



# Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016  
AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL, FLEETWOOD 7p.m.

Present: Cllrs. T. Rogers (Chairman), M. Barrowclough, M. Stirzaker, N. Stuchfield, E. Anderton, C. McLaughlan, T. Taylor

Also present: 20 members of the public were present.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Cllr. Rogers, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Glasgow, Hewitt, B. Stephenson and E. Stephenson apologies accepted.

2115 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016

It was resolved to accept the minutes of 30th August as being a true and accurate record of the meeting  
The minutes were then signed by the Chair.

2116 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

2117 DECLARATIONS OF OTHER INTERESTS

Cllrs Stuchfield and Stirzaker item 2124

2118 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. Rogers advised he attended meetings with Fleetwood museum trustees, Regenda regarding their vision and members of Flowering Fleetwood to discuss Fleetwood In Bloom 2017.

2119 CLERK'S REPORT

1) STANDARD ITEMS include Minutes of the Last 3 Meetings / Agenda / Meeting Notices, Recording & Delivery of Planning Applications, Collation of all material for, and production of the information Pack, Receipt and acting on post and emails received - average 15-20 per day, Phone calls in/out /Delivery of Meeting Packs

2) INFORMATION-

I attended a meeting with Cllr. Rogers members of LCC and Museum Trustees for the potential takeover of Fleetwood Museum by the Trustees and the process is progressing steadily.

I met with Kim Taylor Masterson of Payright Services in respect of the pending Pension requirements for Fleetwood Town Council by 1st Jan 2017.

I have a further meeting with her within 14 days when the technical requirements will be finalised.

Councillors

T. Rogers (Chairman)  
R. Hewitt  
N. Stuchfield

E. Anderton  
C. McLaughlan  
T. Taylor

M. Barrowclough  
B. Stephenson

B. Glasgow  
E. Stephenson

M. Stirzaker



I liaised with Joanne Porter at Wyre and concluded the legal processes for the vacancies on Fleetwood Town Council as the electorate did not call an election we are now in a position to move forward with co-option this evening if this approved by Council.

I drafted and issued a letter of support to Steve England regarding the potential return of the Isle of Man Ferry to Fleetwood and resolved an issue in respect of a sponsor plaque belonging to Fleetwood & Cleveleys Lions.

## 2120 CDO REPORT

CDO Report – August/September 2016

Festive Lights

I submitted the application to Wyre Borough Council for funding for the festive lights – deadline 1st September. A decision is to be made on 23rd September and I have been advised that this will be communicated via letter week commencing 26th September.

I submitted the land use application to Wyre Borough Council for the Santa Dash which is planned for the 20th November – the £50 fee has been waived

I organised the paperwork for the bucket collection at Asda on 17th September – A fantastic £400.96 was raised thanks to the festive lights committee.

Allotments

I carried out the actions following the allotment inspection as requested by the inspecting Councillors. I issued all the annual rent renewal letters and agreements to the plot holders and am in the process of receipting/banking said monies.

I am currently arranging site visits to various other allotments to look at best practice and get ideas to develop the site at Larkholme Avenue

I am attending a forum in November to discuss: -

1/ Producing an achievable action plan for future maintenance / development of the site      2/ Sources of funding for the above

3/ Any best practise recommendations

SPIDS – Speed Indicator Devices

Following on from a previous meeting I was tasked to look into the possibility of Fleetwood Town Council purchasing their own SPID to help make the roads in Fleetwood safer.

Funding was provided for a similar initiative on West View through 'Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety' but unfortunately his funding stream has now been put on hold.

I am in contact with LCC speed management team who are actively looking for other funding streams for us to apply for.

I will arrange a meeting with Lancashire Police; Lancashire and Fleetwood Town Council when a suitable funding stream has been identified.

Fleetwood in Bloom

I have drafted a proposal to ensure the continuity of Fleetwood in Bloom for 2017 to concentrate on the town centre.

The proposal includes a complete listing of each of the 9 planting areas with costings from a local supplier. The document also includes a timeline of tasks to be completed with approximate dates.

The aim of the proposal is to have an organised approach which can be used to enable our volunteers to deliver Fleetwood in Bloom 2017 in a timely and award winning way.

## 2121 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Anderton advised she had been on holiday for a week and attended the following meetings and events;

Festive Lights 31/8

Councillor training 3/9

The local plan overview 7/9

Shakespeare School Summer Fair which raised £1500



She went on to say that although the local plan is currently confidential a point of interest was raised that Wyre have confirmed there is a covenant on the pier site which restricts the usage to pier or leisure. However the lease holder may apply for change of usage and she is trying to establish whether an application of this nature would be in the public domain, with an opportunity to make objections. She also advised the lease can be viewed by appointment with the Wyre Planning Dept.

