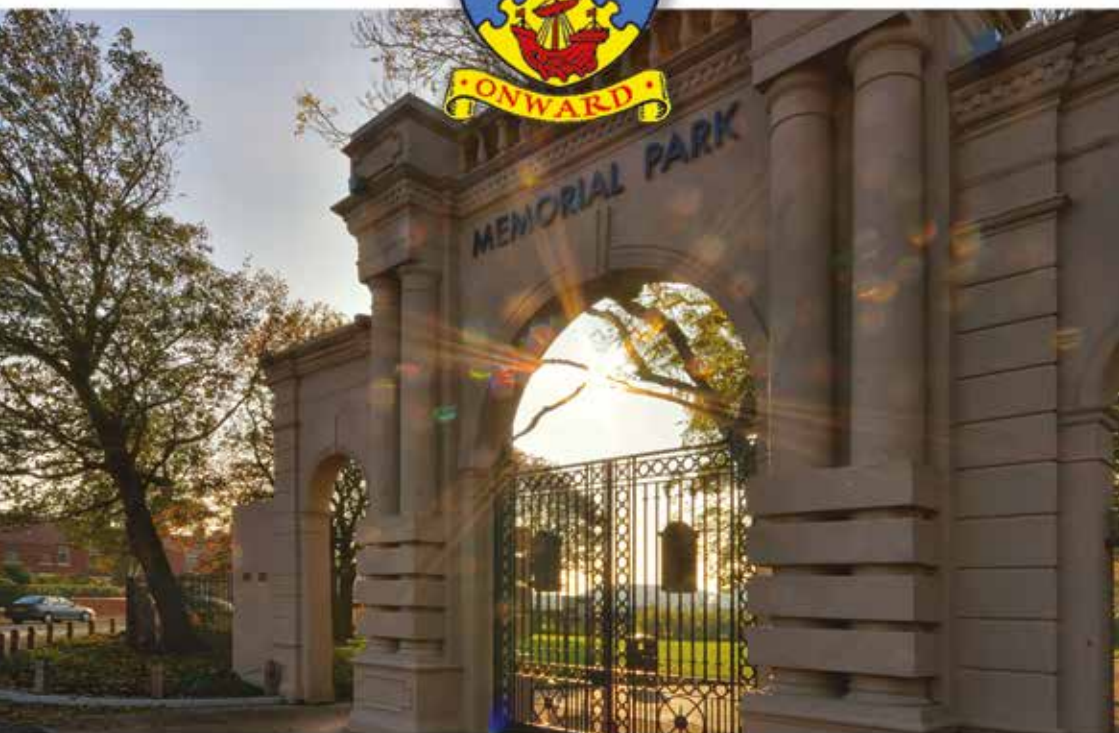


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Fleetwood Town Council NEWSLETTER

Welcome...

On behalf of Fleetwood Town Council I would like to welcome you to our 2nd newsletter. It has been a very busy year so far and as volunteer councillors we are all working very hard to deliver projects within the town and help the voluntary organisations which benefit all residents of Fleetwood.

Since the last newsletter Team Fleetwood has been launched and we are now looking for your views on what priorities we as your Council should pursue. Please complete the tear off slip on the back page and let us know what you think. We will be looking at grant funding to enable us to deliver these initiatives.

In January this year this Council took a decision to try and save Fleetwood Maritime Museum from closure on the 30th September 2016. We are currently in talks with both Lancashire County Council and Wyre Council regarding this matter and we will let the public know the outcome as soon as possible. We encourage you to have your say on this matter by completing and returning the consultation document on page 7 as your opinion matters to us.

Projects for the coming year include Fleetwood in Bloom and Festive Lights and we proudly sponsor Fleetwood Carnival, Fleetwood Folk & Blues, and the annual Firework Extravaganza to

name but a few. Councillors are also working hard to reinstate a rail link for Fleetwood and with Regenda Housing Group to help our young people undertake training which will hopefully lead to full time employment.

On behalf of Fleetwood Town Council I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Town Clerk and our new Community Development Officer Michelle and Dawn, all Councillors and the volunteers who make things happen in our town. I would also like to say a big thank you to BES/, Fleetwood Town Football Clubs Chairman Andy Pilley for his generous donation of £8,000 towards the Festive Lights 2015.

Finally I would like to invite you all to our town council meetings which are held at 7pm on the last Tuesday of every month (except December) at the North Euston Hotel. Fleetwood Town Council actively encourages public participation from the residents of Fleetwood in its decision making process. Onwards.



Cllr. Terry Rogers

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Chairman of Fleetwood Town Council



Grant Aid

Fylde Folk & Roots Festival	£2,000
Blackpool Wyre & Fylde Diving Academy	£1,820
The Festive Lights	£4,000
Fleetwood Carnival	£1,000
Rotary Firework Extravaganza/ other	£9,000
Fleetwood In Bloom	£2,000
New Saxon Archers	£500
Ann Letitia Russell Group	£4,000
Friends of Memorial Park	£6,000
Poulton & Wyre Railway Society	£450

Total **£30,770**



Cllr. Rogers & Rachael Bailey of Fylde Folk & Roots Festival; Grant Aid £2,000

Annually Fleetwood Town Council set aside a considerable sum of money from the precept to fund community Grant Aid applications.

