



# Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
23rd FEBRUARY 2016  
AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL, (BALLROOM) FLEETWOOD 7p.m.

Present: Cllrs.T.Rogers (Chairman), M. Barrowclough, M. Stirzaker, N. Stuchfield, E. Anderton, T.Taylor  
R. Hewitt, N. Fearon C. MacLaughlan, S. Roberts

Also present: 25 members of the public were present.

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

1911 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Glasgow, B Stephenson, E. Stephenson, all accepted.

1912 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 as being a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were then signed by the Chair.

1913 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

1914 DECLARATIONS OF OTHER INTERESTS

Cllr. Hewitt declared an interest in 1929 being a member of Friends of Memorial Park.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting and all Councillors and Clerk of the Council retired to a private room to discuss internal business of a confidential nature.

20 minutes later the Council and Clerk returned to the meeting which was re-opened by the Chairman.

1915 PERTINENT STANDING ORDERS

**STANDING ORDERS**

**22. Questions**

A member may ask the Chairman of the Council or the Clerk any question concerning the business of the Council, provided 5 clear days' notice of the question has been given to the person to whom it is addressed.

**29. Disorderly Conduct**

a) All members must observe the Code of Conduct adopted by the council.

b) No member shall at a meeting persistently disregard the ruling of the Chairman, wilfully obstruct business, or behave irregularly, offensively, improperly or in such a manner as to bring the Council into disrepute.

c) If, in the opinion of the Chairman, a member has broken the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Order, the Chairman shall express that opinion to the Council and thereafter any member may move that the member named be no longer heard or that the member named do leave the meeting, and the motion, if seconded, shall be put forth with and without discussion. If a member reasonably believes another member is in breach of the code of conduct, that member is under a duty to report the breach to the Standards Committee.

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



d) If either of the motions mentioned in paragraph c is disobeyed, the Chairman may adjourn the meeting or take such further steps as may reasonably be necessary to enforce them.

### **33. Discussions and Resolutions Affecting Employees of the Council**

If at a meeting there arises any question relating to the appointment, conduct, promotion, dismissal, salary or conditions of service, of any person employed by the Council. The press and public shall be excluded.

#### 1916 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Rogers invoked Standing Order 29 to Cllr. Hewitt

Cllr Rogers advised he had had a busy month and was pleased to see the Now Cards had been approved but was still concerned about the proposed reduction in bus services. He noted Stagecoach was also closing down operations in this area. He noted that he also had concerns about the demise of Fleetwood Market and advised 31 stalls had closed.

#### 1917 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) I have been reviewing several key FTC documents Risk Management Plan, Risk Management Register Internal Controls and the Assets Schedule as a precursor to the internal audit.

Myself and Dawn the CDO have been looking at the Festive Lights contractors for 2016 with a view to finalizing as many contracts as possible for the events this year so we are in a position to attain approval by the Festive Lights Committee as soon as possible.

I have liaised with Cllr. Stuchfield, the CDO and Cllr Rogers regarding the requirements for this year's Fleetwood In Bloom.

I have compiled the final draft for the Expressions of Interest for the potential future takeover of Fleetwood Museum as enclosed in the pack.

I have started preparing for the FTC Festive Lights Annual Meeting and the Council Annual Town Meeting, invitations have been issued to Cat Smith M.P. Steve Newsham from Regenda and Paul Haslam in respect of Fleetwood Together replies have not yet been received.

#### 1918 WARD REPORTS

Cllr. Roberts Nothing to report

Cllr. Stirzaker confirmed she has been pursuing a quote for the illumination of The Mount and laser lights.

Cllr Fearon advised that she had been working with Cllr Stuchfield with regards to the railway link for Fleetwood campaign. She advised there are issues surrounding the rail link as a heritage line only could be of detriment to a commercial passenger line. She advised that Cat Smith MP and herself favoured the passenger line and noted the points should remain. Cat Smith had contacted Network Rail to confirm this stance. Cllr Stuchfield interjected and questioned why there was no sustained campaign or business plan for a passenger line from Fleetwood and was dismayed that a strong enough case had not previously been drafted.