Cllr Anderton also advised that the algae problems on the boating pools is caused by sago pond weed which has been dragged with tractors earlier in the year and it will be done again before November. The weed cannot be treated with chemicals due to the adverse effect on wildlife. The small pool has also been treated twice this year. Both lakes will be drained after the competition season has ended. She also wished good luck to all the teams entering in the Festive Lights quiz on Thursday.

Cllr. Barrowclough advised he had attended the same meetings etc as Cllr. Anderton. He advised he had attended a Back on Track meeting and advised things are progressing reasonably well. He also advised he attended the local plan meeting with Wyre officers and advised this information would eventually be available to the public.

He noted the FIB meeting he attended was to discuss FIB 2017. He advised he attended the Festive Lights meeting and advised the Switch On would be on the 19/11 and the Santa Sprint would be held on the Mount on the 20/11. He noted that he was pleased to see that the lampposts on Lord St have now been painted and he is talking to Wyre Council to see if the CCTV posts can also be painted.

Cllr Taylor advised he was still in discussions regarding the removal of the sports equipment on Roundway. He advised he has dealt with residents' concerns over the Catch 22 bus stops outside residential properties. LCC are looking at the issues raised.

Cllr Stirzaker advised she has attended various meetings and noted that Fleetwood Town had donated 2 great prizes for the Festive Lights Grand Quiz. She also attended a PWRS meeting and a Rotunda meeting which is an organisation for people with hearing difficulties.

Cllr. Stuchfield had been contacted by residents who had complained about the refurbishments undertaken by Regenda which could have health implications. Cllr Stuchfield will be contacting LCC, the landlords and Social Services regarding this matter.

She advised she had arranged a meeting with Mark Billington from Wyre Council looking at the feasibility and options for a paddling pool provision. She noted there has been excellent progress with Fleetwood Back on Track and confirmed many more volunteers have come forward offering support for this project. But advised they are still looking for a mini digger.

The Fleetwood Back on Track meeting on the 6/9 was very informative and a map of the existing line and options for access were viewed. The next committee meeting is to be held 4/10/16 and the next public meeting on the 18/10 7.30 at the North Euston Hotel.

She concluded by advising she had attended a FIB 2017 meeting an informal training session at the Council office and a local plan meeting.

Cllr. McLaughlan attended an Odour Action Group meeting on 20/9 and advised there had only been one complaint. She provided the telephone number used to report odour issues 0800 781 7134 and urged the public to ring when odour issues occurred. She advised she had viewed the plans for the new Rossall Sports Centre and was very impressed. She also advised she attended the Fleetwood Triathlon event which was very successful.

Cllr. Rogers read out Cllr. Hewitts report as follows:

Several members of the community have approached me to find out who is responsible for the maintenance of Jameson Road Fleetwood as its in a dangerous state of repair. My research into its ownership has taken back to the 19th Centenary where I found its original name of Jameson Gap I have also found that it is unadopted. This means that the council is not responsible for the repairs. I will of course keep everyone updated of the progress.

I have taken several Ward walkabouts which have resulted in finding rubbish dumped in back alleys and on streets.



I have also several complaints made about the rubbish on Fleetwood Marsh

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Farmer Parr and Wyre Council for their quick response in removing all rubbish that I have reported.

I have also dealt with several case studies of a personal nature

Item 2123: We have already discussed this issue---the wrong date on page 2 of 6

I have been a guest of the Wyre Mayor at the presentation of the work of Women Institute at Garstang Golf Club. Most enjoyable afternoon

Attending meetings of Friends of Memorial Park of which I am a member.

Finally, I would like to wish all applicants good luck on agenda item 2127 and 2128 and look forward to working with a co-opt member of Mount Ward.

#### 2122 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (1)

Sgt Whitaker advised he was looking forward to the future Fleetwood events.

He provided comparisons of anti-social behaviour in recent years on Bonfire Night before/after the introduction of the organised Firework Event

2008 - 40 incidents, 2013 – 1, 2014 -2, 2015 -1. He noted that by working with Rotary on the event and the tightening up on legislation on the sale of fireworks, does work in reducing anti-social behaviour.

He advised the police continue to work with partner agencies including Wyre Council to help reduce anti-social behaviour in the town and the problems raised in respect of the area around the Marine Hall is being monitored.

