



Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 26th JULY 2016
AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL, FLEETWOOD 7p.m.

Present: Cllrs. T. Rogers (Chairman), M. Barrowclough, B. Glasgow, M. Stirzaker, N. Stuchfield, E. Anderton,

Also present: 15 members of the public were present.

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

2063 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Fearon, B. Stephenson, E. Stephenson, Hewitt Apologies accepted.

2064 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 28th JUNE 2016

It was resolved to accept the minutes of 28th June as being a true and accurate record of the meeting with an amendment of item 2015 Councillors Report ; Cllr Stuchfield report should read "signed up to Chris Allen Garage" not Jameson Road Garage .

The minutes were then signed by the Chair.

2065 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

2066 DECLARATIONS OF OTHER INTERESTS

None

2067 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Rogers advised he had been on holiday for 17 days but had attended the Tram Sunday Event and had undertaken normal Chairman and Office duties for the remainder of the time.

2068 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 have worked extensively on the potential takeover and worked with Cllr. Anderton on the financial support Fleetwood Town Council will offer Fleetwood Museum Trust CIO and attended 2 meetings in respect of this.

I have received and collated the information from the Museum consultation exercise and will update you on the results at the meeting of the 30th August.

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



I have completed the Quarter 1 Financial Statement for both the Main Account and the Allotment Account and the budget monitoring documents.

I have helped Cllr. Barrowclough collate information for his proposal on SPIDS

I have drafted and issued the required information for 2 Festive Lights Meetings and the completed associated minutes for them.

I have contacted Wyre Council regarding the planning applications and await their reply as I have had an email which states that planning applications will not be emailed in future and I will have to do my own searches. As the new search system is not up and running yet I do not know if this will cause extra work but I will keep you updated once I have received a response and tested the new system.

2069 CDO REPORT

CDO Report – June/July 2016

Fleetwood in Bloom

I can report that all the plants have now been planted and that judging took place on the 21st July – we eagerly await the judge's response to be announced at the celebration event in the next few weeks.

The plants do still need watering and although we have had fantastic support from businesses to water the new planters along Lord Street, we do need volunteers to help with other locations. Please leave your details with the clerk at the end of the meeting if you are able to help.

On behalf of Fleetwood I would like to say thank you to all involved with Fleetwood in Bloom this year.

Festive Lights

Plans for this year's Festive Lights are well underway – Solar wrap around trees to light up the town centre will provide a spectacular display this year in addition to the 5 large trees that are located at – the Marine Gardens; Larkholme Shops; Ash Street; Broadway and West View.

The committee are keen to invite everyone in Fleetwood to the switch on event on Saturday November 19th, and take part in making a Christmas Lantern and then parade alongside the illuminated tram from Euston Gardens to Ash Street for the switch on.

I am currently organising the relevant permits and road closures for this event.

Larkholme for all

Cllr Rogers and I have attended two meetings at Wyre Domiciliary Service to learn about the Larkholme for all projects. £12,000 pounds has been awarded from 'bags of help' grant from Tesco to enable them to build an interactive garden for service users to enjoy. The plants include a poly tunnel to grow vegetables and plants, raised beds, nature pond, bird tables and seating areas.

Working in partnership with Regenda

In support of Regenda and their 10 year vision to transform Fleetwood's neighbourhoods, I attended the consultation event at the North Euston Hotel on 6th July

In brief the vision is to unlock development potential, releasing sites for private sector investment, reinforcing the message that 'Fleetwood is open for business'. Using arts, sports, health and wellbeing, education and community inclusion, Fleetwood's residents will be connected into those new investments via new jobs, training, volunteering, self-employment, apprenticeships, training and skills. This golden thread of outcomes will transform people and place.

FTC's consultation via the newsletter.

All residents of Fleetwood have been invited to give their response to 'should Fleetwood Town Council try and save the museum' three priorities for Fleetwood the deadline to have your say was 24th July.



The results of the consultation exercise will be on the agenda for the 30th August.

Team Fleetwood

When the information from the consultation exercise is collated another Team Fleetwood meeting will be organised to discuss the priorities of the residents of Fleetwood.

Allotments

I can confirm that the new pathway and turning circle at the Larkholme Avenue allotments is now complete. I have drawn up a new inspection rota and sent it out to all councillors – the next inspection is due on 30th July.

