
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As Trustees of the Fitzwilliam Old People's Centre, Hemsworth Town Council has undertaken internal renovations to the building, to provide a modern, light and pleasant centre for local people to utilise, at very affordable prices, for all types of occasions. The outside of the Centre will be the subject of the next stage of improvements this coming year. These improvements will ensure our residents can continue to use the Centre at Fitzwilliam for many years to come.

Investment has also continued at Kinsley in the Waterpark, Playworld and the Lakeside café, so that our township has a recreational area that is fit for purpose for us to enjoy on our doorstep.

At Hemsworth, an extension is planned for the changing rooms on the Cemetery Road Football complex to help meet the needs of all those who now use the existing and two additional fields.

Hemsworth Town Council will continue to review staffing, financial controls and management of budgets that provide all our services to maintain their efficiency.

Please ensure, as a resident, that you get the benefits from our parking permits, free entry to Playworld for your children, fishing permits, football pitch hire, Garden scheme, room hire costs, Christmas Pantomimes, free Band concerts and for more information on these and other events detailed below, please contact the Town Council at Hemsworth Community Centre in person or telephone 01977 617617.

Finally, I would like to offer my thanks to my fellow Councillors, the Town Clerk and all Town Council staff for their support over the years and as always to yourselves for making all of this possible and worthwhile.

Councillor Tony Upson
Chairman of Hemsworth Town Council

FITZWILLIAM OLD PEOPLE'S CENTRE

Hemsworth Town Council is extremely proud to be the Trustees of the Fitzwilliam Old People's Centre. This has meant that the Council has been able to carry out much needed internal and external improvements to a building that was paid for by local miners many years ago.

The improvements included a new roof, re-wiring, new toilets – including the provision of a disabled access toilet and baby changing facilities, new internal doors and redecoration. The Centre was officially jointly reopened by Councillor Tony Upson, Mrs. Tina Pattison and Mrs Alice Heppinstall, on Thursday 07 December 2017. Representatives from CISWO and the NUM were also present.

To book the Fitzwilliam Old People's Centre please contact the administration staff at the Community Centre in Hemsworth using the details provided.



SERVICES

Hemsworth Water Park & Playworld

Hemsworth Water Park remains a very popular place for families to visit and enjoy a seaside themed great day out. Facilities at the Water Park will open as follows 09:15am to 6pm for the Beach Shop which provides a place to purchase light refreshments, ice cream (to drink outside enjoying the views of the park) and small toys, Playworld will be open from 9:30am to 6pm and the water Craft from 11am to 6pm, all from Easter to September, subject to weather. In order to provide value for money prices for our services once again will remain the same with no increase.

Residents of Hemsworth, Fitzwilliam and Kinsley can obtain free of charge passes for their children to access Playworld free of charge and for a charge of £2.00 per household a permit for free car parking and reduced price fishing. These passes can be obtained from Hemsworth Community Centre.



Lakeside Cafe and Soft Play Area



Lakeside Café has once again retained a five star hygiene rating. The café provides a pleasant place to sit and enjoy freshly cooked food, from light snacks, to a full meal, or just enjoy a coffee with a slice of homemade cake.

The views from the large outside seating area and cafe windows provide a relaxing place to sit viewing the lake, park and the wildlife whilst enjoying the freshly prepared food and drink purchased at the café.

The cafe has a soft play area and only costs a £1.00 per child both are open from 11am to 5pm seven days a week from Easter to the end of September and from 11am to 3pm from 01 October to Easter.

Community Centre

The Community Centre accommodates numerous bookings and is well utilised by the local community. The Centre is home to exercise classes, two slimming clubs, mums and toddlers and yoga.

There are regular events held at the Centre including brass band concerts and pantomimes run by Hemsworth Town Council, along with other events organised by local groups.

The Centre is available 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 has two grass pitches and a 3g pitch along with Street Snooker and can boast excellent changing facilities. The opening times are Monday and Thursday 1:30pm to 9:30pm, Friday 1pm to 9pm and weekends and Bank Holidays 9.00am to 7pm.

The Street Snooker equipment provides a practise area on a kick-wall game combining features of snooker and football and is free to use at Sandygate.



Cemetery Road Football Complex

The work carried out to provide additional football pitches on the Cemetery Road Football Complex site has provided additional areas for both children and adults to play football. The pitches were already fully utilised this season by local football teams.

The pitches are maintained to a high standard by the Town Council.



Allotments

The Town Council continues to fully support the allotment service provided for our local families. Regular site visits take place to let any vacant plots to residents on the waiting lists. A number of areas on the allotment site are let for use as paddocks. Portable toilet facilities will once again be provided on allotment sites and the provision of an annual skip for each allotment site will continue, pest control services are provided throughout the year in line with the advice of our pest control professionals, meetings with the allotment site representatives will continue to take place periodically throughout the year.