He also advised PCSO Linda Stackhouse was holding a further free dog chipping event in the near future.

A further new initiative for which funding for the Dementia Buddy system has been received which assists the police when elderly people or people with mental health problems go missing.

He also confirmed that the police are always available to Councillors to do a walk about the wards and help sign post to appropriate areas.

Cllr. Rogers asked for an update on the situation on the Broadwater Estate.

Sgt Whitaker advised that increased patrols have been put in place for this area and it is work in progress.

Cllr Anderton asked if anyone had been apprehended for the spate of burglaries in Warren ward.

Sgt Whitaker advised a prolific burglar had been released and then recalled to prison and the burglaries had since ceased.

Cllr Rogers thanked Sgt Whitaker for his attendance.

The meeting was then reconvened.

#### 2123 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2015-2016

It was resolved to approve the external audit report for 2015-2016



2124 GRANT AID APPLICATION PWRS

It was resolved to approve the grant aid application from PWRS for £500 to purchase a shed

2125 TENANCY AGREEMENTS AMENDMENTS 2017

It was resolved to amend the tenancy agreements as detailed below from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

To amend Schedule 3 Condition 3 from 01/10/2017;

3. Due to the current size of the waiting list, the Council's policy is one plot per person. Tenants having split plots will be given priority for full plots when these become available. Tenants with a split plot who require a full plot must notify the Council in writing so this request is on file. The written request will lapse after 6 months and thus will be required to be renewed every 6 months if a larger plot has not been offered.

To

3. Due to the current size of the waiting list, the Council's policy is one plot per person. Tenants requiring a smaller or larger plot must notify the Council in writing so this request is on file. When a suitable plot becomes available this will be offered and an administration fee of £10 will be payable for the transfer.

2126 CO-OPTION PROCESS APPROVAL

It was resolved to approve the co-option process to fill the vacancies on Mount and Pharos ward

2127 CO-OPT A MEMBER FOR PHAROS WARD

A secret ballot was held by all members present and the candidate receiving the most votes for Pharos ward which were verified by the Clerk was Cheryl Raynor. It was resolved that Cheryl Raynor became the new Councillor for Pharos ward.

2128 CO-OPT A MEMBER FOR MOUNT WARD

A secret ballot was held by all members present and the candidate receiving the most votes for Mount ward which were verified by the Clerk was Paul Tilling. It was resolved that Paul Tilling became the new Councillor for Mount ward.

2129 PRECEPT WORKING PARTY

It was resolved that the following Councillors would be representatives on the Precept Working Party for 2017/18 Cllr Stirzaker St Wulstans ward, Cllr. Rogers Pharos ward, Cllr. McLaughlan Park ward, Cllr. Barrowclough Rossall ward and Cllr Stuchfield Warren ward. There is currently a vacancy for Mount ward

2130 ALLOTMENTS NOTICE BOARDS

Discussions took place regarding the 2 notice boards on the allotments. No decision was reached regarding this matter.

2131 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (2)

MOP thanked Fleetwood Town Council for the support of PWRS



The meeting was then reconvened.

2132 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was resolved to approve all Accounts for Payment as included within the Information Pack, as follows:-

- a) Clerk purchases on behalf of the Council (September 2016) £ 199.42  
Chairmans Chair & table author 30/8 £123.93, Printer Ink Cyan, Magenta/  
Yellow £68.94, Postage £1.20, cleaning products/refuse bags£5.35
- b) Clerk salary for September 2016 (approved – gross) £1248.35
- c) Community Development Officer salary for September 2016 £1013.58  
(approved – gross)
- d) HM Revenue & Customs for September 2016 £321.72  
(Employer/employee, conts)
- e) Lighthouse Stationery (meeting packs) £49.32
- f) BDO External Audit £480.00
- g) Wybone replacement plaque for Cleveleys & Fleetwood Lyons £51.00
- h) Lancashire Training Partnership auth/paid 30/8/16 £88.00
- i) Fleetwood Royalties (Sammy Williams) Grant Aid £500.00  
authorised and paid 30/8

2133 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th September at the North Euston Hotel at 7pm.

There being no further public business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

**The press and public were excluded from the following items**

- 2134 Discussions on the repayment of Grant Aid were discussed
- 2135 It was resolved to approve to extend the current contract terms and conditions for the current CDO for a further 12 months from the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017
- 2136 Discussions took place regarding the letters received from a local storage company

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed .....

Dated .....