2070 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Anderton advised she had attended the following meetings 6/7 Regenda 10 Year Vision, 7/7 Skate Park Expansion with Wyre Officers. 12/7 Fleetwood Museum with officers from LCC and other members. She advised she had attended the following events Tram Sunday 17/7 and Memorial Park Funday 23/7 she conveyed congratulations to all volunteers involved.

On Warren ward she had received more complaints about seagulls. She noted Marge Anderton a Wyre Councillor also raised this issue at Wyre Council. Officers have promised more information on their website.

Complaints iro speeding on Manor Road had been received and LCC advised there weren't any suitable lamp post in this area to erect SPIDS so speed awareness posters have been placed in situ instead. Other issues raised, cycling on the pavement and fly-tipping in gated alleyways. Payback team has been booked to clear and Wyre are issuing letters to all residents with access.

Cllr Anderton also advised that up and coming events are Thomas's Tea Party a Trinity fundraiser Broadway Rooms Sat 30/7 from 12pm onwards.

Cllr Barrowclough advised there have been issues raised iro of damaged properties due to the sea wall work which he referred to Wyre Council.

He attended the Festive Lights meeting, plans are progressing well and the event will be held on the 19th November this year. He advised on the 6/7 along with Cllr. Stuchfield he presented the cheque to Regenda iro the 10 year vision. On the 7/7 he attended a full Wyre meeting and Flexit was discussed with Peter Gibson. Mr Gibson advised that £1.1 million was raised from Council Tax for Fleetwood however Wyre spend £1.6 million in Fleetwood which does not include street cleansing and bin collections and the total spend is in the region of £2 million. Cllr Barrowclough advised that these figures provide an indication of what the Fleetwood tax payers would need to raise just to fulfil existing services if Flexit became a reality. Cllr Barrowclough also advised that the weed spraying cost in the region of £6,000 annually. He has made further enquiries and awaits a reply on how often and where weed spraying takes place.

12/7 he attended the Back On Track meeting which was positive which advised the community what PWRS have achieved so far. 13/7 he attended the museum meeting led by LCC. 17/7 he attended Tram Sunday which proved a successful day for the Festive Lights as £280 was raised towards this year's event. He conveyed congratulations to Robert Brown and volunteers for the day's success.

22/7 He met with residents of Kirkstone Ave and LCC Councillor Lorraine Beavers. Residents raised their concerns iro the footpaths which were in a poor state of repair. The residents' petition and concerns have been referred to John Fillis at LCC and a request for him to make a site visit also.

He has also met with Kier Highways, Highways England and Cllr Beavers with concerns about the proposed cycle route along the A585 running from Dock St to Skippool. Highways England have a ring fenced grant of £400,000 for this project. Work begins January 2017 which will cause disruption.

He conveyed congratulations to all the Fleetwood IN Bloom volunteers and hoped the result would be favourable and he also gave a special thanks to the CDO Dawn. Finally he advised he had written to Royal Mail iro the poor repair/paint on local pillar boxes and awaits their response.



Cllr. Stuchfield 29/6 Attended the PWRS meeting, 6/7 presented the Regenda cheque for the 10 year vision and helped with Fleetwood In Bloom planting. 12/7 attended the Back On Track public meeting which was very informative and we saw drone footage of the track to date. Cllr Stuchfield congratulated the organiser of Tram Sunday which she attended on 17/7.

20/7 she met with the Letitia Ann Russell group and they confirmed they now have charity status. She also advised she had met with a resident who had raised concerns about stones being removed from Fleetwood beach. She advised she had taken advice from Wyre Council on this matter and had confirmation that it would not affect the beach gradient.

Concerns by the public had also been raised regarding the amalgamation of libraries in Fleetwood.

Cllr Anderton confirmed that the main Fleetwood library is safe but North fleet library is earmarked for closure.

Cllr Stuchfield also advised the reservoir had recently been closed for fishing due to water issues.

Cllr Stirzaker congratulated Fleetwood In Bloom for their efforts this year. She advised she had made a scarecrow which was placed outside the library on Tram Sunday. She had also compiled the paperwork for Town Council the Back On Track meeting. She has also updated the FY7 Town Council Twitter/FB accounts. She has had discussions with residents regarding planning issues in Fleetwood and attended a recent Wyre Council planning meeting. She had also spoken to a Pilling resident who had concerns over the pending ferry closure.

