



# Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

## THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016 AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL, FLEETWOOD 7p.m.

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

### 2086 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Taylor and Hewitt apologies accepted.

### 2087 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016

It was resolved to accept the minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> July as being a true and accurate record of the meeting  
The minutes were then signed by the Chair.

### 2088 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

### 2089 DECLARATIONS OF OTHER INTERESTS

None

### 2090 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised the meeting that Naomi Fearon previously Councillor for Mount ward had resigned due to a home and career move. He thanked her for all her work as a Councillor and wished her well for the future. He also advised Simon Roberts previously Councillor for Pharos ward had been disqualified from office for failing to attend meetings or contact Fleetwood Town Council regarding his absence for a period of 6 months. The last contact received from Mr Roberts was when he attended the meeting of the 23/2/16. Therefore under The Local Government Act 1972 Section 85 Mr Roberts was disqualified from office on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Cllr Rogers also advised the vacancies for the 2 positions had now been advertised.

### 2091 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-

The consultation exercise issued in the Fleetwood Town Council Newsletter 2016 for the potential Fleetwood Museum takeover concluded on the 25th July. I can confirm that 11,500 were issued. The total number of responses received was 144. Out of the 144, 134 voted YES they wanted FTC to save the museum, 6 residents voted No and 4 votes were invalid.

#### 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 attended meetings with Fleetwood Museum and received notification from LCC that the Museums Trust application is going well.

I have compiled the information for the FTC employee statutory pension options and a decision which must be up and running by the 1st January 2017.

I have reviewed the Tenancy Agreement for the allotments and revised the rents for 2017/18.

I have worked with the CDO on the Tram Permit and Road closures for this year's Lantern Parade and everything is on schedule

I have reported the 2 Councillor vacancies for Mount & Pharos ward to Wyre Council and the legal notices are in place.

## 2092 CDO REPORT

The CDO has been on annual leave for 2 weeks and will provide a report for the next meeting

## 2093 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Glasgow - Rossall Ward advised he had done a walk around the ward and all in order.

Cllr. E. Stephenson – Pharos Ward advised she had had a lot of complaints regarding fly-tipping and she had attended the Food Festival at the Marine Hall which was a very good event.

Cllr. B. Stephenson – Park Ward advised he had received complaints from Broadwater Residents Association and they had had a new lock replaced as a result of the intervention He noted there had been antisocial behaviour on the Broadwater estate and the police had been called to deal with this matter.

Cllr. Barrowclough – Rossall Ward 2/8 he attended a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with Lorraine Beavers Councillor for LCC and Cabinet Member for Highways LCC John Fillis regarding the footpaths at Kirkstone Avenue being in a poor state of repair. John agreed it is a ward priority to resolve this matter.

5/8 along with Cllr. Rogers attended the official opening of the swings on Memorial Park which FTC provided Grant Aid of £6,000 to help purchase.

7/8 with Cllr. Rogers undertook maintenance at the FTC office

16/8 he received a response from an earlier contact with John Fillis with the good news that the lamp post on Lord St and North Albert St will be repainted. He was hopeful that Wyre Council would co-operate with a request to paint the CCTV posts as well. He advised he will provide an update this matter asap.

9/8 along with Cllr. Rogers he attended a meeting which was hosted by Peter England who has aspirations on the return of the Isle of Man ferry to Fleetwood. He advised this is likely to be a private enterprise running separately from the Steam Packet Co. His hopes were to support the barrage project and work alongside Bob Long in conjunction with both initiatives. He also advised his Rossall Ward surgery at West View Community Centre would be held 24/9 11am-1pm

Cllr Anderton – Warren Ward advised she had attended the following meetings

and supported several local events;

30/7 Thomas's Tea Party

13/8 999 Bath Tub Challenge

14/8 Food Festival at the Marine Hall

17/8 Beehive Community Centre

She advised she had been chasing Wyre Council on a weekly basis regarding the algae on the small model yacht lake and there had been a disappointing lack of response.

Cllr Anderton thanked the police for their prompt response in removing an abandoned car on Wren ward.

She noted that due to a recent incident on the boating lake she has requested a health & safety risk assessment from Wyre and suggested replacing grab rails with steps and is awaiting a response.

She is also liaising with Wyre over complaints received regarding the concession kiosks on the promenades. Wyre will contact the relevant owners before considering enforcement. Further to these issues she has liaised with Wyre on the misleading signage for life guard patrols on the beach and the webcam tower at Rossall Point over various issues.



