



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As the Chairman of Hemsworth Town Council, I am pleased to be able support the community in which I live. Town Councillors and staff at Hemsworth Town Council continue to work hard to provide services and events for the residents of Hemsworth, Fitzwilliam and Kinsley. The Corporate Mission Statement of the Town Council is to help promote a vibrant and safe community in which the people of Hemsworth, Fitzwilliam and Kinsley are proud to live and work and to maintain the highest possible standards in those services for which we are directly responsible. As a Council we will always do our utmost to reflect the views of the people we represent with the policies that the Council develops, our core values of public accountability and partnership working.

The Council's aims and values remain that we will provide the highest standards of open and publicly accountable local government for residents, we will act in an effective manner and ensure that our objectives are met, as an organisation we will constantly seek to improve our services, set out performance measures and targets to help the public judge how successful the Council is in delivering and improving services and ensure partnership of members, staff and the community – this will be an ongoing development of a culture which focuses on citizens, quality, partnership and value for money.

The Town Council have approved this year's budgets and a Strategic Plan for 2016 - 2019. The key principles in preparing the Revenue Budget were:

- To protect all services and avoid job losses
- To continue to improve accessibility to service provision
- To start the improvements needed at the Fitzwilliam Old Folks Centre
- To start the improvement programme of works at the Cemetery Road Football Facility
- To pay the "living wage" as a minimum to our staff
- To maintain Council balances at prudent levels

As a Council we have also had to take into account factors beyond our control such as increases due to inflation, national pay negotiations and employer's pension contributions. The budgets set this year see the Town Council moving forward with two large projects, the renovation programme for the Fitzwilliam Centre and fencing the site at Cemetery Road Football Facility. Also there will be no price increases for any of the services the Town Council provides for our community and as usual I ask that any of our residents who have not yet applied for their permits for free parking/Playworld entry for use at the Water Park, please do so. Improvements usually come at a cost but I am able to announce that due in part to our ongoing review of staffing, working practices and service provision we will be able to meet our objectives and the benefits that they will bring with a minimal rise in precept. Following approval at the Town Council meeting held on 9th February 2016, the precept for 2016/17 will be £670,000 which equates to 0.75% increase on Council Tax Bands giving an increase for a Band A property of £0.91p per year.

I thank you for the support we receive from you as a Council and I can assure you that this Town Council will continue to support and defend our community whenever or wherever it is required.

Finally I was pleased to present a Certificate of Achievement award to Rachel Middleton (Deputy Town Clerk) who has been with the Town Council for 25 years. In recognition of Rachel's dedication then a monetary award of £100 along with a certificate was presented to Rachel on 15 February 2016.

Councillor Tony Upson
Chairman of Hemsworth Town Council



Rachel Middleton receiving her award from the Chairman for 25 years of dedicated services to the Town Council.

SERVICES

Hemsworth Water Park & Playworld

Hemsworth Water Park continues to prove to be a popular place for families to visit and enjoy a great day out. The extended opening times which commenced in 2015 will continue this year. Our opening times are 09:15am to 6pm for the Beach Shop which provides a place to purchase light refreshments, ice cream and small toys, Playworld open from 9:30am to 6pm and Marine Craft 11am to 6pm all from Easter to September subject to weather. Prices for our services have not been increased this year.

Residents of Hemsworth, Fitzwilliam and Kinsley are reminded that for a charge of £2.00 per household a permit for free entry into Playworld, free car parking and reduced price fishing can be obtained from Hemsworth Community Centre. Please note that these permits are not annual and can be used year after year.



Lakeside Cafe and Soft Play Area



Lakeside Cafe provides freshly cooked food from a light snack to a full meal. The Council is proud to have retained our five star hygiene rating. The views from the cafe over the lake provide an attractive place to sit viewing the lake and park whilst the young children play for £1.00 in the soft play area.

