



Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 27 JUNE 2017 AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL, FLEETWOOD 7p.m.

2357 Opening of the meeting.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman

2358 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Hewitt and McLaughlan, Sgt Harper and the CDO

2359 To accept the Minutes of the Meeting on 30th May 2017.

The minutes were duly accepted.

2360 To note chairmans declaration of office – for information only.

Duly noted.

2361 To record Disclosable Pecuniary Interests from members (including their spouses, civil partners or partners) in any item to be discussed. Councillors MUST NOT make representations or vote on the matter therein.

None recorded.

2362 To record Other (Personal or Prejudicial) Interests from members in any item to be discussed. Councillors should state if they need to bar themselves from discussion and voting on any related matters

None recorded.

2363 Chairman's report (for information only).

Work continues on the Museum Inventory. Busy supporting volunteers involved in Fleetwood in Bloom. Judged at the carnival, thanked the organisers for a successful day. Reminded all attendees that the Pier Site planning application would be heard by the planning committee on Weds 5th July.

2364 Clerk's report (for information only).

Attended the Goth Funnel and Fishing community handover ceremony on 24th June. Agenda prepared for Festive Lights meeting plus pack and agenda for tonight. Audit return dispatched to external auditor and public consultation period underway – the return has been published on the website in accordance with the regulations.

Councillors

T Rogers (Chairman) E. Anderton B. Glasgow M. Barrowclough (Vice Chairman) N. Stuchfield M. Stirzaker
P. Tilling C. McLaughlan B. Stephenson E. Stephenson R. Hewitt C. Raynor R. George



Revisions of Grant aid policy and application form drafted for Council consideration and approval – see later agenda item with additional comments.

Painting new external render and wall at 122 Poulton Rd now completed

Zurich Insurance expires 13 August – broker approached re renewal process and quote e-mailed to Councillors this morning. A final quote will come to Council for approval at the end of July.

3 quotes for structural survey of 122 Poulton Rd requested – to be placed before council (proposed by Cllr Hewitt) July or September dependent on response.

Allotment Inspection carried out with CDO today.

Portfolio submissions for CiLCA qualification (5 out of 30) completed. Next workshop 23rd August.

Extraordinary meeting to discuss Fleetwood Marsh Nature reserve arranged for Tuesday 3rd October, 7pm at the North Euston – an agenda will be issued the week before.

2365 CDO's report (for information only).

A written report was circulated by e-mail and paper copies provided at the meeting.

2366 Ward reports (for information only).

A written report was submitted by Cllr McLaughlan and e-mailed to all Cllrs

Cllr Anderton (Warren Ward)

Meetings attended: Fleetwood Marsh park (03/06) Festive Lights (26/06)

Events attended: -Fleetwood in Bloom volunteer planting and watering. Fleetwood Carnival – judged the Youth Organisation Floats – won by Fleetwood Gym this year. Well done to all the carnival organisers, a fantastic day helped by the glorious weather.

Ward Issues: - Dealt with 3 reports of seagull attacks within the ward. Stressed how important it is for these to be reported to Wyre. Also raised this again at Wyre's Full Council on 15/06. Fly tipping down gated alleyway. Reported broken chain link fence at the Boating Lake. Materials are on order by Wyre Council. Received complaints about bulky waste items e.g. sofas, mattresses being left in residential gardens. Discussed a 'Clean Sweep' with Regenda but they no longer provide this service so will be having a rethink about this issue can be resolved. Complaint from residents about the proliferation of illegal drugs within the town and worryingly how children as young as 13 are involved. Pier planning App: FWN are due to run a story in this week's edition. Contacted Radio Lancashire asking them to cover again.

Cllr Tilling (Mount Ward)

Volunteered for FIB planting and watering duties with daughter Lauren. Attended Goth Funnel ceremony, carnival, festive lights meeting and a meeting regarding FTC representation regarding Anti-social behaviour at Jubilee Quay. Incident regarding untidy grass at the cemetery – contacted Wyre who have now mowed the area. Contacted Highways England regarding the poor state of the 3 lights roundabout and asked them to tidy it up before FIB judging. Reported fly tipping on Amounderness way.



Cllr Raynor (Pharos Ward)

Attended 38 degrees meeting, the carnival and Goth Funnel ceremony. Has been dealing with lots of fly tipping issues again. Has been successful in arranging for an abandoned building on Poulton Rd to be boarded up. Has met with several parties on the Shop watch scheme.

Cllr Stirzaker (St Wulstans Ward)

Attended the Nature reserve and festive lights meetings and the Goth Funnel ceremony. Dealt with ward issues regarding neighbour disputes – contacted the neighbourhood Policing team for advice. Has applied to make formal representations at the Pier site committee hearing.

Cllr Stuchfield (Warren Ward)

Attended the Nature reserve meeting and Goth Funnel ceremony. Presented Grant Aid cheque to National Coastwatch Institution at Rossall Point – lots of photographs were taken. Attended PWRS meeting – passed on advice regarding more Fleetwood Organisations being aware of funding available via the Post code lottery. Congratulated the Carnival organiser and attendees for a successful event.

Cllr Barrowclough (Rossall ward)

Attended the Nature reserve meeting and Goth Funnel ceremony. Volunteered for FIB planting on Lord St. Dealing with mares tail weed problems all over the wards paths – have asked Wyres street teams to re-spray. Also reported a big increase in fly tipping. Plan to liaise with Pharos Cllrs and Police re speeding problems at the back of the Mount.

Cllr E. Stephenson (Pharos Ward)

Attended the Nature reserve meeting. Several littering problems on the ward, including some bulky items – Wyre assisted in removal. ASB at the Mount still an ongoing issue – the police are noticeable in their attendance.

Cllr B. Stephenson (Park Ward)

Attended the Nature reserve meeting. Regular liaison with an MOP on speeding issues. Fly tipping and garden dumping problems being reported at Broadwater. Dealt with a complaint received about residents not being able to access their property due to wheelie bins.

Cllr Glasgow (Rossall Ward)

Nothing to report

2367 Adjournment to allow public participation (1).

Neighbourhood Policing Team report - PC McClaren and PCSO Ashworth.

Crime figures were reported on – vehicle crime reducing since arrests made. Shoplifting incidents have reduced. Burglaries and drugs problems are increasing – action is being taken to tackle the dealers. A local armed burglary was dealt with by the suspect being arrested – now on remand.



There will be a social media input on Thurs 29th June – questions to be answered by an Inspector online.

Indicated that the Shop watch scheme was very much supported by the police (running out of Freeport) and hoped the Council would be able to fund it (see separate agenda item).

MOP – asked if there was any pattern to the burglaries – mostly opportunistic through integral garages, windows open, using wheelie bins to gain access – much the same as insecure cars.

MOP – commented that the large numbers of loose dogs on the Nature reserve made families scared to take their children there. Cllr Anderton advised that Wyre Council were looking at making changes to PSPOs (Public Space protection orders) and hoped there may be some positive impact from this on the reserve.

MOP – encouraged public to complain to the official line regarding odour issues from the UU plant. The link is on the Council website.

2368 To reconvene the meeting.

2369 To co-opt a member for Rossall Ward

Rachel George was duly elected to serve as co-opted councillor for Rossall Ward.

2370 To approve a place on the new councillors and clerks training course for the new member at the cost of £63.00.

Approved

2371 To complete membership of Grievance Appeal Panel - Cllrs Barrowclough and Glasgow duly appointed in May – item deferred to June meeting to nominate/appoint further 2 members.

Councillors E and B Stephenson were duly appointed.

2372 To complete membership of Precept Working Party (Cllrs Stirzaker, Anderton, Barrowclough, Rogers and McLaughlan duly appointed in May– deferred to June meeting to appoint representative from Mount Ward .

Councillor P. Tilling duly appointed.

2373 To appoint Fleetwood Museum Trustees x1 (was working group) - council resolved to defer this matter to the June meeting and change it to a representative of an outside body (Trustee).

Councillor Rogers duly appointed to serve as FTC trustee on the Museum board until May 2018. A new trustee will be appointed at the January 2018 meeting to leave enough time for handover.

2374 To appoint members to Fleetwood Marsh Reserve working group.

Councillors Anderton, Stuchfield, Tilling, Stirzaker and E. Stephenson duly appointed.



- 2375 To consider and approve the purchase of a microchip scanner to be loaned to the community at no charge.**
The purchase was approved. The pet shop loaning the equipment to be asked to record statistics on use.
- 2376 To consider a grant aid application from PWRS.**
It was resolved to defer the application and contact the applicant for further information on match funding.
- 2377 To consider and approve a revision to the grant aid policy and application form.**
Revisions approved with amendments noted by the clerk at the meeting.
- 2378 To note the stats update from Fleetwood Town Community Trust Kick Start your career project apprenticeships.**
Duly noted. Thanks made to FTCT for all their hard work.
- 2379 To consider a report on the Fleetwood Shopwatch scheme and decide:**
- 1. On the re-imbusement of £150.00 for the payment of the current licence to Mr J Prothero.**
Council resolved to re-imburse the funds
 - 2. On the preferred option as detailed in the report (enclosed)**
Events have now overtaken this report and a last minute update advised that Freeport management were willing to take over the licence and run the scheme. Council approved to fund the cost of the licence on a year by year basis in principle, but deferred a formal resolution for more information and a formal application through the grant aid scheme.
- 2380 To approve payment of the Plantscape invoice of £3624.00 (inc VAT).**
Council resolved to approve payment. The FIB working group were asked to assess VFM with regards to the hanging baskets in the post event round-up
- 2381 To reconsider (deferred from May) and approve the purchase of weed suppressant membrane local quote (over the phone): £108.00 inc. VAT to cover the beds of the council community plot**
Council dismissed this item. The plot will be cleared by hand by the members.
- 2382 To approve a quote (£180.00) for re-felting damaged shed, hedge cutting and ivy clearance at 122 Poulton Rd.**
Council resolved to approve the quote and authorised the work.
- 2383 To approve membership of the PWRS for Cllr Stirzaker and PWRT (Trust) for Cllr Stuchfield, to represent Fleetwood Town Council at £15 each annually**
Council resolved to approve membership fees.
- 2384 To consider and approve a request for the clerk and CDO (and any interested Councillors) to attend the SLCC Regional Training Seminar.**



Council resolved to approve the cost of training for both officers.

2385 To discuss and approve a proposal to consider freeing up the community allotment plot (plot 1) for a new tenant. Deferred from May.

Council resolved to release plot 1 as a single plot for the next available tenant on the list with the caveat that they make good their resolution at item 2381 and clear the plot of weeds before the tenancy commences.

2386 To discuss a proposal to convene a working group to oversee policy, management and all issues arising from the allotments. If in favour, to include terms of reference, nomination and appointment of members to make recommendations to full council.

Council resolved to form a working group and appointed Cllrs Anderton, Tilling, B. Stephenson, Stirzaker, George and Glasgow as members. To save time the Clerk agreed to draft Terms of reference for the group to consider at their first meeting.

2387 Adjournment to allow public participation (2).

MOP asked to be considered as a member of the allotment and Nature reserve working groups. They were advised to e-mail the clerk with their request.

MOP advised that they would be working to co-ordinate comments for the pier site committee hearing.

MOP advised Cllr Barrowclough on a weed killer that was effective against mares tail (ProGreen)

2388 To reconvene the meeting.

2389 To note planning applications considered by members and agree any action to be taken.

Duly noted.

2390 To receive items for information and items for inclusion in the next agenda subject to full information being available.

Possible re-listing of grant aid application for PWRS and the shop watch initiative were noted.

2391 To agree Accounts for Payment, including clerks and CDO salaries.

Accounts for payment were agreed.

Date and venue of the next meeting, will be on Tuesday 25th July at the North Euston Hotel, 7pm



The meeting ended at 21.45

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Signed
Chair, Fleetwood Town Council