

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2018 AT 7.00PM.

Present: Councillor K Hollis, Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood (Mayor), Councillor A Lapish, Councillor R Martindale, Councillor D Stapleton, Councillor C Tennant, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor C Woodhead (7.25pm) and Councillor J Wright.

In Attendance: Reverend Andrew Longshaw and Vicky Symons (Town Clerk) and 3 representatives from Featherstone Colliers A.F.C.

291/17 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor R Martindale, Councillor R Taylor and Councillor S Vickers.

292/17 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

293/16 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.

294/16 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

It was **RESOLVED:** under the terms of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded from items 16 Community Centre Lease, 17 Nomination for Civic Awards and 18 Nomination for Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2018/19 which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

295/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A grant cheque for £500.00 was presented to Mr Ipson for the Featherstone Colliers A.F.C, Mr Ipson thanked the Council for the grant and advised that they were hoping to expand the game within Featherstone. The Mayor thanked Mr Ipson for his attendance this evening.

The Mayor had a couple of announcements that she would like to make, she wished to thank Councillor G Isherwood for his time and effort during the Christmas Events which were a great success.

On Friday 23rd February they Mayor will be holding a charity auction at Green Lane WMC. Any donations from Members would be greatly received.

There will also be a Charity Concert on Friday 9th March at Featherstone Methodist Church. Featherstone Male Voice Choir will be performing on the evening and also Castleford Youth Musicians will be joining in. Tickets are priced at £7.00 and the event will begin at 7.00pm. All Members are welcome to attend.

The Mayor added that the date had been set for the official unveiling of the War Horse. This would be on Friday 11th May. This event will be open to everyone in Featherstone and more details will be available nearer to the date.

Cod Steaks had visited Featherstone on 13th December to interview Councillors Vickers and M Isherwood. Doug Allan, who is a BAFTA award winning cameraman visited along with Sue Lipscome to carry out the interviews. The Mayor would also be attending the local junior schools in the coming weeks to inform them of a poetry competition, in which the winning entry would be placed into a booklet that will be available on the day of the launch. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

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296/17 LEADERS REPORT

Councillor G Isherwood echoed the Mayors comments on the Christmas Events and thought that they were wonderful. Residents turned out in great numbers for the Christmas Lights Switch On and also on Santa's Day.

Councillor G Isherwood went onto comment that the War Horse will be of National Importance and interest and will only benefit the local community. He added that he wanted Featherstone to be a place of interest for people to come to.

Progress had been made in the Town with the addition of the new supermarkets, new houses etc. There was to be a regeneration meeting held where housing projects for the future would be discussed

297/17 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

It was

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of a meeting of Featherstone Town Council held on Wednesday 8th November 2017 (Minute Numbers 264/17 to 278/17) be received as a true record and the contents contained therein be approved.

298/17 MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

- a) To receive and sign the minutes of the Leaders Group dated 8th November 2017 MIN numbers 262/17 to 263/17 and approve the contents contained therein.
- b) To receive the minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee dated 8th November 2017 MIN numbers 253/17 to 261/17 and approve the contents contained therein.

RESOLVED: to receive the Minutes at a) to b) above with the recommendations contained within.

299/17 MILLPOND MEADOW – WAR HORSE UPDATE

A meeting was held on Monday 8th January, the Mayor had already discussed the visit and updates in the Mayors Report. There was another meeting scheduled for Thursday 1st February 2018.

300/17 PRECEPT 2018/19

Wakefield Council has requested the Town Council's Precept demand by Friday 9th February. A report and recommendation from the Precept working party meeting held on the 2nd November was attached to the Agenda for the Members consideration. There has been an increase in tax base to 4,604 houses due to the new housing being built in Featherstone area and it was agreed that the Precept demand should be set at £133,500.00 therefore, a band A property will rise by just £0.01 per year to £19.33 and a band D will rise by £0.03 per year to £29.00 It was

RESOLVED: That the Precept is set at £133,500 showing an overall increase of 0.08%

301/17 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions –

Application No.	Address	Proposal	Decision
17/02537/CPE	Prospect House, New Road, Old Snydale	Residential development for 2 dwellings	
17/02864/CPE	Prospect House, New Road, Old Snydale	Erection of detached house	
17/01717/FUL	Unit 1 Wakefield Road	Variation of condition 17 (delivery hours)	Application Refused.

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17/02273/FUL	Lyndale, 60 Green Lane	Extension to rear for new lift.	Approved.
17/02373/FUL	84A Station Lane	Conversion of roof space to one flat	Approved.
17/02842/CPL	24 Katrina Grove	Proposed single storey extension to rear	Approved.
17/02809/FUL	Kongsberg Auto Ltd, Foxbridge Way Normanton	Proposed portable building to be used as offices	
17/02826/FUL	67 Ackworth Road	Two storey rear extension	
17/02957/FUL	RV Rugg Ltd	Single storey extension	
17/03022/EIASO	Land on the East side of New Road, Old Snydale	Request for screening opinion for the installation of a battery storage facility	
17/03025/TPO	2 Stretton Close, Ackton	Revoke TPO Ref WMDC 88 and fell one Sycamore tree	
17/02417/FUL	19 St Andrews Drive	Single storey extension to side	Approved
17/02538/FUL	46 Market Street	Two storey extension to rear including box dormer in roof	Approved.
17/02537/CPE	Prospect House, New Road, Old Snydale	Certificate of lawfulness – Residential development	
17/02864/CPE	Prospect House, New Road, Old Snydale	Certificate of lawfulness – Demolition of dwelling	
17/01717/FUL	Unit 1 Wakefield Road	Variation of condition 17 – delivery hours	Application Refused.

b) Any other planning matters received after the date of the Agenda – None

c) Licensing Matters – New Market Acro, 29 Station Lane, Featherstone. Awaiting review of licence.

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

303/17 MEETING DATES AND TIMES

- a) A table showing the dates and times for meetings from May 2018 to April 2019 was attached to the Agenda for Members consideration.
- b) The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th April. Members were asked to consider a location for the meeting. Also Members were asked if the office should make contact with volunteer groups to attend the meeting. It was

RESOLVED: That the meeting dates are approved, subject to the Clerk checking that none of the dates conflicted with any Council meetings from WMDC. The Annual Town Meeting date was also approved; however the location of the meeting was yet to be decided upon.

304/17 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – Meeting scheduled for 7th February.
- b) National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant reported that there had been a re-shuffle of management and that a meeting was scheduled for 13th April.
- c) Dementia Friends – Councillor M Tennant-King advised that the next meeting will be held in February.

305/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
15 th December	Prince of Wales Hospice- Autumn Newsletter	Noted
Various	Christmas Cards	Noted

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16 th December	Email from resident	The comments were noted and the Clerk was asked to respond.
22 nd December	Heathwatch – Newsletter	Copies were available at the meeting
2 nd January	Yorkshire Air Ambulance – Thank you letter	Noted.

306/17 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made.

The Town Clerk advised that at the next meeting there would be an Agenda item to discuss the new Data Protection Regulation.

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

307/17 COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE

Following a meeting with 2 representatives from WMDC Legal department the amended lease should be received in the office by the end of January. Councillor G Isherwood requested an Agenda item for the February Council meeting to approve the amendments.

308/17 NOMINATIONS FOR CIVIC AWARDS

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

309/17NOMINATION FOR MAY AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2018/19

It was

RESOLVED: Mayor 2018/19 will be Councillor C Woodhead and Deputy Mayor Councillor S Vickers.

Closure and next meetings

Admin & Finance Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 6.00pm
Council Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 7.00pm
Events Thursday 15th February at 11.00am
Flowers and Lights Thursday 15th February to follow Events Committee

Closure. The meeting closed at 8.00pm.