Cllr Fearon advised both herself and Cllr Stuchfield were looking to draft a robust business plan for the future of the rail link in Fleetwood and they would contact LCC and Wyre to schedule a meeting to discuss this issue



The real concern was that in other areas a heritage line may be used as an excuse not to move forward with a passenger line and in other areas when the points have been removed there may be reluctance to put them back in due to the expense. She advised this is the start of a big campaign a 5 year plan to reinstate a passenger line

Cllr Stuchfield advised she had met with Network Rail and there appeared to be no transparency to whom made the decisions regarding the removal of the points. She noted that connecting Fleetwood back to the main rail link to encompass the Fishpark and the heritage line was her goal. She noted it was vital to work with the Poulton & Wyre Railway Society on this project. She had attended a meeting with Bob Boal and was encouraged by the positive feeling from many to get the rail link back and would welcome a community group which would be needed to pursue this goal.

Cllr Stuchfield also had been in touch with Mark Billington at Wyre regarding a patch of mud near the boating lake which had been causing problems and also had contacted Janet Heald at Wyre to discuss a fundraiser for Fleetwood Maritime Museum.

She advised she is attending meetings for FIB and the Ann Letitia Russell Trust.

Cllr Barrowclough had liaised with Phil Gooden and Radford Amos at Wyre Council and progress was being made regarding the dog fouling issues in Fleetwood. There was a plan for a possible new member of staff at Wyre to deal with this issue. He noted he has personally reported many incidents of dog fouling himself.

Cllr Barrowclough also advised he had reported several pot holes on the roads in Rossall Ward to LCC, and noted that LCC have an on-line reports log and encouraged the use of this tool. He also advised he is putting together a portfolio of these issues to submit to John Fillis LCC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

Cllr. MacLaughlan noted she had made several reports for dog fouling and pot holes and submitted her objection to Jenny Mein at LCC re the closure of Fleetwood Museum.

Cllr. Anderton advised she had spoken to Garry Payne at Wyre Council regarding the removal of the wooden steps at the Skatebowl and had asked for additional safety to be considered in this area. She also advised there was £12,000 unspent from the Five for Fleetwood Funding and Wyre are looking at suggestions to how this should be spent. She has suggested the shelters and the boating lake bridge should be considered for repainting. She also noted that she had asked Wyre if the income from the new beach chalets could be ring fenced for Fleetwood and had been advised this would be illegal. Alan Vincent had advised the monies would probably be utilised to fund the roof repairs to Fleetwood Market.

Cllr Taylor advised he had brought a 600 + signature petition regarding the removal of bus services and was disappointed that Lorraine Beavers was not in attendance to hand it to her. He noted the 84 bus service was very important for the elderly residents and he had spoken to the press about the problems surrounding the removal of this service. He also advised that he had reported to LCC the potholes on Princes Way which had the potential of being a health and safety issue.

#### 1919 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (1)

a) Sgt Whitaker addressed the public and advised that reports of anti-social behaviour have reduced from 2481 2014/15 to 2117 2015/16 and the latest figures for 2016/17 are 1650.

Latest priorities are for community road watch and monitoring motorists in respect of the 20mph speed limit. A further priority was the parking outside school entrances and recently 10 tickets have been issued for this offence.

He advised future PACT meetings/road show will be advertised and held quarterly and the full details will be notified when known. He noted this new approach was trialled last weekend at Freeport and was well attended and went well.

b) MOP responded to Cllr. Anderton's suggestion regarding the work required on the boating lake and advised they thought the Nautical College should complete the works as they use it regularly.



- c) Cllr Anderton noted Michael Ryan had contacted contractors in respect of the return of the boats on the boating lake but there had been no take up.
- d) MOP asked if there had been any take up on the new beach huts
- e) Cllr. Anderton advised she would chase this up
- f) MOP noted that Cllr Murphy from Wyre Council had been in talks regarding the rail link , Hillhouse Site and the Enterprise Zone which sounds encouraging.
- g) MOP advised Easter weekend the North Euston would be celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> birthday and there would be several free public events arranged by Rotary at the NEH over this weekend to celebrate this anniversary.
- h) MOP advised she had help collect signatures for the petition to save the 84 bus which many local people including school children and the elderly relied on.
- i) MOP another mop advised that the 84 service may be saved according to local reports.
- j) MOP advised that the potential rail link may come into fruition if the Hill house site gave the idea status for freight etc.