Cllr Stuchfield- Warren Ward advised she had been contacted by a member of the public regarding a dog incident on the nature reserve at the top of Jameson Road involving a dog walking business who at the time was walking 13 dogs. This incident was referred to the police, LCC and Wyre Council. Cllr Beavers of LCC passed it to their legal department for their attention. New signage will be erected instructing the public regarding the usage of the land and the permitted number of dogs allowed at any one time. She advised she had met with PWRS Fleetwood Back on Track volunteers recently. She was pleased to note that several volunteers have come forward to assist with weeding the rail beds and Cala Gran has offered to help also.

Further to her ongoing queries with Wyre Council regarding an alternative paddling pool there is currently no news.

Cllr Stuchfield also congratulated the volunteers on FIB for the stunning floral displays this year.

Cllr. Stirzaker – St Wulstans Ward noted she was sorry to hear Naomi Fearon had resigned and she wished her well in her new venture. She recently attended the Cala Gran souvenir shop and noted that no Fleetwood souvenirs were on sale. As a result of this she met with a manager and he agreed he would attend future Team Fleetwood meetings with a view to improve the tourist experience in respect of Fleetwood attractions.

She also attended a Back on Track meeting; she confirmed the placement of the banners for the A585 and attended a photo session digging out the weeds on the track. She advised she had spoken to Joel BES Gas to see if they can meet regarding sponsorship of Festive Lights.

She attended a Warren Farm meeting and thanked the police for attending. She contacted Wyre and Charlie MacKeith regarding what was thought to be a theft of slate from the Mount restorations, Fleetwood police investigated but no crime had taken place. Cllr Stirzaker gave her apologies for the next meeting of the Council on 27/9.

Cllr. MacLaughlan – Park Ward advised she had been on holiday and had nothing to report

#### 2094 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (1)

Sgt Whitaker was unable to attend due to work

MOP asked if there was an update on the Skatepark

Cllr. Anderton advised that Cllr Rogers and herself had a meeting scheduled with the Portfolio Holder at Wyre for this weekend in order to discuss potential options for the extension of the Skatepark and she would report back on this next month.

MOP asked if there was any news on the potential return of the hovercraft service from Isle of Man to Fleetwood and noted objections had been made by RSPB.

Cllr. Rogers advised he would make some enquiries and report back next month

MOP read out a letter which detailed the aspirations of Flowering Fleetwood for seasonal planting throughout the town for 2017

MOP advised that there had been a lot of anti-social behaviour perpetrated by young people recently on the Broadwater Estate. This resulted in 6 police cars and police officers being utilised to resolve the issues. Criminal damage in this area was costing the residents dearly both personally and financially.

Cllr Rogers advised he would contact Wyre Council and the Police regarding the issues raised to request a multi-agency resolution to the problems highlighted.

Cllr. Stuchfield advised that when issues like this have occurred in the past Lancashire County Council have initiated youth projects in problem areas to try and counteract the problems of young people being involved in anti-social behaviour.



Cllr. Rogers advised FTC could potentially fund such an initiative.

Cllr E. Stephenson asked if we could name and shame the individuals involved.

Cllr. Stirzaker suggested the residents dealing with these issues should keep a diary of events, names etc and any evidence which would be useful to give to the police.

The meeting was then reconvened.

2095 PILLAR BOX UPDATE

Cllr. Barrowclough advised the pillar boxes in Fleetwood are in a poor state of repair and after contacting Royal Mail he had received a favourable response which advised that the pillar boxes in Fleetwood are due

2096 SPIDS UPDATE

Cllr Barrowclough noted that the 20mph speed limit was being exceeded by motorists on a regular basis. He advised that he had made enquiries in respect of how SPIDS are located in other areas and confirmed that SPIDS in other areas were privately owned by community groups. He also advised that Lancashire County Council use temporary SPIDS which are community led in locations throughout Fleetwood. He also advised that enquiries will be made by the CDO for funding opportunities and grants to fulfil this proposal and he would be looking at 1 SPID per ward. He advised he would keep everyone informed of this potential proposal.

