

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON 12th FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7PM

Present: Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor W Mulroe, Councillor D Stapleton, Councillor R Taylor (Mayor), Councillor C Tennant, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor J Power, Councillor S Vickers and Councillor J Wright.

In Attendance: Sue Coles (Town Clerk) Mrs V Symons (Admin Officer),

316/14 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillors D Herrington and Councillor J Jackson

317/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

318/14 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

319/14 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED: That under the terms of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded from item 15 & 16 Defamation and Nominations for Mayor 2014, which are of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

320/14 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor visited Austria on holiday and met the Mayor of Soll who presented to him two books.

The Mayor of Wakefield Councillor J Holmes is trying to organise teams for Ten Pin Bowling on the 5th March, four to a team.

The Mayor has spoken to the gas road works team on Pontefract Road who informed him that the works will extend up to the White Horse Pub and then across the gardens to Beechgrove. The current works will finish this week but the extended works will require smaller pipes so will be quicker.

He also said that Councillor M Isherwood had some feedback from St Thomas' School about the visit to NCMM and the children had been delighted with the trips and amazed that youngsters of their own age years ago would have been working down the mine he asked that the Council contact the schools for copies of photographs.

The Mayor expressed his sadness of the death of one of the owners of Amigos Pizza in Station Lane. After his death burglars had broken into his flat and taken items including his car keys, the car had been destroyed in a fire as a result. He would like a letter of condolence sending to the family and he will attend the funeral.

321/14 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT

Councillor G Isherwood was invited by Councillor P Box Leader of Wakefield Council to go to Cabinet where he and Councillor M Isherwood were congratulated in the way Featherstone Council was run in the light of the confusion over the Council Tax Support Grant. Councillor G Isherwood accepted the congratulations on behalf of the Council.

The WW1 brochure is almost in place along with the grant funding for the History Society. There will be 2000 f.o.c. copies for Featherstone School children some assistance from the Council will be requested.

He added that there will be a new committee structure for discussion on March agenda of the Council for Members to agree.

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322/14 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 15th January 2014 at 7pm Minute numbers 266/14 to 285/14 be approved and signed.

323/14 MINUTES OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Grants Committee held on the 16th January 2014 at 11am Minute numbers 286/14 to 292/14 be approved and signed.

324/14 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

- a. WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions – details were given to Members at the meeting.
- b. Proposed stopping up of Highway at Hell Lane, Red Lane and Footpath No. 1 Warmfield, Wakefield WF1 Grid Ref E:437000-N:419805. Councillor G Isherwood requested that the application was objected to on the grounds of congestion of traffic, the alternative routes being unsuitable for the volume of cars and HGV's which will be forced to use the alternative route and air pollution and the lack of quality of life for the residents and houses in the area of the diversion. He also encouraged all Members to object in their own right to the application.

RESOLVED: That the planning applications at (a) be approved. That the application at (b) be objected to on the grounds detailed above.

325/14 FINANCE REPORTS

- a. List of Accounts totalling £89,173.46 and £789.90
- b. Income received report from 7th January 2014 to 16th January 2014 totalling £139.48.
- c. Draft Legislative Reform (Payments by Parish Councils, Community Councils and Charter Trustees) Order 2013: this draft order, once in force, removes the requirement for every cheque or other order for the payment of money by a parish or community council to be signed by two members of the council. New guidelines will be issued to allow electronic methods of payment provided robust anti-fraud measures are in place.

RESOLVED: Members approved the list of accounts as above. The income report at (b) was noted. Item (c) was also noted for the present time.

326/14 BINDING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Further to MIN134/13 at which time it was agreed at the Administration and Finance Committee are to investigate the costs of binding the Council Minutes for the years 1990 to 2013. Richard Reeve Restoration Ltd charges will be £130 per volume and it estimated that there are six volumes waiting to be bound.

Councillor Taylor suggested that there may be old documents in the old shed and asked for this to be investigated.

RESOLVED: That the old documents in the shed is investigated and the Minutes are to be sent to Richard Reeve Restoration Ltd for binding at a total cost of £780.00.

327/14 WAKEFIELD COUNCIL

Wakefield Council has written to the Town Council's regarding its annual application to install hanging baskets on street lighting columns. The Council should submit the street name and

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column numbers, where it proposes to install the baskets, to Wakefield as soon as possible before the baskets are to be delivered. The Town Council is further asked to comply with July 2013 legislation that all attachments must comply with Construction Product Regulations.

RESOLVED: Councillor Mulroe and the Deputy Clerk are to ascertain the lampposts numbers the regulation compliance for brackets and the positioning of the planters and bring the information back to the next meeting.

328/14 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- a. Featherstone Regeneration Steering Group – Councillor G Isherwood would like to arrange for the April regeneration group meeting to be held along the lines of last year on the same date of the Annual Town Meeting.
- b. Town & Parish Council Liaison Group - The Town Clerk attended the Liaison meeting on Neighbourhood planning and updates on HS2.
- c. National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor Tennant attended a Pit Profiles display at the museum the new chairman David Hinchcliffe opened the event and M.P. Nigel Evans took a vote of thanks. Mr W ????????? is to retire and it was requested that a letter wishing him well in his retirement is sent by the Council

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent.

329/14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

20.01.2014	Normanton Town Council	List of Civic dates and fundraising activities
28.01.2014	Mr I Dransfield	Invitation to Grand Charity Concert at Methodist Church to be held on the 26 th April 2014 at 7.15pm
28.01.2014	Wakefield Council	'Ramp up the Red' for the Mayors Charity
10.02.2014	Dr Jackson's	Concert at Featherstone Working Men's Club, Green Lane tickets £5 to be held on 7 th March 2014

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

330/14 DEFAMATION

It was

RESOLVED:

- a. The matters previously raised by this particular complainant are resolved informally, in accordance with our complaints procedure. Such matters may not be re-opened. If the complainant wishes to raise any new complaint, he should do so directly to the Council in a single document, referring to all matters in relation to which it is said that this Council has acted inappropriately.
- b. If this particular complainant wishes to attend a formal meeting in accordance with our complaints procedure, he should set out his detailed complaint in a single written document, referring to all matters in relation to which it is said that this Council has acted inappropriately.

330/14 NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2014/15

It was

RESOLVED: That Councillor Jan Power be nominated for Mayor and Councillor John Wright be nominated for Deputy Mayor 2014 and the date for Mayor Making is Wednesday 7th May 2014 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm