



Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 28th JUNE 2016
AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL, FLEETWOOD 7p.m.

Present: Cllrs. T. Rogers (Chairman), M. Barrowclough, B. Glasgow, M. Stirzaker, N. Stuchfield, R. Hewitt, C. McLaughlan

Also present: 20 members of the public were present.

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

2037 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Anderton, Fearon, Taylor, B. Stephenson, E, Stephenson. Apologies accepted.

2038 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 31st MAY 2016

It was resolved to accept the minutes of 31st May as being a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were then signed by the Chair.

2039 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

2040 DECLARATIONS OF OTHER INTERESTS

None

2041 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Advised it had been a busy month, he had attended various meetings regarding the Museum and Fleetwood In Bloom and thanked everyone involved on these projects. He advised he had spoken to Wyre Councillor Peter Gibson in respect of FLEXIT. Cllr Rogers noted 6,000 people had signed a petition raised by a member of the public which outlined the dissatisfaction and perception of some residents, who were unhappy with how Wyre Council treated the town of Fleetwood, for example the recent charging for the Splashpad. Cllr Rogers spoke to Peter Gibson and made suggestions on how we can come to future agreements on decisions affecting Fleetwood residents. He explained that to transfer Fleetwood Town Council from Wyre Council and make it a borough in its own right would take a decision of the Secretary of State.

Cllr Rogers went on to thank Michelle for passing her CiLCA qualification.

He also advised the public that Dick Gillingham would be doing a talk at Memorial Park on 1st July in respect of the 100th anniversary of the commemoration of the Battle of The Somme.

2042 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

Councillors

T. Rogers (Chairman)
R. Hewitt
M. Stirzaker

E. Anderton
C. McLaughlan
N. Stuchfield

M. Barrowclough
S.C. Roberts
T. Taylor

N. Fearon
B. Stephenson

B. Glasgow
E. Stephenson



2) INFORMATION–

I had a weeks leave at the beginning of June

I collated and submitted the drafts for the newsletter to Link Magazine which is now in the process of being delivered to every household.

I have attended 2 meetings with regards to the potential takeover of Fleetwood Museum and I have undertaken considerable work regarding this issue. I sought the advice from consultancy firms on the issues which the potential takeover raises and I have kept everyone informed of the outcomes.

I have also prepared the agenda and information for 2 Festive Lights meetings and subsequent minutes of the meetings. I have obtained the insurance quote for the lantern parade and the tram permit. I have also updated the Festive Lights budget and kept the committee informed of the current balance and the outstanding balance required.

I have also worked with Dawn in collating the quotes for Fleetwood In Bloom and prepared the agenda and attended an Extraordinary Meeting of FTC which was required to approve a further plant order.

2043 CDO REPORT

Apologies given and accepted a report for June & July will be provided on 26/7/16

2044 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Glasgow noted he had cause to report potholes to LCC recently. LCC have responded noting they will complete one of the issues raised within 20 working days. Cllr Glasgow also raised issues with Wyre regarding issues recently with refuse collections in Rossall ward.

Cllr. Hewitt Mount ward advised she has reported littering issues in Albany Road and Percy Street which have now been sorted. She held a surgery recently at Fleetwood Fire Station but no-one attended. A member of the public also contacted her about the Funday on Memorial Park on the 23rd July.

Cllr Barrowclough advised he had attended 2 meetings with members of the Museum Trust. He also attended meetings with Highways/LCC and Wyre Council regarding the proposed cycle route on the A585. He raised concerns as he did not think this was a suitable route consultations are ongoing with Kier Highways and Wyre Council.

He noted he had attended a Festive Lights meeting in which new ideas for the Festive Lights/Switch On were discussed.

He also attended an initial meeting with market traders, Cat Smith MP and representatives from Wyre regarding the future proposals for Fleetwood Market as there had not been any investment in this asset. He noted that maintenance of 1.4 million was required and that the market CCTV requires upgrading of area and to run over night.

He also noted there had been a break in at the market last month and raised concerns that this could impact on the insurance required by individual traders. He asked Wyre Council representatives what their plans to improve the market were.

The market traders also put their points of view across effectively and Cat Smith MP noted she was fully on board with the traders concerns.

He had reports on Rossall ward of speeding in respect of the 22 bus service run by Catch 22, which he reported to the company. Catch 22 advised they would closely monitor this issue.

He held a quarterly last Saturday. His next quarterly surgery would be 24/9 11am-1pm at West View Community Centre.



Cllr Andertons report was read out as follows by Cllr. Rogers;

Meetings attended in the month:-

Festive Lights Committee (2/6)

Team Fleetwood with Terry Rogers, Ruth Duffy & Garry Payne (chief Exec of Wyre) to discuss use of land for skate park expansion (6/6)

Wyre Council Task Group meeting to consider the impact of library closures (14/6). If any member of the public will be affected by the proposed closure of the Northfleet library and wants to express their views could they please get in touch with me so I can feed these in?

FLEXIT with Terry Rogers & Lorraine Beavers (21/6). Advising two members of the public how best to take this forward. Petitions are now available to sign in many local shops.

Events attended:-

Fleetwood Carnival (18/6). I had the difficult job of judging the fancy dress entries in the different categories. There were some fabulous costumes and people had gone to a lot of effort. This was a great community day – helped by good weather this year.

Stars in Your Eyes Talent Show (26/6). This was the 3rd 'Beside the Seaside' event held on The Esplanade, organised by Paul Haslam, Craig McOrmish & Lee Preston-Stefani. All credit to the organisers who are doing a great job of promoting this area of Fleetwood and drawing in crowds despite the rain. Again I had the difficult job of helping to judge the singers – Elvis won the day with his fab white suit and all the moves!

Ward matters:-

2 further complaints about dive bombing seagulls. I am compiling a dossier which will hopefully be presented to Wyre at the next Full Council meeting on July 7th.

Fly tipping in gated alleyways

Post Box Survey at the request of Cllr Barrowclough

Other matters:

Massive congratulations to our clerk Michelle who after a lot of hard work has successfully gained her CICLA qualification.

Apologies to members of the allotment. Due to my non-attendance tonight I have asked for the results of the recent survey to be considered & discussed by all councillors at the next meeting in July.

Cllr. Stuchfield advised she had attended 3 FIB meetings and she thanked everyone involved for their voluntary service. She advised FIB sponsorship had been given by Little Treasures Nursery, Hair of the Dog, Lofthouses, Andy Pilley/BES Gas. She noted all the displays were looking fantastic.

She advised she had presented the Rotary Grant Aid cheque of £3,000 for the 2016 Firework Display and noted 18 stewards are required for this event on the 5th November. She asked anyone who could assist to contact her or Rick Newsham of The Rotary. The overall cost of the event was £22,000.

She advised she had attended a Back On Track meeting with Cllr. Stirzaker. Also in attendance were members of PWRS, Cat Smith MP and her aide Erica and Joel from Fleetwood Town FC amongst others. She commented that the work done by PWRS is outstanding and with the licence being signed up to Chris Allen Garage there is the ability to really move forward with this project. The member who had undertaken the training for weed killing on the track had now passed the relevant test and work was ongoing.

Cllr Stuchfield also advised the next meeting is to be held at the North Euston Hotel on the 12th July at 7pm.

She went on to advise that there aren't enough dog bins near the Boating Lake.

Cllr Barrowclough interjected and advised that Wyre Council have deemed the bins are sufficient as all bins now are for multi refuse use.

Cllr. Stirzaker has been working with the volunteers of FIB at Ash St. She advised she has been trying to rally more volunteers for FIB and Back On Track. She noted she had signed the FLEXIT petition. She also advised that she had held a St Wulstans ward surgery recently at which she received issues raised by members of the public for other ward Councillors, she noted these issues have been passed to the appropriate Councillor. She also advised she had updated the Fleetwood Town Council Facebook and Twitter accounts regularly.



Cllr. MacLaughlan she had undertaken work regarding Action for Waste Water Treatment and the odour issues in the town and as a result of this work she invited United Utilities to attend today's meeting. She advised the public to report any environmental odour issues to UU on 0800 781 7134.

2045 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (1)

Sgt Whitaker addresses the meeting, he advised anti social behaviour continued to be reduced and advised there is a downward trend.