Garden Scheme

The Council will once again support the provision of the garden scheme service for residents of Hemsworth, Fitzwilliam and Kinsley who are sixty five years old or over and have an infirmity. Qualifying residents can apply to have assistance with maintaining their garden for a small cost of £5.00 per visit with a maximum of two visits per year. Residents should 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 has maintained this service with a small number of regular market traders attending each Friday with the support of Home Bargains. Traders sell a good variety of items from clothing, household cleaning products and jewellery. The market is open from 8am to approximately 1pm. Anyone interested in a stall should contact the Community Centre for further information.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Bonfire & Fireworks Display

Hemsworth Town Council has organised the Bonfire and Fireworks display at Hemsworth Water Park for numerous years. The events start at 6:30pm with the radio roadshow, followed by a Guy Fawkes Competition at 6:45pm which is proving ever popular each year. The Bonfire is lit at 7pm followed by the grand finale at 7:30pm of the fireworks display. This takes place at one side of the lake so that the public are able to watch the fireworks reflecting in the water as the display takes place. This year the event will take place on Monday 05 November. Please note that there is no charge to attend this event and that free car parking is available in our designated car parking areas. For further details please contact the administration staff at the Community Centre.

Brass Band Concert

The provision of the brass band concerts has been a popular service for a number of years. The concerts are held on the last Thursday in April and the first Thursday in October each year. The dates for this year will be 26th April 2018, the band playing will be Strata Brass and the 04th October 2018 the band will be Grange Moor Brass Band. Each concert will commence at 8pm finishing around 09:45pm. These concerts are always well attended and everyone enjoys the variety of music played. Entrance to the concert is free of charge, with free refreshments and a free raffle. Residents can also take advantage of the free bus services which run from Fitzwilliam and Kinsley to the Community Centre and from various pick up points in Hemsworth to the Centre.

There is to be a third brass band concert to be held following the Christmas Lights Switch On. This is to take place on Thursday 29th November 2018 at Hemsworth Community Centre commencing at 7pm. The band playing at this concert will be the Barnsley Brass Band. Entrance to the concert will be free of charge with refreshments served during the interval.

Christmas Lights Switch On

The annual Christmas Lights Switch On will take place on Thursday 29th November 2018 in the precinct area of Hemsworth. There is to be a Christmas themed market from 10am until the event closes around 7pm. Local schools and churches will be invited to sing at various points during the day in the precinct. A radio road show and small fun fair will add to the Christmas atmosphere ready for the countdown to the lights switch on at 6.00pm.

Seaside Event

The Seaside Event starts the summer school holidays off with an event based on being at the seaside. On Monday 30th July 2018 at Hemsworth Water Park between 11am and 3pm there will be Punch and Judy shows, face painting, bouncy castle and other activities to entertain the children. This is a free entry event, with no charge being made for car parking or to participate in the activities available in the Seaside Event area. To complement the day the Lakeside café will provide a traditional seaside menu.

Pantomimes

The Town Council provide two pantomimes each year. The dates for this year will be Tuesday 27th November 2018 at 7pm and Tuesday 11th December 2018 again at 7pm. The pantomime performance for this year has yet to be confirmed. Tickets will go on sale on 02nd October from Hemsworth Community Centre the cost of the tickets is £1.50 per person. To ensure you have tickets please purchase your tickets early as these are both popular events and tickets sell out quickly.

Other Services

Fly a Flag Day for the Commonwealth on 12th March 2018 commencing at 09:45am. A short service will take place at the Hemsworth War Memorial followed by the raising of a flag at 10.00am. Light refreshments will then be served in the Function Room at Hemsworth Community Centre. Residents of our parish are free to come along and take part in this celebration.

Armed Forces Day will take place on Monday 18th June 2018 at 10:15 with a service at the Hemsworth War Memorial and the raising of a flag to show support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces Community, from currently serving troops, service families, veterans and cadets. Following the service light refreshments will be available within Hemsworth Community Centre.

Fly the Red Ensign for the Merchant Navy Day will take place on Monday 03rd September 2018 commencing at 10am with a short service before the flag is raised. Light refreshments will then follow in the Function Room in the 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 for children up to the age of seven.

For further details on all these events look out for our leaflets or contact the staff at Hemsworth Community Centre.

Special Event World War One Centenary

A special event to mark the centenary of the ending of World War One will take place at Hemsworth Community Centre on Sunday 11th November 2018 starting at 5:30pm with an exhibition of memorabilia. This will be followed by a service at the war memorial to remember those heroes from our Township who made the ultimate sacrifice, followed by the lighting of a beacon at 7:00pm, culminating with St Helen's Church bells ringing after the beacon is lit as part of this national event.

OVERVIEW

The Town Council has had a busy twelve months ensuring the services we provide were delivered to a high standard along with delivering the projects set out from the previous year. The variety of events that we have organised have been successful and we have received some excellent feedback.

