

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.00PM.

Present: Councillor K Hollis, Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood (Mayor), Councillor A Lapish, Councillor R Taylor, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor C Woodhead and Councillor J Wright.

In Attendance: Vicky Symons (Town Clerk).

190/17 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor R Martindale, Councillor D Stapleton and Councillor S Vickers

191/17 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

192/16 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.

193/16 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 that the press and public be excluded from any items at any part of the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted.

194/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised that she was very pleased to have been invited to attend Featherstone Town Cricket Club, where she made the annual presentations to the children.

The Mayor went onto advise Members of the Council that there had also been an informal meeting with Mr Simon Brown and Wayne Potter, from the WW2 Re-enactment & Living History Group. This was to discuss the options of holding an event in Purston Park. The Mayor advised that the meeting had gone extremely well and there were opportunities for Members of the Council to attend events that they were holding on Saturday 23rd September and Saturday 30th September. This would give Councillors the opportunity to see what could happen in Featherstone. The Mayor added that she could see the event in a few years' time expanding into the Town and with the Schools. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 5th October to discuss this in more detail.

195/17 LEADERS REPORT

Councillor G Isherwood advised that the Solar Christmas Trees are coming to end with the current contract and suggested that this be discussed at the next Flowers and Lights committee meeting.

Councillor Isherwood commented to say that Travellers had been an issue around the district and fly-tipping had increased. The removal of the rapid response unit had now been re-instated by WMDC. The Cabinet at WMDC are looking into the possibility of creating a transit site in the area. Councillor G Isherwood will update when possible.

Some of the Capital Grants funding from WMDC has been used to purchase and install new fencing around the Childrens play area at Purston Park, new gate for the allotments on Wakefield Road and that District Councillors are looking at the possibility of spending some of the funding for new blinds, roller doors, alarm system and security at the Community Centre. They are also looking at the possibility of re-surfacing the path at the side of the Community Centre. Updates will be provided when Councillor Isherwood has further information.

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Councillor Tennant asked Councillor Isherwood if there was any further information on the lake at the Park. Councillor Isherwood advised that the lake is non-toxic and that an order has gone into Engie to remove the algae. The foot paths will also be cleared around the lake.

196/17 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

It was:

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 23rd August 2017, Minute numbers 151/17 to 168/17.

197/17 MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

- a) To approve the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 7th September 2017 and any recommendations which may be contained within. These minutes were given to Members at the meeting.
- b) To approve the minutes of the Flowers & Lights Committee dated 7th September 2017 and any recommendations which may be contained within. These minutes were given to Members at the meeting. It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes a) and b) above be received and approved with the agreement to increase the number of solar powered Christmas trees from 70 to 105, also that the Town Clerk approaches WMDC to request costings for a large Christmas Tree to be placed in Purston was approved by the Council.

198/17 PURSTON PARK – EXTRA LITTER PICK

At the Extra Ordinary Meeting on 23rd August it was requested the Town Clerk obtain a quote from WMDC to organise extra litter picks in Purston Park. Members are now asked to consider the attached costings for future litter picks and reach an agreement as to whether the Town Council should organise extra regular clean-up's. Members felt that the cost of £53.18 for 2 men to carry out 1 hours litter picking was very reasonable. Councillor Lapish suggested that the Council contact Streetscene to see if they could provide talks in schools to encourage children to use the bins provided. It was:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact WMDC Streetscene and arrange for extra clean up's to take place from May Spring Bank Holiday 2018 until the end of September 2018 and request any information packs that they may have on litter.

199/17 HEADS OF TERMS FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE

The revised Heads of Terms were attached to the Agenda for Members to view. Councillor G Isherwood advised that he had chased up the lease with WMDC on several occasions and will continue to do so. He went on to say that the peppercorn rent will be between £1.00 and £50.00 per year. The prior works schedule that was attached to the heads of terms have been carried out and this has been at no charge to the Town Council. Councillor Tennant requested that once the Lease has been approved that the Town Council look at obtaining a refreshments licence. Councillor M Isherwood replied to advise that this was a necessity along with a music licence. Councillor M Isherwood requested Members views on obtaining a solicitor to look over the lease. Councillor Hollis advised that the City Solicitor has been through the lease and Councillor G Isherwood added that the cost would be in excess of £1,000.00 for a solicitor to take a look. It was

RESOLVED: That the Draft Heads of Terms are accepted and a meeting will be called once the Lease has been received in the office. It was also resolved that there is no requirement for a solicitor at present to oversee the Heads of Terms.

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200/17 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions –

Application No.	Address	Proposal	Decision
17/01924/FUL	46 Market Street	Two storey extension to rear	
17/01921/FUL	9 Jardine Avenue	Part two storey and part single storey extension to rear.	
17/02142/GPD	4 Green Lane	Single storey rear extension	
17/01630/CPL	84a Station Lane	Use if building as a mixed use with retail ground floor and 2no. flats at first floor.	Approved
17/02232/GPD	115 Wentworth Road	Replacement conservatory	
17/01938/GPD	Rosemead, Old Snyderdale	Single storey extension to rear.	Prior approval not required
17/01564/FUL	54a Nunns Lane	Erection of 2no. outbuildings	Approved

b) Any other planning matters received after the date of this agenda. No further applications were received.

c) Licensing matters (if any). None.

It was:

RESOLVED: To note the planning and licencing matters as above.

201/17 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – The next meeting will be held on 1st November.

b) National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant – No meeting.

c) Dementia Friends – Councillor M Tennant-King – No meeting although Councillor Tennant-King will be attending Pinderfields Hospital to hand over twiddle muffs that had been made by Councillor Woodhead's mum.

202/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
13.07.17	Email from Mr Saxton – Attached to Council Agenda requesting a plaque is made to commemorate the lives lost at Ackton Hall, Featherstone Main ad Snyderdale Collieries. Members' views are requested.	Members discussed this item at length and all were in agreement that the plaque is ordered with the same style and font as the plaque that is already on the Miners Tub. The new plaque is to read "This plaque is to commemorate the men and boys who sadly lost their lives in accidents at Ackton Hall Colliery, Featherstone Main Colliery and Snyderdale Colliery. The true cost of coal." The Clerk will look into ordering this and send an email back advising on the Council's decision.
04.09.17	Alzheimer's Society Event –	Noted.

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	25.09.17	
04.09.17	Carers Wakefield & District Silver Anniversary Celebration – 30.10.17	It was requested that a congratulations letter be sent to Wakefield Carers congratulating them on their Silver Anniversary.
Any other correspondence received		

203/17 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made.

Members noted that there would be a Working Party to discuss the Christmas Events on Thursday 28th September at 11.00am.

Closure and next meetings.

Admin & Finance	Wednesday	11 th October	6.00pm
Council	Wednesday	11 th October	7.00pm

Closure. The meeting closed at 8.00pm.