

**Town Council – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**In attendance:-**

**Mrs P Evans** – Town Mayor

**JA Taylor** - Deputy Town Mayor and Vice Chair of Recreation Committee

**TJ Allsopp RRC BSc**

**Mrs M Burkinshaw** – Chair of Local Agenda 21 Committee

**Mrs J Cole** - Chair of Recreation Committee

**MJW Cole** – Vice Chair of Environment and Planning Committee

**ST Hardcastle**

**L Harrison** – Leader of the Council and Chair of Finance and Resources Committee

**RS Henfrey** – Vice Chair of Environment and Planning Committee (*apologies for non-attendance*)

**HJW Mills**

**DE Mothershaw**

**A Redfern**

**E Tunstall**

**Mrs M Wright** - Deputy Leader of the Council and Vice Chair of Finance and Resources Committee

**130 Apologies for Absence**

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported that Councillor RS Henfrey was currently unable to attend meetings due to illness.

**Resolved** that Councillor Henfrey's apologies for absence be received and that his absence from meetings due to illness be approved under the provisions of Section 85(1), Local Government Act 1972 .

**131 Town Council Minutes**

**Resolved** that minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 as detailed in Minute Book No 5(2011/2012) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor

**132 Code of Conduct – Members' Interests**

*The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported that no member present has informed him of any interests to declare under the Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils 2007*

**133 Public Forum**

*No members of the public were present for this item.*

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**134 Casual Vacancy – South Kirkby Ward**

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported that in accordance with the provisions of Section 85(1), Local Government Act 1972, the Town Council was required to declare a casual vacancy due to the failure of Councillor Miss Diane Johnson to attend a meeting during a consecutive period of six months.

**Resolved**

- 1 That the report of the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be received
- 2 That in accordance with the provisions of s85(1), Local Government Act 1972 a vacancy in the South Kirkby Ward be declared and that the Acting Electoral Services Manager, City of Wakefield MDC be informed accordingly
- 3 That the advice and direction of the Acting Electoral Services Manager, be awaited,
- 4 That appreciation is recorded to Miss Diane Johnson for her services given to the local community during her term of office as Town Councillor.

**135 Town Mayor's Communications under Standing Order 13(e)**

In accordance with Standing Order 13(e) the Town Mayor layed before the meeting the following matter/correspondence:-

~~Application for Financial Assistance – South Kirkby Colliery Cricket Club –~~ having regard to the existing policy it was resolved that a grant of £800 be approved.

**Madison's Dream – Provision of a Sensory Unit** – the Town Mayor reported Laura Kendall and Jason Murray, the parents of Madison who was born with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) was campaigning to open a sensory unit in South Kirkby. The report of the Town Mayor was received and it was resolved that the Town Council agree in principal to support Laura and Jason's campaign and so make "Madison's Dream" a reality.

**136 Members' Questions under Standing Order 13(f)**

*There were no questions raised in accordance with Standing Order 13(f).*

**137 Committee Meetings**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the under-mentioned Committee Meetings as detailed in Minute Book No 4(2010/2011) be received and adopted:-

<b>Recreation</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> January 2012</b>
<b>Environment &amp; Planning</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> January 2012</b>
<b>Finance and Resources</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> February 2012</b>

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**138 Precept 2012/2013**

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer reported on

1. the requirement to determine the precept for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013, and
2. the recommendation of the Finance and Resources Committee detailed in Minute 125(1<sup>st</sup> February 2012)

**Resolved**

1. that the report of the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be received
2. that having regard to the recommendations of the Finance and Resources Committee detailed in Minute 125(1<sup>st</sup> February 2012) a Precept in the sum of £671860 be levied for the year ended 31 March 2013
3. that the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be authorised to issue the appropriate requisition on the City of Wakefield MDC requesting that the precept be paid in two equal instalments on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012