

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 19 MAY 2022
MINUTES

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

Thirty members of the public were in attendance.

001 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 26/5/21

The minutes of the annual town meeting held on 26/5/21 were approved.

002 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr J Eccles provided her report on the council's services in the past year.

003 MATTERS RAISED FROM THE FLOOR

The following matters were raised:

A parishioner commented that councillors should not discuss or disclose confidential matters in public.

The town clerk reaffirmed this.

A parishioner asked if there had been any progress on the delivery of Sunday dinners?

The town clerk replied that there had thus far been no volunteers.

A parishioner commented that fully accessible play equipment is needed in Playworld in Hemsworth Water Park.

The town clerk replied that WMDC is looking to fund this.

A parishioner commented that there has been cronyism in the council for the past three years.

The chairman replied that any allegations should be reported to the police.

Cllr G Eccles commented that the Lakeside café bar needs a lift.

A parishioner commented that the lift is not as high a priority as the accessible play equipment in Playworld.

A parishioner commented that the car park at Hemsworth Water Park needs investment.

Cllr Kenyon replied that the land belongs to WMDC.

The chairman said that WMDC will be contacted about the car park.

A parishioner asked if the council would consider buying some desk microphones as it was difficult to hear everything the councillors say during meetings.

The town clerk replied that some will be procured.

A parishioner asked the chairman what her priorities are?

The chairman replied that her priority is to help local groups as they face a tough time ahead.

A parishioner said that WMDC Cllr Jones had been subjected to abuse whilst attending council meetings.

The chairman replied that abuse will not be tolerated and that everyone should be respected.

Cllr Moran said that respect must work both ways.

A parishioner asked if the police can attend council meetings?

The town clerk confirmed that the police have been invited.

A parishioner reminded everyone of the police PACT meetings.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.