#### 1920 EOI FORM COMPLETION

It was resolved to approve the wording and issue the Expressions of Interest form to LCC as soon as possible. The Chair called a recorded vote

Cllrs.T.Rogers (Chairman), M. Barrowclough, M. Stirzaker, N. Stuchfield, E. Anderton, T.Taylor  
N. Fearon C. MacLaughlan, S. Roberts, 9 Cllrs in favour. 1 against, Cllr Hewitt

#### 1921 INTERNAL CONTROL REVIEW

It was resolved to approve the amendments as detailed in the meeting pack document on page 21 and 22

The Chair called a recorded vote

Cllrs.T.Rogers (Chairman), M. Barrowclough, M. Stirzaker, N. Stuchfield, E. Anderton, T.Taylor  
N. Fearon C. MacLaughlan, S. Roberts, 9 Cllrs in favour. 1 against, Cllr Hewitt

#### 1922 REVIEW RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

It was resolved to approve the amendments to the Risk Management Plan as detailed in the meeting pack document on page 21 and 22

The Chair called a recorded vote

All in favour none against no abstentions.

#### 1923 REVIEW RISK MANAGEMENT REGISTER

It was resolved to approve the amendments to the Risk Management Register as detailed in the meeting pack document page 21 and 22.

The Chair called a recorded vote

All in favour none against no abstentions



1924 REVIEW ASSETS SCHEDULE

It was resolved to approve the Assets Schedule.

The Chair called a recorded vote

All in favour none against no abstentions

1925 TRANSFER THE CLEANING HOURS TO THE CDO

It was resolved to approve the transfer of the cleaning hours/duties from the Clerk to the CDO.

The Chair called a recorded vote

Cllrs.T.Rogers (Chairman), M. Barrowclough, M. Stirzaker, N. Stuchfield, E. Anderton, T.Taylor  
N. Fearon C. MacLaughlan, S. Roberts, 9 Cllrs in favour. 1 against, Cllr Hewitt

1926 FIB WORKING PARTY

It was resolved that Fleetwood In Bloom are no longer a Committee of the Council and remain a Working Party.

The Chair called a recorded vote

All in favour none against no abstentions

1927 NEW CHAIR FOR CDO

It was resolved to approve the purchase of a new chair for the CDO within the price range of quotes provided £54.98 - £79.99 and the decision was left to the CDO to choose which one.

The Chair called a recorded vote

All in favour none against, no abstentions

1928 EMAIL SERVICES

It was resolve to approve the Rabbit Patch contract for improvement of email services at a cost of £120.

The Chair called a recorded vote

All in favour none against no abstentions

1929 MEMORIAL PARK SWINGS INSTALLATION

It was resolved for FOMP and Wyre Council to decide the contract specifics for the Memorial Park swings as the Grant Aid was paid directly to be utilised by FOMP for this purpose.

The Chair called a recorded vote

Cllrs.T.Rogers (Chairman), M. Barrowclough, M. Stirzaker, N. Stuchfield, E. Anderton, T.Taylor  
N. Fearon C. MacLaughlan, S. Roberts, 9 Cllrs in favour. Cllr. Hewitt did not vote due to having an interest in this item.



1930 GRANT AID APPLICATION X 2 PWRS

It was resolved to approve the Grant Aid application for PWRS for £450 to enable training for weed control on the railway track but defer the decision of the 2<sup>nd</sup> application for £460 for securing a heritage licence.

The Chair called a recorded vote

Cllrs.T.Rogers (Chairman), M. Barrowclough, M. Stirzaker, N. Stuchfield, E. Anderton, T.Taylor  
N. Fearon C. MacLaughlan, S. Roberts, 9 Cllrs in favour. 1 against, Cllr Hewitt

1931 GRANT AID APPLICATION FLEETWOOD FOLK & BLUES

It was resolved to approve the Grant Aid application of £2000 from Fleetwood Folk & Blues.