2071 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (1)

Sgt Whitaker addressed the public, he advised there hadn't been any significant incidents at this event and he was looking forward to events in Oct/Nov/Dec and then offered questions from the public.

Cllr. Barrowclough asked if the Police had any events planned to offset any potential anti-social behaviour in the school holidays.

Sgt Whitaker advised he has liaised with Wyre Council and the officers at Wyre who have helped by acquiring funding for outreach projects 3 or 4 hours per night.

He advised that cycling on the pavement is not allowed and whilst police officers do stop perpetrators they use their discretion when issuing tickets.

Cllr Stuchfield advised Sgt Whitaker that the Mount Crest was being used as a slide and requested he made the team aware of this. She also advised that children were jumping off the flat roofed buildings at the boating lake.

Sgt Whitaker acknowledged this issue raised and advised his team were aware of the problems raised.

MOP advised that the reason why people cycle on the pavement as traffic is a problem.

MOP advised that anti-social behaviour was occurring on the Isle of Man berth

Sgt Whitaker advised he would notify Associated British Ports

MOP advised that the path on the allotments had not been completed.

Cllr. Rogers advised that the path was finished as there is no further funding available at this point.

The meeting was then reconvened.



2072 ALLOTMENT SURVEY

Cllr Anderton addressed the meeting and advised that the issue of security on the allotments had been raised in the past and as such she had requested the CDO to formulate/ issue a survey to all Tenants and notify the outcomes of the survey.

The survey revealed: 9 tenants advised the current screening for the allotments was adequate
2 tenants said the screening was inadequate.

The majority of tenants requested a toilet to be installed (brick built/flat roof preferred option)

Cllr Anderton concluded that security on the allotments is relevant as there had been recorded break-ins.

She advised the solution would be subject to a full site survey which would have input by the tenants and relevant costings. She suggested a survey would conclude in a list of priorities and a long term maintenance plan being drafted. Cllr Anderton also advised she would refer this project to the CDO to undertake this proposal and on conclusion bring it back to Council for consideration. Full Council was in agreement to this proposed action.

2073 BACK ON TRACK UPDATE

Cllr Stuchfield advised she attended the PWRs meeting with the trustees which was very informative. She advised technical issues were discussed. She advised that a Grip Analyses was being undertaken by Network Rail and a Feasibility Study was required to establish the best way forward with regard to which points would need removing and why. She also advised a further 18 weeks work was required on the track.

At the public meeting 12/7 several Councillors, the CDO, LCC, Cat Smith MPs representative and several members of the public were in attendance. The general mood of the meeting was very enthusiastic and several volunteers were recruited. Drone footage of the actual restored track from Burn Naze to Jameson Road was also featured at the meeting. The next public meeting was notified as being held at the North Euston Hotel 7.30pm, the next Committee meeting was notified as being held on 16/8 at Fleetwood Football Club in the boardroom.

2074 DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE CDO

It was resolved to approve delegated authority for the CDO to purchase ad-hoc items for previously approved projects for example Festive Lights, Fleetwood In Bloom, etc not in excess of £75 in any calendar Month.

2075 Q1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & BUDGET MONITORING

It was resolved to approve the Q1 Financial Statement and the budget monitoring information.

2076 OFFICE CLEANING

It was resolved to transfer the 2 cleaning hours per month from the CDO to the Clerk.

2077 CIVIC SOCIETY ADVERT

As the Civic Society booklet had already been printed for 2016 it was resolved to approve an advert to the value of £150 for future annual Civic Society booklets from 2017 onwards.



2078 VOLUNTEERS FOR BACK ON TRACK

Cllr. Barrowclough appealed to the public and members of the Council to volunteer for the restoration of the rail track link to Fleetwood and asked anyone interested to contact the Clerk.

2079 SPIDS FOR FLEETWOOD WARDS

Cllr Barrowclough advised the Council that LCC was responsible for the siting of SPIDS in Fleetwood but despite the need for placement of SPIDS the budget constraints were affecting this initiative. Cllr Barrowclough suggested that FTC may purchase several, a minimum of 1 for each ward over a rolling period to spread the cost. He was hoping that the Council could agree in principle to this proposal and he would then draft a fully costed proposal to be presented at a future meeting.

Cllr. Rogers advised that other parish councils do this in other areas.

Cllr. Anderton suggested that as SPIDS are the remit of LCC we should consult with them, she had worked with them on iro of issues on Warren ward and advised they were very amenable. She acknowledged Cllr Rogers point and said whilst this may work in small villages it could be very costly in a large town like Fleetwood.