Last year alone, including the £20,000 contribution to the sea defences Fleetwood Town Council paid in excess of £50,000 towards Fleetwood projects, organisations and community events. Many of the groups helped in 2015/16 are highlighted in this article.

To apply for Grant Aid your group must be a charitable or a non-profit making organisation local to Fleetwood and whose work significantly benefits Fleetwood and its residents.

Application forms and the policy (the small print) for Grant Aid may be obtained from the Clerk at Fleetwood Town Council 122 Poulton Road Fleetwood FY7 7AR Monday to Friday 9.30am -10.30am or at all other times via post or email clerk@fleetwoodtowncouncil.org

Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice has been accommodated free of charge by Fleetwood Town Council since 2014 at the Fleetwood Town Council offices 122 Poulton Road Fleetwood. Emma Sylvester is the Debt Specialist at the Citizens Advice. She is available Monday-Thursday for appointments.

The work undertaken by Emma includes help with Debt Relief Orders, Bankruptcy

Applications, Individual Voluntary Arrangements, Debt Management Plans and advice to help you deal with or take control of your debt. Please contact 01253 770522 for further information or to book your appointment.



Emma Sylvester



Emma Anderton



Norah Stuchfield



Mary Stirzaker



Mike Barrowclough



Ted Taylor



Billy Glasgow

Warren Ward

Cllr. Emma Anderton

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Emma was born and educated in Fleetwood. She works for DWP as a civil servant. She has represented Warren Ward for Fleetwood Town Council since 2015. She is a member of Fleetwood Festive Lights Committee a trustee of the Fleetwood Fielden Charity and a season ticket holder at FTFC. Emma says "Fleetwood is a fantastic place to live, we have the best coastline, beaches and views of anywhere on the Fylde Coast and the greatest thing about our town is the amazing community spirit."

Cllr. Norah Stuchfield

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Norah went to school in Fleetwood worked as a youth worker for LCC for 28 years and her last employment was Connexions in Fleetwood. Norah currently is Chair of Fleetwood Community Trust, Chair of Fleetwood back on Track, a member of Fleetwood in Bloom, also a member of the Ann Letitia Russell Group and most recently has been asked to be a trustee on Poulton and Wyre Railway Trust. Norah had been elected to serve Warren ward as a Town Councillor in the last elections Norah said "Fleetwood is a place with a big heart, a community centred ethos where everyone matters and we will fight for what we need to make this town a better place to live."

St Wulstans Ward

Cllr. Mary Stirzaker

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Mary has brought up 6 children in Fleetwood and has adopted the town as her home. Mary was elected to Fleetwood Town Council in 2015 and is proud to represent St Wulstans ward having lived there as part of the wonderful community for over 20yrs.

Rossall Ward

Cllr. Mike Barrowclough

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Mike has lived in Fleetwood all his life and was educated at both Shakespeare Primary and Fleetwood High School's. He is a Health and Safety Manager for a large local manufacturing company based in Poulton. He has been a member of Fleetwood Town Council for over five years and is also proud to represent Rossall Ward on Wyre Council. Mike is a member of numerous committees including Fleetwood Festive Lights which he admits is his favourite. Mike said, "The hard work involved in arranging this annual event often involves plenty of blood, sweat and tears but to see the community of Fleetwood take part in the free Lantern Parade and Switch-On event really is worth the hard graft. The event gets bigger and bigger every year and is now something to be proud of."

Cllr. Ted Taylor

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Naomi Fearon



Rita Hewitt



Brian Stephenson



Caroline McLaughlan



Terry Rogers



Evelyn Stephenson

Cllr. Billy Glasgow

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Mount Ward

Cllr. Naomi Fearon

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Naomi lives in Fleetwood and works in the local area as a teacher who specialises in working with children with special educational needs. Naomi's interests within the Town Council are health, regeneration and transport.

Cllr. Rita Hewitt

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Park Ward

Cllr. Brian Stephenson

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Cllr. Caroline McLaughlan

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Caroline is originally from Newcastle upon Tyne and first came to Fleetwood when she started working as a Chemist at Fisherman's Friend in 2003. It's a great place to live and work. She said she loves the seafront, and think that with the Marine Gardens, Beach Park, Pitch and Putt and Boating Lake we have a promenade to be proud of. She has represented Park Ward for Fleetwood Town Council since 2015.

Pharos Ward

Cllr. Terry Rogers

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Since 2009 when Fleetwood Town Council was first formed, Terry is the only original founder member and still in place as the elected Councillor for Pharos Ward, and he has been Chairman for five of those years. He has lived in Fleetwood most of his life, except for a short period when he was in Her Majesty's Forces. Terry works tirelessly to help make Fleetwood a great place to live and work.