The Chair called a recorded vote

Cllrs.T.Rogers (Chairman), M. Barrowclough, M. Stirzaker, N. Stuchfield, E. Anderton, T.Taylor  
N. Fearon C. MacLaughlan, S. Roberts, 9 Cllrs in favour. 1 against, Cllr Hewitt

1932 GRANT AID APPLICATION FLEETWOOD ROTARY

It was resolved to approve the Grant Aid application of £1,000 from Fleetwood Rotary.

The Chair called a recorded vote

Cllrs.T.Rogers (Chairman), M. Barrowclough, M. Stirzaker, N. Stuchfield, E. Anderton, T.Taylor  
N. Fearon C. MacLaughlan, S. Roberts, 9 Cllrs in favour. 1 against, Cllr Hewitt

1933 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (2)

k) MOP asked if there was any progress on Team Fleetwood.

l) Cllr. Rogers responded and advised the meeting would be 22<sup>nd</sup> March as the Coastal Communities Funding had to be spent by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

m) MOP asked can the £20,000 contribution paid by FTC to the Skate bowl be recalled as the Skatebowl was not as originally envisaged.

l) Cllr. Rogers advised this was not possible as it could call into doubt the credibility of FTC.

m) MOP asked could FTC lobby Wyre to apply Section 106 to obtain money for Street Scene

n) Cllr. Rogers advised he had attended the DONG Meeting was hoping FTC could pursue funding for the town

o) MOP requested information on how the CCF will be spent.

p) MOP envisaged that Team Fleetwood would be various organisations working together for the betterment of Fleetwood as a whole.

q) MOP asked if CCF had not been spent could it be used to paint old post and poles on Lord St.



The meeting was then reconvened.

1934 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been considered by members, and were reviewed by the Council;

App No :16/00065/FUL - Mount - GRP housing for new swing bridge plant equipment  
Land Between Anchorage Road And Winward Avenue Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 6FW

App No :16/00060/FUL - Pharos - Erection of a three pump petrol filling station ;Asda Dock Street Fleetwood  
Lancashire

App No :16/00068/HPN - Mount - Single storey rear extension - The extension would extend beyond the rear  
wall of the original dwelling by 4 meters, and be no more than 3.4 meters in height, with an eaves height of 2.7  
meters ; 24 Windward Avenue Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 6FQ

App No :16/00091/FUL - Pharos - Variation of condition 03 on application 15/00944/FUL to allow opening hours  
between 07.30 and 20.00 Mondays to Saturdays;119 Lord Street Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 6LB

App No :15/00558/DIS1 – Park - Discharge of condition 10 (ground investigation, including ground testing report)  
on application 15/00558/FUL ;Fleetwood Nautical College Halls Of Residence 492A Fleetwood Road Fleetwood  
Lancashire FY7 8JZ

App No : 16/00098/FUL – Mount - Erection of industrial building ; A M Seafoods Ltd Siding Road Fleetwood  
Lancashire FY7 6NS

App No :16/00106/FUL – Mount - Single storey rear extension - 45 Borrowdale Avenue Fleetwood Lancashire FY7  
7LG

1935 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Update on FIB – Cllr Stuchfield  
PWRS Grant Aid  
Spring Ball – Cllr Stuchfield

1936 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 (February 2016) High Speed ADSL £4.99/Postage £1.19/Copier Ink Black£22.98 Total	£29.16
b) Clerk salary for February 2016 (approved – gross)	£1158.60
c) Community Development Officer salary for February 2016 (approved – gross)	£711.43
d) HM Revenue & Customs for February (employer/employee, conts) (Tax refund to CDO)	- £227.00
e) Lighthouse Stationery Meeting Packs/Envelopes/Paper	£89.90
f) LALC - CiLCA Registration Fee (for 6 tutored sessions)	£150.00



g) SLCC – CiLCA Registration Fee (for the examining body)	£250.00
h) Fleetwood Welfare & Carnival Committee (Grant Aid paid 10/2/16)	£1000.00
i) FCM Skip Hire LTD skip and permit	£273.00
j) Grant Aid Friends of Memorial Park	£6000.00
k) PSG Tree Services (allotments account)	£300.00

1937 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be The Annual Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at the North Euston Hotel at 7pm.

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

The meeting closed at 8.55p.m.

Signed .....

Dated .....