

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, VICTORIA STREET, FEATHERSTONE ON THURSDAY
15TH JANUARY 2026 AT 11.30AM.**

Present: Councillor J Hutsby, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor C Tennant and Councillor P Belbin.

In Attendance: Mrs V Symons (Town Clerk), Miss L Murphy (Town Council Administrator).

461/26 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action	Actioned By
Apologies were received from Councillor Isherwood, Vickers, Taylor, McIntosh, Symons, Longley and Haslam.		

462/26 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Action	Actioned By
None we declared.		

463/26 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.		

464/26 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960	Action	Actioned By
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 any part of the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted.		

465/26 MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2025	Action	Actioned By
It was RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 th November 2025 (Minute Numbers 394/25/A to 408/25/A) be received as a true record and the contents contained therein be approved.	To be placed on the Town Council website	LM

466/26 NORTHS FUN FAIR – GALA 2026	Action	Actioned By
Members were made aware that North's Fun fair are happy to go ahead with Featherstone Town Council applying for the license for the Gala day as usual and North's submitting a separate application to Wakefield Council for the additional days on site. Saturday will be covered under the Gala license. Members were asked to agree on a rent charge for North's for the Gala day. A discussion took place and it was agreed to keep the rent charge the same as 2025.	Advise the fairground of the rent fee.	LM

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467/26 CAR SHOW	Action	Actioned By
Members agreed to defer this item as Councillor Symons wasn't available to provide an update.	Place onto the next agenda.	LM
468/26 CHRISTMAS EVENTS REVIEW	Action	Actioned By
Councillor Tennant had received feedback on Santa Day stating that it is a good event and the cost is brilliant. He raised a couple of issues regarding security. A discussion took place and it was agreed to look at limiting the number of security personnel on Santa Day and to also look at the requirements for first aid to be on site.	To look at the number of security personnel hired and also look at first aid requirements.	LM/VS
469/26 CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON DATE	Action	Actioned By
Members noted that the office staff are currently waiting for the dates for Wakefield Council's Meetings. If the date of Wakefield Council's meeting isn't Wednesday 23 rd November then this will be the date of the Light Switch on. Alternatively we may look at Monday 23 rd November. Official date to be confirmed once Wakefield Council meeting dates are published.	To wait for Wakefield Council meeting dates to be published and then start planning the event.	LM/VS
470/26 ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 2026	Action	Actioned By
Councillor Hutsby provided members with an update. Friday 6 th February 2026 from 6pm is the open evening for this event and Saturday 7 th February 2026 is the main event.		
471/26 MULTI-FAITH/MULTI-CULTURAL EVENT	Action	Actioned By
Due to the current budget members were asked to agree that this is deferred for discussion for 2027/2028. It was: Agreed.		
472/26 PANTOMIME 2027	Action	Actioned By
Members were presented with a quote for £1700 + VAT for 2 same day showings of Jack and the Beanstalk. Costings of previous years were presented to members and an alternative costing for a smaller pantomime was provided at a cost of £800 + Vat Per show. A discussion took place regarding the 2026 pantomime and inappropriate jokes made. Members discussed both options and the dates they thought suitable.	To inform the company of the comments made and book for 2027.	LM

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It was: Agreed to book the 2 shows for Saturday 9 th January 2027 and ensure that the pantomime is advertised in advance.		
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473/26 ANY OTHER QUOTES RECEIVED TO BE DISCUSSED AND AGREED	Action	Actioned By
None Received		

474/26 ANY OTHER MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED NO DECISIONS CAN BE MADE	Action	Actioned By
None.		

475/26 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA'S TO BE ADVISED TO THE CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR	Action	Actioned By
None		LM

CLOSURE	Action	Actioned By
The meeting was closed at 11.54AM <u>Dates for your diary 2026</u> Saturday 7th February – Art & Photography Exhibition Saturday 4th July – Gala Saturday 29th August – Seaside in the Park Saturday 26th September – Produce and Craft Show Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Service War Horse Thursday 26th and Friday 27th November – Grotto Build Saturday 5th December – Santa Day Thursday 10th December – Christmas Carol Concert Saturday 12th December – Relaxed Santa Day		