

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, VICTORIA STREET, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00PM.

Present: Councillor S Haslam, Councillor J Hutsby, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor D Longley, Councillor P McIntosh, Councillor H Symons, Councillor C Tennant and Councillor S Vickers.

In Attendance: Miss L Murphy (Town Council Administrator) and one member of the public.

542/26 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action	Actioned By
Apologies were received from Councillor M Tennant-King and Councillor P Belbin.		

543/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	Action	Actioned By
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. A discussion took place regarding Mental Health support and suicide prevention for men and women. All members agreed that this is a matter that needs to be looked at further. It was agreed: to arrange a working party group to discuss this further.		

544/26 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Action	Actioned By
None we declared.		

545/26 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960	Action	Actioned By
It was: RESOLVED: under the terms of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded from item 20, Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2026/2027 which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.		

546/26 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING	Action	Actioned By
It was RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council MIN 446/26 to 460/26 held on 14th January 2026 and the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council, MIN 501/26 to 507/26 held on 21st January 2026 be received as a true record and the contents contained therein be approved.	To be placed on the Town Council website	LM

547/26 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	Action	Actioned By
Doncaster's Civic Service – 25th January 2026 It was a lovely occasion and a pleasure to join fellow civic dignitaries from across the area in such a beautiful setting. Art and Photography Exhibition		

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A fantastic event showcasing local talent.		
Future Plans		
Saturday 14 th February – Doncaster’s Valentines Ball.		

548/26 LIST OF DIRECT DEBITS AND STANDING ORDERS	Action	Actioned By
Attached to the agenda were a list of current direct debit payments and standing orders which are automatically debited to the bank account. As per Financial Regulation 6.7 these payments are to be approved by Full Council.		
It was: Approved.		

549/26 PENTAGUE AREA	Action	Actioned By
Councillor Vickers requested that this item be placed onto the agenda for discussion.	To place onto a future agenda for further discussion.	
A discussion took place and it was agreed to look into providing a Pentague area at Purston Park.		

550/26 SMASH – SELF MANAGEMENT AGAINST SELF-HARM	Action	Actioned By
Councillor Vickers requested this item to be placed onto the agenda. It was mentioned that this item had been discussed previously and a working group is to be arranged.		

551/26 100th ANNIVERSARY GENERAL STRIKE 4TH – 12TH MAY	Action	Actioned By
Councillor Vickers lead a discussion regarding this agenda item, it was agreed that a Church Service would be arranged as a minimum to commemorate this event but any ideas would be discussed at a later date.	To place onto the next relevant agenda for further discussion.	

552/26 FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	Action	Actioned By
Councillor Haslam requested that this item be placed onto the agenda for discussion. The Town Council Administrator informed members that the Town Council could		
A discussion took place. Councillor Vickers requested that a letter be sent to the RFL offering support.		
Councillor Tennant requested that an invite be sent to the Rovers Fundraising committee inviting them to hold a stall at the Gala to raise funds.		
All agreed.		

553/26 BRADFORD CITY COUNCIL – INFLATABLES	Action	Actioned By
Due to the amount the Town Council are asked to approve the cost for the inflatables for Featherstone Gala.	Book in attractions	LM

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Members noted that this will be for the same inflatables as last year. There has been a 10% increase this year due to staff costs, vehicle hire, testing, servicing and insurance.		
RESOLVED: That members agree to the quote attached at a cost of £5,830 + VAT.		

554/26 FRIENDS OF PURSTON PARK	Action	Actioned By
A discussion took place and Councillor S Vickers informed members that issues regarding access to water had been reported to Wakefield Council and an update was yet to be received.	To place onto the next agenda.	VS
RESOLVED: To place onto the next agenda for discussion.		

555/26 DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE	Action	Actioned By
Councillor D Longley provided members with a brief update, there had been no activations since the last update and two of the defibrillators are due their regular checks which would be carried out in the coming days.		VS

556/26 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS	Action	Actioned By
a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions b) Any other planning matters received after the date of the Agenda – None c) Licensing Matters – Attached to the Agenda		

Application No.	Address	Proposal	Decision
25/02095/FUL	20 Farm Gardens, Streethouse	Removal of conservatory, proposed single storey side/rear extension.	Approved
25/02175/COUR	Monkroyd Farm, Pontefract Road	Change of use of agricultural building to vehicle maintenance, repair and MOT centre	Prior approval required granted
25/02155/FUL	Boardtek Limited, Warren Road	Canaopy over the existing loading bay.	
25/01553/CPE	Caltons Caravan Storage	Certificate of lawfulness to confirm use of site for storage and distribution	Approved
25/02382/FUL	Land off George Street	Demolition of existing gardes and erection of 4 flats (use class C3) car parking and associated works.	
25/02129/FUL	161A – 159A Pontefract Road	Change of use of flats/shop to a single dwelling with dormer to rear and external alterations.	

557/26 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED	Action	Actioned By
30 th January – YLCA – Weekly Bulletin		
29 th January – Mayor of Wakefield – Invite to curry night		

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23 rd January – YLCA – Weekly Bulletin		
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558/26 URGENT MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY NO DECISIONS CAN BE MADE.	Action	Actioned By
The Town Council Administrator notified members of the email received regarding the stolen mayoral chains at Dewsbury. Councillor Vickers thanked Father Joseph for his reading prior to the meeting taking place and requested that the Nolan Principles be displayed in the Graham Isherwood Suite.		

559/26 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA'S TO BE ADVISED TO THE CLERK.	Action	Actioned By
Display Cabinets	To be placed on the Full Council in March	VS

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

560/26 NOMINATION FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2026/2027	Action	Actioned By
Members noted the contents of the letter sent by the Town Clerk. One member had shown interest in the position for Mayor and one member had shown interest in the position for Deputy Mayor. It was: RESOLVED: That Councillor S Haslam is Mayor Elect for 2026/2027 and Councillor H Symons would be Deputy Mayor 2026/2027.	To be placed on May Agenda 2025	VS

Closure: The meeting closed at 8.08pm