Cllr. Evelyn Stephenson

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Cllr. Simon Roberts

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Fleetwood Museum



History

Fleetwood Museum was originally the town's Customs House and was one of the town's first public buildings when construction was completed in 1838. The Custom House was designed by Decimus Burton. The building has had many roles - it was the private residence of Alexander Carson in 1876 who built the extension on the right hand side and named it 'Wyre Holm'; it became Fleetwood's Town Hall in 1889; it has also been occupied by a private school. On the 31st March 1978 it was designated as a Grade II listed building by Historic England. In the early 1950's, Fleetwood town councillors began collecting items of interest with regard to Fleetwood's history and many of these items were displayed in the town hall and then later in a small museum in the basement of Fleetwood Library in Dock Street. Fleetwood Museum has been operated by Lancashire County Council since 1974 and in 1992; the collections

were moved from the library and redisplayed within the present building. A Friend's of Fleetwood Museum group has been running now for 25 years and have collected and bought many items for the museum collections. Fleetwood Museum Trust and many volunteers have also been helping to keep your museum open and buying items since 2007.

Current

There are many interesting artefacts and displays within the museum such as: Fleetwood's heyday as a Victorian seaside resort, the Victorian idealism Sir Peter Fleetwood Hesketh and, Decimus Burton, Fleetwood's cargo trade, ferry services, its lifeboats, the docks, fishing and the heroic role our trawler men played during the wars, the former chemical giant ICI and the Preesall salt mines. Fleetwood Museum is also home to the 'The Harriet', the last surviving Fleetwood built and registered fishing



smack. She was built by the Singleton brothers for £1200 and made her maiden voyage in 1893. The Harriet was returned to Fleetwood on August 19th 1998 for restoration and was opened to the public in 2009. In April 2011, The Harriet was added to the National Historic Ships Register. She is also one of the top 200 ships that form the UK's National Historic Fleet. Fleetwood Museum is a popular tourist attraction bringing in 15,000 visitors per year.

Future?

Although currently operated and funded by Lancashire County Council (LCC), Fleetwood Museum will close its door for the last time on the 30th September 2016. Sadly due to the extremely challenging budget cuts LCC are facing, they can no longer afford to keep Fleetwood Museum open. It was with this news in mind that Fleetwood Town Councillors voted in favour of raising the precept to try and save our heritage (the precept is the money by which Fleetwood Town Council operates and this is funded annually by the Council

Tax you pay to Wyre Council).

In 2015/16 Fleetwood Town Council's Precept was £110,000. This equated to £17.93 per Band D property per year; approximately 34p per household per week.

In 2016/17 FTC raised the precept to £176,000 with the view of trying to put a business plan together to take over the running of Fleetwood Museum and keep its doors open for future generations of Fleetwood residents and visitors alike. This equates to a cost of £27.82 per Band D property per year, which is approximately 54p per household per week. Fleetwood Town Council hopes future precepts will increase by no more than 2% per year.

Your town councillors are currently working with LCC and Wyre Council to see if the museum can remain open. However, we think it only fair that the residents of Fleetwood have their say on whether their financial contribution should save Fleetwood Museum for future generations.



Please indicate on the slip below whether you think Fleetwood Town Council should try and save Fleetwood Museum.

YES, Fleetwood Town Council should try & save Fleetwood Museum

NO, Fleetwood Town Council should let Fleetwood Museum close

Name.....

Address.....

Please return no later than the 24th July 2016, to Fleetwood Town Council Office, 122 Poulton Road, Fleetwood FY7 7AR or reply by email to clerk@fleetwoodtowncouncil.org. Please put 'museum' in the subject of the email. It is important you include your name & address as we cannot accept your response without them. This public consultation exercise is only open to Fleetwood residents.



“Team Fleetwood is a much awaited collection of organisations, community groups and passionate individuals who are committed to working together to make Fleetwood a better place for residents and visitors alike.

The idea is to ask the people of Fleetwood what they want, and then to work together to form an action plan to achieve our goals.

At quarterly meetings ideas can be discussed, tasks can be allocated and action can be taken...!

Together we really can make a difference – We need to attract new businesses to invest in our town; to enhance unused land and buildings to attract tourists; to create employment opportunities; to improve our environment and generally make our Town of Fleetwood a better place for all!”

Dawn Spooner

Community Development Officer
Fleetwood Town Council.

Please fill in the slip below and return to
Fleetwood Town Council Office. 122, Poulton Road, Fleetwood. FY7 7AR.



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Have your say...Whatever your age, your views are important!

What are you three priorities for Fleetwood?

Priority 1

Priority 2

Priority 3

Age group: 5-11 12-18 19-24 25-34
35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

(please tick your age group)

Alternatively email your views to **cdoatfleetwoodtowncouncil@gmail.com**