The cafe and soft play area are open from 11am to 5pm seven days a week from Easter to the end of September during School Holidays and weekends and from 11am to 3pm in school term time and from 01 October to Easter.

Community Centre

The Community Centre continues to attract a variety of bookings and is now well utilised.

The Centre is home to exercise classes, slimming clubs, luncheon club, mums and toddlers, Fit Kidz, Bingo, Yoga, and Children's Dance classes

There are regular events held at the Centre including craft fairs, Christmas fairs, brass band concerts, a Christmas concert along with other events.

The Centre can cater for family functions, conferences or meetings. The Activity Room is ideal for children's parties and is able to accommodate the Council's bouncy castle, whilst our main function room is carpeted and is perfect for weddings and christenings.



Sandygate Football Facility

Sandygate Football Facility is open every day Monday to Friday 1pm to 9:30pm, Weekends and Bank Holidays 9.00am to 7pm.

This football facility is used regularly by local teams and continues to prove a popular place to either practise or play football.

These regular bookings along with the Pay to Play sessions make the facility a popular place to enjoy football.

Following a successful bid to the Lottery, a Street Snooker facility which is a new kick-wall game combining features of snooker and football is available at this venue.



Look out for new and exciting events taking place over the coming year at Sandygate Football Facility. These include regular bookings on the 3G pitch to encourage football for all ages.

Allotments

The Town Council has continued to provide a full allotment services for our residents and has taking the decision this year to re-open the letting of some of the Council's allotments for use as paddocks. The provision of portable toilets on the allotment sites will continue along with the skip provision, pest control service, regular meetings with the allotment site representatives and allotment lettings. The Council's aim is to provide allotments that are safe for families to use and enjoy as well as providing a healthy outdoor hobby.

Changing Rooms, Cemetery Lane

Hemsworth Town Council has continued to support the football team playing on the Cemetery Road football field and has signed an agreement with Wakefield Council to lease the fields and run them alongside the Sandygate Football Facility and the Changing Rooms that are already provided on the site. The Town Council does intend to carry out improvements on this site in order to further improve the fields for users.

Garden Scheme

The Council continues to offer residents of Hemsworth, Fitzwilliam and Kinsley who are sixty five years old or over and have an infirmity, the opportunity to have assistance in maintaining their garden. For £5.00 per visit, the Council is able to offer qualifying residents two visits per year. Residents can register and pay for this service at Hemsworth Community Centre. Assistance with home gardening is to include grass cutting at the back, front and side of the property and hedge cutting (subject to height restrictions). Please also note that grass cuttings can only be cleared from the front garden and it will be necessary for the Council staff to utilise your brown garden waste bin for disposal of the garden waste.

Hemsworth Market

The Council is in the process of moving Hemsworth Market to the precinct area to the side of Home Bargains. It is hoped that this will launch on Saturday 26 March 2016 with a special market running from 08am to 3pm with the official launch and the cutting of the ribbon at 10am. We hope to provide the following attractions at this event; a Brass Band, Road show, Balloon making & face painting with at least fifteen outside stalls and hopefully some stalls inside 1 Bank Street.

Following the launch it is hoped that the market will run on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturday each week. Why not come along and see for yourself what the stall holders have available.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Bonfire & Fireworks Display

The Bonfire and Fireworks display is a well attended event. The fireworks display takes place at one side of the lake and the public are able to watch the fireworks reflecting in the water as the display takes place. This is a popular event and the Town Council will continue to provide the annual bonfire and fireworks display on the 05 November each year. Residents are reminded that no charge is made to attend this event and that free car parking is available. In addition there is always a Guy competition with a prize for each entry.

Brass Band Concert

The Council's two brass band concerts held on the last Thursday in April and the first Thursday in October each year continue to receive support by local residents. The Council tries to provide a different band each year for variety. Entrance to the concert is free of charge, with free refreshments and raffle provided. Residents can also take advantage of the free bus service which runs from Fitzwilliam and Kinsley to the Centre and from various pick up points in Hemsworth to the Centre. The first of these concerts is to take place on Thursday 28 April 2016 with the second following on 06 October 2016, both concerts will commence at 8pm.