Cllr. Rogers advised he would ask the CDO to work with Cllr Barrowclough to produce a full report with costings for further future consideration by the Council.

2080 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

App No : 16/00589/FUL – Pharos - Change of use from shop (A1 use) to childrens soft play area (D2 use) to include an ancillary light refreshment area, M J Workwear And Supplies Dock Street Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 6JW

App No : 16/00576/FUL- Park - Change of use of existing garage into ancillary living accommodation. Single storey side and rear extensions to create attached garage and rear garden room ,12 Formby Avenue Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 8HZ

App No : 16/00587/HPN – Park - Single-storey rear extension - The extension would extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling by 5.32m and be no more than 3.43m in height with an eaves height of 2.81m; 45 Whinfield Avenue Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 7NE

App No : 16/00614/FUL- Pharos - Change of use from medical centre (Use Class D1) to cafe/restaurant Use Class A3 ; 178 Lord Street Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 6SR

App No : 16/00602/FUL – Rossall - Addition of two side dormers; 65 Ullswater Avenue Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 8PU

App No : 16/00608/FUL- Rossall - Garage conversion with new roof and single storey rear extension ; 18 Plymouth Avenue Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 8JA

2081 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (2)

MOP advised there was an algae problem with the small pool at the boating lake

Cllr. Anderton advised that Wyre engineering are aware of the problem .The main pool has an agitator which help keeps the water clear and the smaller pool is cleaned once a year.Pesticides are not an option due to the impact on children, wildlife and domestic animals.



Cllr. Stuchfield advised she had spoken to the person who was clearing the pool 2 weeks ago and he advised it was a specialised job.

MOP What is happening with the Skatepark?

Cllr. Anderton advised she had met with Wyre officers regarding the expansion of the Skatepark which was very positive and the CDO will notify the public when the next public meeting will be held.

MOP advised Orient Buildings has been subject to vandalism and asked if the completion date for works on the building was known.

Cllr. Rogers advised he would try and contact the owner and find out this information.

MOP raised concerns about the changes in planning being notified to the Council.

The meeting was then reconvened.

2082 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

SPIDS & Pillar Boxes Cllr. Barrowclough
Payback Cllr. Rogers

2083 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) Clerk purchases on behalf of the Council (July 2016)

Postage 60 x 2nd stamps £33.00

Postage Gazette meeting copy £1.54

FIB purchases

Plant Pot Labels approved 28/6 item 2049 £45.72

Report project filed approved 28/6 item 2049 £2.50

Barrel Planters approved 28/6 item 2049 £36.00

Sponsor labels approved 28/6 item 2052 £48.00

Festive Lights

Gazebo approved FL Meeting 5/7 item 194 £107.99

Trestle tables FL Meeting approved 5/7 item 197 £63.06

Total £337.81

b) Clerk salary for July 2016 including backdated pay award from 1/4/16 £1219.98
(approved – gross)

c) Community Development Officer salary for July 2016 including £1103.28
backdated pay award from (approved – gross)

d) HM Revenue & Customs for July 2016 £349.54
(Employer/employee, conts)

e) The Willow Garden Project Grant Aid approve paid 28/6/16 £1,000.00

f) Lighthouse Stationery (meeting packs and file binders) £ 54.43

g) The Plant Place (approved 22/6) £391.12

h) The National Allotments Society renewal membership £66.00

i) Festive Lights Lantern Pde Ins 19/11/16 (approved 5/7) £131.40

j) McKennas Equipment Hire (Allotments) £30.00



k) Builders Supply (Allotments) £396.00

l) Fleetwood Town Council Insurance Community First £816.82

2084 Fleetwood Town Council discussed and resolved to approve the Terms of Reference for the proposed funding for Fleetwood Museum the only amendment to the TOR was to include the following;

At least 2 Councillors should be invited to become Trustees of the Fleetwood Museum Trust CIO.

The detailed application form was discussed and it was resolved to approve the form with the exception of the following; any mention that Fleetwood Town Council as the accountable body must be replaced with Fleetwood Town Council the body providing financial support

3.2 Risk Assessments should read "We intend to adopt the current risk assessments in situ and revise them should Fleetwood Museum Trust CIO be successful in the bid."

2085 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th August at the North Euston Hotel at 7pm.

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

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed

Dated