ASB reported incidents have been recorded as follows;

2013/14 3123

2015/16 2611

To date 2375

He advised that the Skatepark and local youth projects had helped reduce ASB issues. He noted he had worked with Wyre Council in respect of unsecured properties at Station Road and Harlequins on Kemp St which both should be boarded up. He also advised 2/3 calls a night regarding children being in the old Legion building. The building is insecure and is deemed too dangerous for the police to enter the building and to call out the fire brigade which adds to the policing costs. Due to this a Section 72 notice has been issued to the landlords to ensure the premises is boarded up.

He also advised there will be safe policing at Tram Sunday.

He also noted that a Charity Bath Tub Race which involves all the emergency services will be held on the 17th August.

MOP advised there have been problems with children around the Marine Hall.

Sgt Whitaker advised that the police are already attending to these issues in this area and PCSOs have been attending local high schools to give advice on anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Stirzaker suggested this could be extended to primary schools.

MOP asked if anyone had been caught for the criminal damage caused on shops on Lord St.

Sgt. Whitaker advised that the problems in this area have now reduced

Cllr Rogers thanked Sgt Whitaker for his attendance

Katy Griffiths & Rob Tidswell United Utilities

Rob Tidswell addressed the meeting and advised that in 1996 the sewer pipe went out to sea. A tunnel was then constructed to the new sewage treatment works in Fleetwood, prior the construction of the sewage treatment works there was no treatment of waste.

In 2003 there were sporadic reports of odour issues which increased to 300+ calls in 2006.

The problem of the source of the odours could not be traced.

In 2008/2009 Fleetwood Action Group was created. Due to the historical odour issues investigations began and preventative measures were implemented to try and improve the problem.

Major investments with the supply and demand scheme were engineered which helped reduce the odours further, in addition the inlet project alleviated the issues further.

The complaints received began to reduce to 100 + post 2011

He advised it is the business of UU to try and understand the problems and the now the complaints received were 20/30 per year.

He noted that Fleetwood Action Group advised the current status is that the problems are now deteriorating again and he advised that UU as good neighbours would try and reenergise efforts to improve the issues.

He asked the public to report any problems as they arise.

MOP advised they noticed an occasional off day when odours were a problem.



MOP advised that over the last 10 years the odours had improved but in the last 6 months it seems to be going backwards, whilst incidents were not as frequent they were often as bad as ever.

Katy Griffiths advised she is keen to re-establish good relationships with the community and advised residents to report odour issues as and when they occur. This helps them identify the source on site and determine what the cause is. She noted she had 3 meetings with FAG to ensure communications remain good.

Cllr. Barrowclough asked if there were any identifiable trends when odours occurred/reports

Katy Griffiths advised if they received clusters of complaints the source of the issue are more easily identified were as sporadic complaints less so.

MOP advised that the odour problems had improved but there are still issues and suggested UU need to look at possible triggers to pin point the cause and asked members of the public to report problems as and when they occur.

MOP asked if Council could consider all plot holders when they consider agenda item 251(c)

MOP advised work had stopped at Clifton Buildings on Sidings Road and windows had been smashed.

Cllr Rogers confirmed that Wyre and the police were aware of the issues.

MOP asked if Fleetwood Town Council supported FLEXIT

Cllr. Rogers advised that whilst FTC as an organisation had not confirmed the support for FLEXIT individual Councillors had.

MOP asked if any Wyre Councillors could attend a future FTC meeting in respect of planning issues pertaining to Fleetwood.

Cllr Rogers explained that planning decisions are not political decisions and are made by the planning committee as applications were placed in front of them. The decisions are all made democratically and Fleetwood Councillors on the Planning Committee always fight the corner of Fleetwood residents' who raise concerns on planning matters.

MOP advised he had complained to LCC about the 22 bus service as double decker buses were being used on Ullswater Ave which they felt was inappropriate and could be a health and safety issue.

Cllr Stuchfield commented on the earlier issue which was raised in respect of planning. She advised that Fleetwood Wyre Councillors "Call In" planning issues. And noted it is the Overview & Scrutiny Committee who meet to ensure that processes have been conducted correctly. She also noted that whilst there may be differences of opinion between members of the Planning Committee decisions are democratically passed.

MOP advised that the single decker 22 bus services are currently illegal and from 1st January 2017 the double decker 22 bus service will also be illegal.

The meeting was then reconvened.