Christmas Lights Switch On

The Town Council organise the annual Christmas Lights Switch On held on the last Thursday of November each year. This year's event will take place on the 24 November. A Christmas themed market will be in the precinct all day, schools and local churches sing throughout the day at the market to entertain members of the public. A road show, small fun fair, donkeys and a countdown to the lights switch on at 6.00pm all form part of the events taking place throughout the day. Following this there will be a brass band Carol concert in the Community Centre from 7pm.

Seaside Event

This year the event is to take place on Monday 25 July 2016. There are to be the usual attractions of face painting, free entry into Playworld, bouncy castle and roaming entertainers. The Lakeside cafe will serve a seaside themed menu for the day.

Other Services

In addition to the above the Council also organise the following events: At February half term and Easter we look to organise children's activities at the Community Centre, Lakeside Cafe or Sandygate Football Facilities. In March we hold our Spring Craft Fair at the Community Centre, Fit Kidz parties, craft workshops and pantomimes and this year we have held a Fly a Flag Day for the Commonwealth on 14 March 2016.

The Town Council will hoist the Armed Forces day Flag on Monday 20 June 2016 which will be flown all week leading up to Armed Forces Day on 25 June 2016. Our summer Craft Fair will take place on 16th July 2016 with our Seaside Event taking place on 25 July 2016. This year in order to support local groups the Council is to hold a Coffee Morning with proceeds going to the Salvation Army. We hope to organise holiday activities at Hemsworth Water Park and the Sandygate Football Facility during August this year. November it's the Christmas Craft Fair along with the Christmas Lights Switch-on event and in December we hope to arrange our two pantomimes one in Hemsworth and one in Fitzwilliam. For further details on all these events look out for our leaflets or contact the staff at the Hemsworth Community Centre.

The Council also provide Celebratory Presentations for residents who are celebrating their eightieth, ninetieth, ninety-plus birthday or Golden or Diamond Wedding anniversaries. At Christmas the Council deliver selection boxes to junior and infants schools in Hemsworth, Fitzwilliam and Kinsley and to playgroups within our township to be distributed to children up to the age of seven.

WORKING WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Town Council continues to work with a number of groups. These include:

- Assisting the Royal British Legion in both Hemsworth and Kinsley with a grant application for the Remembrance Day celebrations.
- Hemsworth Arts and Community Academy year 10 and 11 pupils will once again be offered work experience at Hemsworth Water Park.
- Fitzwilliam and Kinsley Learning and Community Centre with the Community Bus grant
- Westfield Centre Food Bank
- Fitzwilliam Residents re; Planning application for travelling Show Peoples site
- Provision of grit bin – Craven Road Residents
- Laila Foundation – Free use of Activity Room for children’s craft sessions (1 day a week for 6 weeks)
- Yorkshire Ambulance Service – free use of room
- Neighbourhood Co-ordination and Engagement Officer - WMDC

GRANTS

The Council allocates an amount of money to make donations to local organisations under the Power of Competence. Over the past year grants have been given to:

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Remembrance Day Refreshments and Band

Hemsworth Terriers under 15s

Boar Cottage

Kinsley Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Parade

Hemsworth United Football Club

Kinsley and Fitzwilliam Learning & Community Centre (Hairdressing project)

Community Bus **

Local organisations who would like to apply for a grant should request a Revenue Grant Application pack from the Hemsworth Community Centre. Please note that legislation prevents grants being given to individuals.