The Town Council were successful in achieving the "National Association of Local Councils 'Spotlight Council Award'" for the Defibrillator project and are proud to have three defibrillators within our Township (Hemsworth, Kinsley & Fitzwilliam). In addition to this the Town Council were also awarded the Foundation Level of the new Local Council Award Scheme.

The new addition of play equipment "Jumping Pillow" we introduced in Playworld received great reviews from young and old visiting our adventure play area and will surely be successful for this coming summer season.

The Town Council completed the improvement works at Cemetery Road Football Complex and the site now has one full size grass pitch and two junior pitches allowing more teams to play at this site. Additional improvements works have been undertaken on the grass pitches at Sandygate which have included upgrading the CCTV and the bookings for the 3G pitch have more than met expectations.

Finally, Hemsworth Town Council as Trustees to the Fitzwilliam Centre approved the project for the internal refurbishment of the centre. The work that was completed towards the end of last year has turned this building into a great centre that local people can enjoy. This centre is available to hire for children's parties, functions etc. – please contact Hemsworth Town Council for further details.

N.B. Members have considered current fees and charges for all services and agreed that no increases will be made for 2018/19.

GRANTS

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

Westfield Food Bank
Fitzwilliam Cadets
Boar Cottage
Royal British Legion (Hemsworth & Kinsley branches),
Whiteknights Yorkshire
Hemsworth Dragons ARLFC
The Prince of Wales Hospice

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

The Town Council continues to work with a number of local groups and these include;

Assisting the Royal British Legion in both Hemsworth and Kinsley with a grant for the Remembrance Day celebrations.

Providing a pick-up point for Westfield Food Bank.

Working in partnership with St.Helen's Church (Hemsworth), Yorkshire Ambulance Service and Healthwatch Wakefield.

BUDGET SUMMARY

COST CENTRE	BUDGET 2018/19
	£
Allotments	28,695
Bonfire	16,157
Changing Rooms (Cemetery Rd)	40,267
Civic & General	133,044
Administration	67,810
Garden Scheme	3,857
Garages	-150
Service Provision	Allocated
Loans & Financing	16,388
Offices	9,780
Grants	11,700
Fitzwilliam Centre	35,395
Water Park	184,717
Lakeside Café	93,440
Hemsworth Market	12,645
Community Centre	114,902
Sandygate Football Facilities	52,223
SUB TOTAL	820,870
Use of Balances	90,870
Use of Capital Receipts	Nil
PRECEPT	730,000

Projects - 2018/19

Provision has been made in the budgets for the following;

- a. External works – Fitzwilliam Centre
- b. Extension to Changing Rooms, Cemetery Road Football Complex
- c. Provision of new Christmas Lights
- b. Item of play equipment (Playworld)
- e. New vehicle – Grounds maintenance
- f. Replacement bulbs (floodlights)
- g. Improvements to buildings (internal and external painting) & grounds - Community Centre
- h. Replacement tables & chairs (children's)
- i. Replacement Market Stalls
- j. Furniture – Fitzwilliam Centre
- k. Contingency - includes GDPR
- l. Lakeside (Plastering of 2 rooms)
- m. Consultants fees re Bank Street (Future use of building)

ELECTED MEMBERS

NAME	(PARTY)	POSITION	TEL. NO.	WARD
Cllr Tony Upson	(Labour)	Chair of Council	01977 610732	Hemsworth South
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Cllr Colin Nicholson	(Labour)	Chair of Policy	01977 614115	Fitzwilliam
Cllr Win Mellows	(Labour)	Vice Chair of Policy	01977 612939	Hemsworth West
Cllr Ann Westmorland	(Labour)	Chair of Finance Vice Chair of Leisure and Recreation	01977 613141	Fitzwilliam
Cllr Doreen Swift	(Labour)	Chair of Leisure and Recreation	01977 614841	Kinsley
Cllr Harry Beck	(Labour)		01977 610618	Hemsworth South
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Cllr Frank Wootton	(Labour)		07771 537945	Hemsworth South



COMMITTEE TIMETABLE – 2018/19

LEISURE COMMITTEE

05 June 2018
17 July 2018
04 September 2018
30 October 2018
08 January 2019
19 February 2019
26 March 2019

FINANCE COMMITTEE

12 June 2018
24 July 2018
11 September 2018
13 November 2018
15 January 2019
26 February 2019
09 April 2019

POLICY COMMITTEE

26 June 2018
31 July 2018
18 September 2018
20 November 2018
22 January 2019
05 March 2019
30 April 2019

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

03 July 2018
14 August 2018
09 October 2018
04 December 2018
05 February 2019
19 March 2019

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Thursday 24 May 2018

ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL

14 May 2019

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 15 May 2018 and may be subject to change.

TOWN MEETING 2018

The meeting will take place on Thursday 24 May 2018 at 7:00pm at the Fitzwilliam Old People's Centre, Wakefield Road, Fitzwilliam, WF9 5AF. All residents are welcome to attend and ask Town Councillors questions.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR HEMSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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