



**MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
HELD AT 7PM ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2018 IN  
THE TOWN HALL, MARKET PLACE, WETHERBY**

**Present: Town Councillors** Cllr N Harrington  
Cllr N Kanabar  
Cllr K Knight  
Cllr D Frame  
Cllr R V Hawkins  
Cllr G Moss (Mayor of Wetherby)  
Cllr G Wilkinson  
Cllr D Payne

**Iona Taylor (Town Clerk)**

**12 members of the public.**

*Councillor Galan Moss, Mayor of Wetherby, welcomed all those present to the meeting.  
Councillor Moss reminded everyone that this is the annual meeting of the electors of Wetherby and not a  
meeting of the Town Council.*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Town Councillor Cindy Bentley and from Roger Taylor (Chairman of Wetherby Civic Society).

**2. Minutes of the last meeting.**

After being proposed by Councillor Norma Harrington and seconded by Councillor Kazia Knight, it was agreed that the minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting, held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017, be approved as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes - none.**

**4. Mayor's Charity 2017/18 – Leonard Cheshire Disability**

**a) The Work of Leonard Cheshire Disability at Wharfedale House in Wetherby.**

Councillor Norma Harrington explained that she had chosen Leonard Cheshire Disability as the Mayor's Charity for 2017/18 and had enjoyed getting to know the residents better over the past year. Lucy Etom-Ejon, Deputy Manager, explained that Wharfedale House provides a home for young, physically disabled people in Wetherby and introduced three of the current residents.

**b) Presentation of cheque.**

A cheque for £783.94 was presented to Leonard Cheshire from Wetherby Town Council. This sum represents the total raised during the 2017/18 Civic Year through Mayoral talks, the Civic Service collection and The Mayor's Tea Party event.

**5. Wetherby Town Council's Annual Report 2018**

Councillor Moss reviewed the work of the Town Council over the past year. Highlights included:

- Improvements to the Town Council's governance procedures and policies.
- Ongoing management of its property portfolio.
- Progression of the playground improvement project, with inclusion of the final designs for each site in the report.
- The Council's involvement in local planning and development issues which have proved to be a hot topic in the past year.

- The Council's varied links with other local organisations.
- The work undertaken by Welcome to Wetherby in helping to promote the town.
- The Jubilee Award which was presented to James Eaton, a former Wetherby High student, in December 2017.
- The Mayor's fundraising activities during the 2017/18 Civic Year.
- The launch of the Wetherby Shop Appy scheme.

A copy of the Council's Annual Report was made available to those attending this meeting and is also available from the Town Hall or online at [www.wetherby.co.uk](http://www.wetherby.co.uk)

**6. Questions or comments from electors of Wetherby.**

**a) Traffic calming on Spofforth Hill.**

Ward Councillor Gerald Wilkinson advised that 2 speed indicator devices are to be installed on Spofforth Hill. These are in addition to a pelican crossing near Chatsworth Drive and a zebra crossing near the bottom of Spofforth Hill at the junction of Westgate.

A site meeting is to be held with Leeds City Council's Traffic Engineer to look at appropriate measures for the junction with Glebe Field Drive.

**b) Proposed Development off Racecourse Approach.**

It was noted that the proposed development of 800 houses on land off Racecourse Approach is within the Wetherby town boundary.

**c) Traffic on Deighton Road.**

Concerns about use of the mini-roundabout near Aldi were noted. A local resident explained that there is significant congestion at this junction, especially in the early morning, and that noise from lorries causes a disturbance.

The congestion also impacts on the junction of North Grove Approach and Deighton Road. It was agreed that this matter be considered at the next Town Council meeting.

**d) Hedge Cutting – Deighton Road**

It was noted that it is the responsibility of private landowners to maintain their hedges which overhang public highways.

Ward Councillor Gerald Wilkinson agreed to look in to having this enforced by Leeds City Council.

**e) Public Meeting – Wetherby Civic Society.**

It was noted that Wetherby Civic Society, in conjunction with the CPRE, had held a public meeting to consider issues in relation to the significant proposals for development in and around Wetherby on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

The meeting had been very well attended, with many people having to be turned away due to insufficient capacity in the venue.

An elector questioned why this meeting had not been convened by the Town Council and whether the Council would consider holding another meeting in a venue capable of accommodating all those wishing to attend.

It was agreed that this would be included on the agenda of the next Town Council meeting.

**7. Any other business – none.**

The meeting closed at 7.37pm.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Iona Taylor, Town Clerk.

**SIGNED:** ..... (Chair)

**DATE:** .....