N.B. ** For information on hiring the Community Bus please ring 01977 610931

BUDGET SUMMARY

COST CENTRE	BUDGET 2016/17
	£
Allotments	22,055
Bonfire	14,060
Changing Rooms (Cemetery Rd)	37,575
Civic & General	86,144
Administration (CM)	70,474
Garden Scheme	9,510
Garages	-150
Service Provision	Allocated
Loans & Financing	19,721
Offices	24,380
Grants	11,800
Fitzwilliam Centre	44,775
Water Park	156,615
Lakeside Café	95,022
Capital Projects	To be agreed
Hemsworth Market	11,010
Community Centre	99,450
Sandygate Football Facilities	43,145
SUB TOTAL	745,586
Use of Balances	75,586
Use of Capital Receipts	Nil
PRECEPT	670,000

Projects - 2016/17

Provision has been made in the budgets for the following;

- a. Palisade Fencing – Cemetery Road Changing rooms (part of the replacement sports facilities project)
- b. Refurbishment – Stage 2 Condition report – Fitzwilliam Centre
- c. Bank Street – building repairs
- d. New information signs for Hemsworth Water Park
- e. Replacement indoor seating (Lakeside Café)
- f. Replacement tables/chairs – Community Centre
- g. Item of play equipment (Playworld)

ELECTED MEMBERS

NAME	(PARTY)	POSITION	TEL. NO.	WARD
Cllr Tony Upson	(Labour)	Chair of Council	01977 610732	Hemsworth South
Cllr Alan Draper	(Labour)	Vice Chair of Council	07474 328310	Fitzwilliam
Cllr Darren Campbell	(Labour)	Chair of Policy	07716 837977	Hemsworth West
Cllr J Briggs	(Labour)	Chair of Finance	07747 073967	Hemsworth West
Cllr Melanie Jones	(Labour)	Chair of Leisure Vice Chair of Finance	07921 102324	Kinsley
Cllr Doreen Swift	(Labour)	Chair of Recreation Vice Chair of Policy	01977 614841	Kinsley
Cllr Colin Nicholson	(Labour)	Vice Chair of Recreation	01977 614115	Fitzwilliam
Cllr Ann Westmorland	(Labour)	Vice Chair Leisure	01977 613141	Fitzwilliam
Cllr Harry Beck	(Labour)		01977 610618	Hemsworth South
Cllr Dave Edwards	(Labour)		01977 616083	Kinsley
Cllr Robert McIntyre	(Labour)		01977 619043	Hemsworth East
Cllr Win Mellows	(Labour)		01977 612939	Hemsworth West
Cllr Jonathan Morris	(Labour)		07515 571759	Hemsworth East
Cllr Raymond Riley	(Labour)		01977 616743	Hemsworth East
Cllr Frank Wootton	(Labour)		07771 537945	Hemsworth South



COMMITTEE TIMETABLE – 2016/17

LEISURE COMMITTEE

07 June 2016
19 July 2016
06 September 2016
18 October 2016
10 January 2017
21 February 2017
04 April 2017

RECREATION COMMITTEE

14 June 2016
26 July 2016
13 September 2016
25 October 2016
17 January 2017
28 February 2017
11 April 2017

FINANCE COMMITTEE

21 June 2016
02 August 2016
20 September 2016
08 November 2016
24 January 2017
07 March 2017
18 April 2017

POLICY COMMITTEE

28 June 2016
09 August 2016
27 September 2016
15 November 2016
31 January 2017
14 March 2017
09 May 2017

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

12 July 2016
16 August 2016
04 October 2016
29 November 2016
14 February 2017
28 March 2017

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Thursday 26 May 2016

ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL

17 May 2016

All Hemsworth Town Council meetings are held at the Community Centre, Bullenshaw Road, Hemsworth.

Meetings commence at 7.00 pm, all meetings are open to the general public.

Please note this timetable is subject to verification at the next Annual Town Council meeting in 17 May 2016 and may be subject to change.

TOWN MEETING 2016

The meeting will take place on Thursday 26 May 2016 at 7:00pm at the Kinsley & Fitzwilliam Learning and Community Centre. All residents are welcome to attend and ask Town Councillors questions.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR HEMSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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