



WETHERBY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD AT 6PM ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024 IN WETHERBY TOWN HALL, MARKET PLACE, WETHERBY

Date: Monday 8th April 2024
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Wetherby Town Hall, Market Place, Wetherby, LS22 6NE

Present: Councillor Payne, Mayor of Wetherby
12 Councillors of Wetherby Town Council
4 members of the public.

In attendance: Iona Taylor, Clerk
Rowann Fitzpatrick, Assistant Clerk
Helena Briden, Communications and Events Officer
Alison Waterfield, Administrator

MINUTES

- Opening remarks from the Mayor of Wetherby.**
Councillor Payne, Mayor of Wetherby, welcomed attendees to the meeting of the electors and formally opened the newly refurbished foyer of the Town Hall.
- Apologies.**
Local Government Act 1972, s 85 (3)
Apologies were received from Town Councillor Lavocah and belated apologies were received from Town Councillor Buckle post-meeting.
Apologies were also received from two members of the public.
- Minutes of the last meeting.**
Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, para. 41(1)
The minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on *Tuesday 16th May 2023*, were approved as a true record.
- Matters arising** – None.

5. Questions or comments from the electors of Wetherby.

Public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s 1 (3)

The Clerk reminded attendees that the Annual Town Meeting is a meeting of the electors, not a Council meeting. As such, decisions cannot be made, however discussions and questions can be held and answered.

A number of questions and comments from attendees were raised throughout the meeting. These included but are not limited to:

• **Portrait of Quintin Rhodes.**

A question was raised as to the expected timeline to move the portrait of Quintin Rhodes from the Deighton room to the corridor outside of the Micklethwaite room. It was **NOTED** that due to the size and weight of the portrait, installing it required multiple members of facilities staff and as such an exact date for installation could not be confirmed but it was hoped that the move can be made in the next three weeks.

• **Wooden posts in Millenium Field.**

Concerns were made as to what is being done with the wooden posts resulting from the tree planting in Millenium Field in 2023. Attendees were reminded that the planting scheme and the resulting posts were arranged by Leeds City Council and will remain in the ground until after a consultation has been completed. Details of this have not yet been disseminated by Leeds City Council.

• **Wetherby Bath House.**

An enquiry was made regarding the provision of the Wetherby Bath house works. It was **NOTED** that, as per the action plan in the strategy document, further works on the Bath House are not a priority at this time however it was advised that feedback from the attendee be raised at the next Property Committee.

6. Wetherby Town Council – 2023-28 Strategy.

Wetherby Town Council’s recently adopted 2023-28 strategy document was presented. It was **NOTED** that copies of the strategy document are available at Wetherby Library, Wetherby Town Hall, or can be downloaded from Wetherby Town Council’s website at: [WTC 2023-28 Strategic Plan FINAL VERSION.pdf \(wetherby.co.uk\)](https://www.wetherby.co.uk/WTC_2023-28_Strategic_Plan_FINAL_VERSION.pdf)

The meeting closed at 6:13pm.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Rowann Fitzpatrick, Assistant Clerk.

SIGNED: (Chair)

DATE: