

Town Council Meeting
7 April 2022

Present: Councillors Dodson, G Eccles, J Eccles, Foletti, Hird, Hirst, Kenyon, Middleton, Mitchell, Moran, A Westmorland, G Westmorland and the town clerk.

Fifteen members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

452 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Pringle and Wilson.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

453 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests.

454 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions/issues were raised.

455 RECORDED VOTES

Cllr Middleton requested recorded votes on agenda items 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20 and 21.

456 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolved that the respective minutes of the council meetings held on 3 and 28 February 2022 be approved.

457 COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved that the minutes of the following meetings and their respective sub-committees be adopted:

Committee	Date
Leisure and Recreation	3 March 2022
Finance	10 March 2022
Policy and Planning	10 March 2022

458 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that the payment of accounts as approved at the Finance Committee meeting held on 10 March 2022 be approved.

459 CORRESPONDENCE

The town clerk reported on correspondence from a parishioner enquiring if the council will conduct business sufficient to keep the council "ticking over".

Resolved that the council's expenditure will accord with budgetary requirements.

460 UKRAINE

Resolved that:

- The Ukrainian flag to continue to fly at the community centre.
- A donation of £1,000 be made to the British Red Cross' Ukraine appeal.
- British Red Cross Ukraine appeal collection tins be obtained and placed in council properties.

461 ANNUAL MEETINGS

Resolved that the annual council meeting and the annual town meeting be held respectively on 12 and 19 May 2022.

462 LOCATION OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved that:

- Council meetings be held in the main hall.
- Committee meetings be held in the council chamber.

463 PLATINUM JUBILEE

a) Celebration

Resolved that a celebration be held in Hemsworth Water Park on 3 June 2022 and that it be in the same format (as far as possible) as the seaside event (unanimous).

b) Funfair

Resolved that the funfair be allowed but only with one food unit (unanimous).

464 FILM NIGHTS

Resolved that a film night be held in Hemsworth Community Centre (unanimous).

465 FREE LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE

Resolved that having conducted a review, the free legal advice service for parishioners will remain with another review to be conducted in due course (unanimous).

466 COUNCIL TAX MITIGATION GRANT

Resolved that Wakefield Council be asked to refund several years' worth of council tax mitigation grant.

467 LAKESIDE CAFÉ BAR

a) Lift

Resolved that this matter be deferred (unanimous).

b) Heating system

Resolved that a new heating system be approved and that the town clerk be authorized to appoint a suitably qualified contractor to handle the tender process (unanimous).

468 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Resolved that Cllr Folletti be appointed to all standing committees.

469 REVIEW OF DATA PROTECTION AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICIES

Resolved that having been reviewed and amended where necessary, the council's suite of data protection and freedom of information policies be approved.

470 MEAL DELIVERY SERVICE

Resolved that:

- For the time being the last meal delivery service will be on 10 April 2022 (unanimous).
- The meal delivery service be put on hold, pending either volunteers or possibly a remunerated role.
- A £20 gift voucher be given to the chairman's grandson for his help with the meal delivery service.

471 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Resolved that:

- The recruitment for a deputy town clerk commence forthwith (unanimous).
- The recruitment panel being Cllrs Folletti, Hardacre, Hirst and A Westmorland with assistance from the town clerk (unanimous).

472 FORENSIC AUDIT

Resolved that:

- A forensic audit be approved (unanimous).
- The town clerk be authorized to appoint a suitably qualified person to conduct the audit (unanimous).
- Any issues that members wish the auditor to investigate should be sent to the town clerk (unanimous).

473 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

The town clerk reported on the (anonymized) freedom of information requests received.

Resolved that the town clerk be authorized to respond accordingly to the freedom of information requests.

474 SUBJECT ACCESS REQUEST

The town clerk reported on an (anonymized) subject access request received.

Resolved that the town clerk be authorized to respond accordingly to the subject access request.

The meeting closed at 20:45.