2046 SUPPORT LETTER FLEETWOOD HERITAGE LEISURE TRUST

It was resolved to approve a support letter for the Fleetwood Heritage Leisure Trust in respect of their funding application.



2047 GRANT AID APPLICATION THE WILLOW GARDEN PROJECT

It was resolved to approve the Grant Aid application of £1,000 for a defibrillator for The Willow Garden Project.

2048 BUILDERS SUPPLY INVOICE

It was resolved to approve the invoice of £44.54 for Fleetwood In Bloom purchases from Builders Supply

2049 FLEETWOOD IN BLOOM PURCHASES

- a) It was resolved to purchase 100 plant labels the Clerk was given delegated authority to choose the supplier to a limit of £50
- b) It was resolved to purchase 5 clear report wallets at a cost of £2.50
- c) It was resolved to purchase 6 x 50cm barrel planters from Wilkinson's at a cost of £36

2050 3 TIER PLANTERS INSURANCE

It was resolved to approve the insurance for 2016 for 3 x 3 tier planters at a cost of £26.92

2051 ALLOTMENT PROJECTS/ISSUES

- a) It was resolved to approve a further 10 tonne of crusher run from Builders Supply at a total cost of £264
- b) It was resolved to approve the hire of a wacker plate from McKennas Fleetwood at a cost of £30
- c) It was resolved to approve the content and issue of a letter to the Allotment Association regarding the erection of a shed on the communal land on the Allotments.

2052 FTC STICKER ADVERTS CLLR BARROWCLOUGH

It was resolved to approve the continuation of the contract with Colourbanners to purchase 24, 7.5inch x 4.5inch, Fleetwood Town Council sponsor stickers

2053 TRAM FESTIVAL ADVERT

It was resolved to approve the Transport Festival advert at a cost of £150

2054 CLERK/CDO SALARY INCREASES 2016/18 & INCREMENTS

It was resolved to approve

- a) an increment for the Clerk passing her CiLCA qualification of 1 spine point from spine point 26 to 27 from the 1st July 2016 £12.440 per hour as per the Clerks Contract of Employment.
- b) an increase in the Clerks rate of pay backdated to 1st April 2016 as per the National Salary Awards 2016-2018 at spine point 26 from £11.922 per hour to increase to £12.041 per hour.
- c) an increase in the CDO's rate of pay back dated to 1st April 2016 as per the National Salary Awards 2016-2018 at spine point 22 from £10.527 per hour to £10.632 per hour

2055 BACK ON TRACK CLLR STUCHFIELD

2056 FLEETWOOD PILLAR BOXES CLLR BARROWCLOUGH

2057 FLEETWOOD MUSEUM PROPOSAL CLLR ROGERS

It was resolved to approve the recommendations of Cllr. Rogers regarding the application in respect of the future running of Fleetwood Museum as follows; Fleetwood Museum Trustees and Friends become a



Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as a separate legal entity and they will complete the application for running Fleetwood Museum independently of Fleetwood Town Council.

The financial support proposed by Fleetwood Town Council will be drafted by a working party of Fleetwood Town Councillors only and put before Fleetwood Town Council for review and potential approval.

Fleetwood Town Council will oversee the completed application form provided by the CIO and once approved by Fleetwood Town Council will submit this along with the financial package agreed and approved by Fleetwood Town Council on behalf and for the newly formed Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

2058 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

App No : 16/00450/FUL – Park - Demolition of church, side and rear extension and internal alterations: St Davids Church Larkholme Lane Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 8AU

App No : 16/00060/DIS – Pharos - Discharge of conditions 3 (materials) and 4 (surface finishes) on planning permission 16/00060/FUL Asda Dock Street Fleetwood Lancashire

App No :16/00453/ADV – Rossall - Four non-illuminated fascia signs to the south and east elevations of the Marine Engineering centre Marine Engineering Centre Nautical Campus Blackpool And The Fylde College Broadwater Fleetwood FY7 8JZ

App No : 16/00478/FULMAJ – Mount - Change of use from disused former bingo hall to 12 apartments and 2 retail units Barneys Bingo Club Poulton Road Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 6TQ

App No : 16/00486/FUL – Rossall - First floor front extension 43 Fairway Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 8QZ

