rock and Roll on the 22nd April which was his last event of his Mayoral Year.

479/17 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT

Councillor G Isherwood echoed the Mayor's sentiments concerning the Tea Dance and appealed for every Councillor to attend all the Council events and help since it was part of being a Councillor. The feedback on the Tea Dance was incredible especially the food and bingo.

The funding application and agreements for the WREN grant was now in place for the War Horse project. The organisation of the Gala was well on its way and more will be added to the parade.

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The Community Centre new kitchen and redecorating had been undertaken and the Town Council was just waiting on the lease.

The Mayor requested that a meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee is called to allow the Council to discuss all the arrangements which will have to be put into place so that the Centre can open as soon after the lease is signed. Councillor G Isherwood also announced that there will be an open day event.

480/17 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

It was

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council MIN 420/17 to 435/17 held on the 8th March 2017.

481/17 MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

- a) To receive and approve the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 8th March 2017 MIN numbers 401/17 to 419/17.
- b) To receive and approve the minutes of the Events and Markets Committee dated 9th March 2017 MIN 436/17 to 445/17.
- c) To receive and approve the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 6th April 2017 MIN numbers 446/17 to 457/17. To include a **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL** concerning the grass mowing contract with WMDC.
- d) To receive and approve the minutes of the Flowers and Lights Committee dated 6th April 2017 MIN numbers 458/17 to 464/17. It was noted that the credit note from Plantscape had been received.

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes a) to d) above be received and approved with the agreement to renew the grass mowing contract with WMDC and the Tender for the APP which was also submitted to the Council was approved.

482/17 STANDING ORDER TERMS OF REFERENCE

MIN392/16 refers to a Working Party appointed by the Finance and Administration Committee to create a Mobile APP for walks around Featherstone. This working party was not included in the Standing Order Terms of Reference document at the meeting of March. Members noted the amendment and that the Standing Orders Terms of Reference document will be formally adopted at Mayor Making.

483/17 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was

RESOLVED: to formally reappoint Yorkshire Internal Audit Services for the 2017/18 financial year.

484/17 ANNUAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

- a) Health & Safety Policy
- b) Complaints Procedure
- c) Information Security Policy
- d) Freedom of Information model publication scheme
- e) How to make an Information Request
- f) Data Protection Policy

It was

RESOLVED: that the above documents are noted and that they will be adopted at the Annual Meeting on the 10th May 2017.

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485/17 COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE.

No further information has been received from Wakefield Council. Councillor G Isherwood wished to clarify the MIN425/17 on the Council minutes of the 8th March that Engie do not have the contract to open/close the building (Community Centre) as stated in that minute and the Town Council needs to discuss the security of the building. It was agreed that a meeting will be called of the Community Centre Management Committee on the 1st June at 12.30pm in the Town Hall.

486/17 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions –

Application No.	Address	Proposal	Decision
17/00457/FUL	9 Jardine Avenue	Two Storey extension to the rear	
17/00632/FUL	33 Westerman Close	First floor rear and side extension	
17/00499/FUL	226 Priory Road	Single storey extension to front and dropped kerb	
17/00861/FUL	49 Leatham Crescent	Two storey extension to side	
17/00647/FUL	2 Westwinds Ackworth Rd	Single storey side extension	
17/00132/FUL	Premier Way North	Milk processing facility	Approved
16/02356/FUL	10 George Street	Change of use to residential	Approved

All items were noted.

b) Any other planning matters received after the date of this agenda.

Application No.	Address	Proposal	Decision
17/00785/FUL	Cms Business Park	Erection of workshop & offices	
17/00861/FUL	49 Leatham Crescent	Two storey extension to side	
17/00972/GPD	Rosemeade New Road Old Snydale	Single storey extension to the rear of the property	

All items were noted

c) Licensing matters (if any). None

487/17 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.
- c) Dementia Friends – Councillor M Tennant-King reported that she had attended her first meeting of the group at Wakefield 1 and very much enjoyed this. There were quite a few organisations and groups present. She noted that Sandal Library was now Dementia Friendly and Librarian at Featherstone Library supported them also. The Dementia Friends would like people to come to talk about Rugby League since some ex-players have been found to be suffering from dementia. The Pharmacist at Cohens Chemist supports Dementia Friends and wishes to join up with other businesses in the town to help create a Dementia Friendly town. Councillor M Isherwood advised that Wakefield have won an award for being a dementia friendly city.

488/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
April	Healthwatch Wakefield - newsletter	noted
March & April	Mark Burns-Williams - newsletter	noted
March	C.A.B, Debt Advice newsletter	noted

489/17 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

490/17 CIVIC AWARDS AND CIVIC SERVICE

Members noted the date of the service is to be held in the Methodist Church on Sunday 30th April at 6pm.

Closure and next meetings

The meeting closed at 8.15pm and Mayor Making will be held on Wednesday 10th May at 6.30pm in the Community Centre.