2097 ENGAGING COMMUNITY PAYBACK

It was resolved to approve the contract with Community Payback for 1 day a week from March to August 2017 at a cost of £2879.76

2098 FESTIVE LIGHTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It was resolved to approve the members of the Fleetwood Town Council Festive Lights Committee as;

Christine Smith (Chairman)  
Cllr. Emma Anderton  
Cllr .Mike Barrowclough (Vice Chair)  
Cllr. Terry Rogers  
Cllr. Mary Stirzaker  
Julie Dalton (Clerks representative)  
Lorraine Beavers  
Marge Anderton  
Jennie Bywater  
Robert Brown  
Anne Brown  
Cheryl Raynor  
Sioux Couch  
Thomas Couch  
Dawn McCord

2099 INITIATIVE PROPOSAL FORMS

It was resolved to approve the Initiative Proposal forms and include details of the ward and lead Councillor



2100 CHAIRMANS DESK & CHAIR

It was resolved to approve the purchase of a chair and a table for the Chairman Cllr Rogers at a total cost of £127.98.

2101 REVIEW THE ALLOTMENT POLICY & TENANCY AGREEMENT 2017

It was resolved to approve the current Allotment Tenancy Agreement and Allotment Policy without amendment for 2017/18.

2102 It was resolved to refuse the request from Cllr. Hewitt to be a Councillor on the Fleetwood Town Council Review Panel

2103 SUPPORT LETTER FOR ISLE OF MAN FERRY

It was resolved to approve a letter of support for the return of The Isle of Man ferry service on the condition that the Council has sight of the letter before it is issued.

2104 NORTH WEST IN BLOOM TICKETS

It was resolved to approve the purchase of 4 tickets for volunteers/Councillors to attend the North West In Bloom ceremony.

2105 GRANT AID APPLICATION FLEETWOOD ROYALETTES

It was resolved to approve the Grant Aid request of £500 for the Fleetwood Royalties morris dancing troupe

2106 CLLR.BARROWCLOUGH CHAIRMAN'S WORKSHOP

It was resolved to approve the payment of £25 for the Vice Chairman Cllr Barrowclough to attend the Chairman Workshop conducted by LALC

2107 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been considered by members, and were reviewed by the Council. It was resolved that each of the planning applications be noted.

App No : 16/00643/FUL – Pharos - Single storey extension to existing retail unit and internal alterations  
Location: 21 London Street Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 6JE Applicant: Mr Russ Neve 5 Waygate Thornton-Cleveleys Lancashire FY5 3LG

2108 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (2)

MOP advised the SPIDS principle is a good idea; however some speed signage already in place is incorrect and needs to be corrected to ensure the signage is legal.

MOP advised that they had £5.01 repayment of the Grant Aid provided for PWRS

MOP advised that the issues surrounding the potential return of the Isle of Man ferry was not just down to silt problems but also the issue of the dilapidation of the ferry terminus.

Cllr. Barrowclough advised that Bob Long and the Barrage Scheme personnel could help with this problem.



MOP also advised that there is a problem with road signage outside Brighthouse Stores which could lead to accidents.

The meeting was then reconvened.

2109 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Back on track

2110 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 (August 2016) Postage £1.20, New Minute Book £12.12 Tram Permit Festive Lights £60 Black Ink Printer £22.98	£96.30
b) Clerk salary for August 2016 (approved – gross)	£1248.35
c) Community Development Officer salary for August 2016 (approved – gross)	£1013.58
d) HM Revenue & Customs for August 2016 (Employer/employee, conts)	£ 321.72
e) Geoff's Windows	£15.00
f) Lighthouse Stationery (meeting packs and file binders)	£ 29.38
g) British Gas Safety Certificate	£141.57
h) The Rabbit Patch Ltd (authorised 23/2/16 item 1928)	£120.00
i) Wyre Council Annual Webcam running costs	£417.60
j) Cre8 Building 4 x concrete Christmas Tree bases approved by Festive Lights Comm 10/3 item 144 Fest Lights budget	£1760

2111 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.

2112 Discussions on the repayment of Grant Aid were discussed

2113 a) Discussions took place in respect of the future of the CDO post as the initial post is for a 12 month contract .



- b) It was resolved to approve the payment of £63 for the CDO to attend the New Clerks & Councillors course
- c) It was resolved that the Clerk would now work 22 hours over 4 days Tuesday- Friday from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016
- d) It was resolved that the CDO would now work 22 hours over 4 days Monday, Wednesday – Friday from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016
- e) It was resolved that Payright would administer the pension for Fleetwood Town Council from the staging date of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 and the pension provider would be NEST Pensions.
- f) It was resolved to approve The Home Working Policy for FTC officers for occasional home working if required
- g) It was resolved that the Christmas closure dates for Fleetwood Town Council are 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017. The office will re-open on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Signed .....

Dated .....