App No : 16/00504/ADV – Pharos - Advertisement consent Asda Dock Street Fleetwood Lancashire

App No : 16/00496/FUL – Mount - Extension to existing premises to provide additional production/racking areas Lofthouse Of Fleetwood Ltd Maritime Street Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 7LP

App No : 16/00534/FUL- Warren - Single-storey rear extension and extension to existing detached garage, front and rear dormers and replacement roof tiles - re-submission of planning app 15/00430/FUL18 The Ridgeway Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 8AH

App No : 16/00509/FUL – Mount - Single storey extension to the front and side 48 Broadway Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 7DG

App No :16/00524/FUL – Park - Two storey rear extension 22 Formby Avenue Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 8HZ

App No :16/00544/ADV – Pharos - Advertisement consent for two post mounted directional signs and the display of one vinyl sign on the front of a row of lockers Asda Stores 190 - 244 Dock Street Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 6NU

App No : 16/00542/HPN – Warren - Single storey rear extension - the extension would extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling by 6.00 metres, and be no more than 2.95 metres in height, with an eaves height of 2.85 metres 9 Beach Road Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 8PS



2059 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (2)

MOP asked if there is an update available on the barrage and the ABP RoRo berth

Cllr. Rogers confirmed that he had no update on the RoRo berth but he will contact Cllr. Pete Murphy at Wyre regarding this matter and the barrage plan was awaiting environmental surveys.

Cllr Stuchfield advised she would contact Bob Long for an update on the barrage.

MOP advised she was unhappy with the precept rise to try and save Fleetwood Museum

Cllr. Rogers advised if the Fleetwood Museum is not eventually funded by Fleetwood Town Council The rise in the precept would be offset against the precept applied for in 2017/18. He noted there was a public consultation on whether FTC should try and save Fleetwood Museum or not. He noted that he was personally in favour of saving this asset.

MOP asked Cllr. Barrowclough when he met with Highways was speeding signage an issue.

Cllr. Barrowclough advise he had met with Carl Green and he should be contacting highways to advise them that current signage throughout the town is inadequate.

MOP asked if there was any update on the Skatepark

Cllr Rogers advised that Cllr Anderton and Wyre Councillor Ruth Duffy would be attending a meeting with the Chief Exec of Wyre and Mark Billington on the 7th July and an update would be provided a ta a later date.

MOP thanked the Clerk for attending to a fly tipping issues on Eskdale which was promptly resolved by Wyre Council.

MOP advised that the sun parlour at the Marine Hall had been made into a storage unit and she had complained as there had not been planning permission filed for these changes. She confirmed that she was still waiting for a response.

MOP /member of PWRS thanked FTC for the award of grant aid recently and confirmed they had been used to good effect.

MOP asked if the Marine Hall has been listed with English Heritage.

The meeting was then reconvened.

2060 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Cllr Anderton – Allotment Survey

Cllr. Stuchfield Back On Track

Cllr Hewitt requested to be placed on the Wyre Area Committee and the Review Panel

2061 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) Clerk purchases on behalf of the Council (June 2016) £260.24

Postage £3.12, toilet rolls £3.49, Flower Bridge Planter approved
31/5 Item 2022(c) £122.83 Colour banners approved 31/5 item 2020
£130.80

b) Clerk salary for June 2016 (approved – gross) £1136.56



c) Community Development Officer salary for June 2016 (approved – gross)	£1065.97
d) HM Revenue & Customs for June (Employer/employee, conts)	£282.80
e) Lighthouse Stationery (meeting packs and file binders)	£57.24
f) The Plant Place (FIB)	£16.54
g) Link- Mag Newsletter	£836.00
h) Builders Supply (FIB)	£44.54
i) Builders Supply (Allotments)	£132.00
j) Builders Supply (Allotments)	£71.05
k) SLCC approved /paid 31/5/16	£149.00
l) Wyre Council approved /paid 31/5/16	£1,000.00
m) Rotary Fleetwood Fireworks 2016 approved/paid 31/5/16	£3,000.00
n) Grant Aid WVCA Scarecrow Festival approved /paid 31/5/16	£2,000.00
o) Regenda Fleetwood approved /paid 31/5/16	£5,000.00

2062 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th July at the North Euston Hotel at 7pm.

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

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed

Dated