

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, VICTORIA STREET, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2026 AT 7.00PM.

Present: Councillor P Belbin, Councillor S Haslam, Councillor J Hutsby, Councillor K Law, Councillor D Longley, Councillor H Symons, Councillor C Tennant, Councillor M Tennant-King and Councillor S Vickers.

In Attendance: Mrs. V Symons (Town Clerk) and Leanne Murphy (Town Council Administrator)

501/26 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action	Actioned By
The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from: Councillor M Isherwood - Holiday Councillor Taylor- Holiday. Councillor P McIntosh – Illness		

502/26 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, members of the public cannot take part in the main proceedings of the meeting, this is strictly limited to Councillors. *Note: An answer to any questions raised may not necessarily be available at the meeting. Issues may need further investigation or discussion. Such responses will be communicated in writing to the resident at a later date.	No members of the public were present.	

503/26 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Action	Actioned By
To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it. Whether you can remain in the meeting and the extent to which you can participate depends on the type of interest you have.	No declarations were received.	

504/26 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960	Action	Actioned By
It was RESOLVED: That under the terms of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded from agenda item 5 (Community Centre Lease) by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted.		

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505/26 COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE Under The Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, the press and public are to be excluded from this Agenda item and will be asked to leave the meeting. Members were provided with an update on the community centre lease and recent invoices received. The Town Clerk had raised a dispute with Wakefield Council over the invoice. The Town Clerk, Town Council Administrator and Councillor Vickers had attended a meeting with the Property Service Manager. Further updates have been requested by the Clerk but have still not been received. Members requested that any updates are brought to a future meeting for discussion.	Action To be placed on the Town Council website	Actioned By LM
506/26 BUDGET 2026/2027 Following a meeting held with Wakefield Council officers the Town Clerk and Town Council are required to review the proposed budget figures Attached to the agenda were the original proposed figures. Members reviewed the budget figures and made an amendment to the Community Centre budget of an additional £10,000.00. All other budget figures were approved. The budget being set at £224,021.29.	Action	Actioned By
507/26 PRECEPT 2026/2027 Wakefield Council have requested the Town Council's Precept demand by Tuesday 10th February 2026. Members are to decide upon the precept to be levied upon Wakefield Council for financial year 2026/2027. Councillor S Vickers proposed that following the precept working party and previous agenda item that the precept should be set at £215,000.00, showing an annual increase of £3.32 on Band D properties an overall increase of 6.68% It was: RESOLVED: That the precept for the financial year 2026/2027 will be set at £215,000.00.	Action	Actioned By

Closure: 7.40pm

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Held on 14th January 2026

Signed: