

**Policy and Planning Committee Meeting  
5 December 2019**

Present: Councillors Bugge, Dodson, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hardacre, Hirst, Kenyon, Mitchell, Pringle, Wilson and the town clerk.

**8 members of the public were in attendance**

**278 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Holmes and Womersley.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

**279 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr G Eccles declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 11 – Local bus companies.

Cllr J Eccles declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 11 – Local bus companies.

**280 MINUTES**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2019 be approved.

**281 FLOODING AT FITZWILLIAM**

Resolved that:

- The residents concerned be supported by the council.
- Contact be made with the landowner.
- A complaint is sent to the planning enforcement section at Wakefield Council.

**282 HEMSWORTH CEMETERY**

The town clerk reported that a volunteer session had been held on 2 November with another one planned for 7 December and that in between time the council's grounds maintenance team had conducted other work at the cemetery to improve its appearance.

Resolved that the report of the town clerk be noted and approved.

**283 LAKESIDE CAFÉ BAR**

Resolved to confirm that the café bar open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and later on Friday to Sunday at the manager's discretion.

**284 PLANT MACHINERY**

Resolved to procure plant machinery to assist the grounds maintenance section with allotments clearance and other maintenance matters.

**285 PERGOLA AT HEMSWORTH WATER PARK**

Resolved in principle to extend the pergola at the water park, pending possible inclusion in the budget for 2020-21.

**286 PLANS FOR PROPOSED WORKS AT SANDYGATE AND CEMETERY ROAD FOOTBALL FACILITIES**

Resolved to approve the plans in principle, pending possible inclusion in the budget for 2020-21.

**287 COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Resolved that the request for free use of a room by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service be approved and that they be asked to assist with council events.

**288 LOCAL BUS COMPANIES**

*Having each declared a non-pecuniary interest, Cllrs G Eccles and J Eccles chose to take no part in the discussion or vote on this matter and Cllr Bugge as vice-chair assumed the chair.*

Resolved that contact be made with Arriva, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the local MP regarding the matter of the recently discontinued 223 service.

*Cllr J Eccles resumed the chair at this juncture.*

**289 HEMSWORTH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2020**

The town clerk reported that he had attended a Safety Advisory Group meeting at Wakefield Council to provide details/plans of the festival. The town clerk also reported that the festival plans had been generally well received.

Resolved that the report of the town clerk be noted and approved.

**290 YOUTH CLUB**

Resolved that:

- The youth club be held in the activity room at Hemsworth Community Centre.
- A pool table and a table tennis table be procured.
- A trial period of three months be held in the New Year with a review to be held as part of the budget setting process for 2020-21.

**291 VOTING IN COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The town clerk confirmed and clarified the voting procedure.

Resolved that the report of the town clerk be noted and approved.

**292 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

**293 KIRKBY ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX**

The town clerk provided an update on the sports complex.

Resolved that the report of the town clerk be noted and approved.

**294 LAKESIDE CAFÉ BAR - SECURITY**

Resolved that the new internal arrangements be approved.

**295 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK – ICE CREAM CONCESSION**

Resolved that the highest tender received be approved, pending clarification of the two issues raised.

**296 MEMBER CONDUCT**

Resolved that:

- The code of conduct matter be referred to the monitoring officer at Wakefield Council.
- The patron concerned be barred from the Lakeside Café Bar for three months.

**297 SUPPLIERS' CONTRACTS**

Resolved that the town clerk be authorized to source alternative provision to Chubb.

**298 STAFFING MATTERS**

Resolved that the new seasonal contracts be approved.

The meeting closed at 21:15.