



# Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

## THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 25 JULY 2017 AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL, FLEETWOOD 7p.m.

2392 Cllr Rogers opened the meeting and welcomed Cllr Rachel George to her first full council meeting.

**In attendance:** Cllrs Stirzaker, Tilling, Raynor, Stuchfield, Anderton, Barrowclough, Rogers, E Stephenson and B Stephenson. Cat Smith MP – Police community beat manager, 16 members of the public.

**2393 Apologies for Absence** received from Cllrs McLaughlan, Hewitt and Glasgow.

**2394 Accept the Minutes of the Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**  
The minutes were duly approved.

**2395 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**  
None recorded

**2396 Other (Personal or Prejudicial) Interests**  
Councillors E and B Stephenson barred themselves from debating and voting on Agenda item 2416 (a) and (b) as they are current members of the Wyre Council planning committee and have a significant prejudicial interest.

**2397 Chairman's report**  
Attended a museum meeting in Salford, various museum trustee duties and the Tram Sunday civic parade and lunch. Thanks were passed onto the Tram Sunday team for an excellent event. Big thanks extended to officers, volunteers and everyone involved in the delivery of Fleetwood In Bloom this year.

**2398 Clerk's report**  
This month's activities include:

- Agenda prepared for Festive Lights meeting plus pack and agenda for tonight.
- Q1 financial report balanced, bank recon and budget monitoring report finalized and in the meeting pack for information.
- Liaison with Goodman Nash re Business rates re-claim

### 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



- Research on: Office valuation, Planning permission legal challenges. Social Media Policy. Bee keeping, allotment regulations.
- Ongoing preparation of CiLCA assessment submission – approximately 8 hours this month.
- Attended: Media Working Group meeting/ New Councillors and clerks training course part 1 and the Tram Sunday civic parade.
- Requested articles from contributors and quotes for Annual Newsletter print and distribution.
- Met with Kevin from Rabbit patch with media working group initial requirements for website update. First mock-up will be sent to councillors for comment with amendments made within budget agreed by full council.
- Prepared TOR for Allotment working.
- FB/Website activity this month (as suggested by Media Working Group): copies of website access statistics provided at meeting. Facebook activity for July:  
477 Likes  
478 Following  
169,578 views over 31 posts/shares  
Subsequent monthly stats will be provided in table format for comparison.

#### **2399 CDO's report**

Written report submitted to members by e-mail and paper copy at the meeting.

#### **2400 Ward reports**

**Cllr Stirzaker** – attended pier protest and planning committee meeting, media working group, Tram Sunday Festive lights fundraiser, Museum exhibition, lifeboat day and back on track meeting. dealing with ongoing neighbourhood issues.

**Cllr Tilling** – attended new councillors training course, pier protest, Tram Sunday Festive lights fundraiser, Museum exhibition, and a meeting with the new plot 1 allotment holder. Dealt with a concerned resident and passed information to colleague on Warren ward. Advised meeting of a Brian House fundraiser, tea party on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July at St Nicholas Church Broadway.

**Cllr Raynor** - attended pier protest and planning committee meeting, media working group, Tram Sunday Festive lights fundraiser, Community Involvement/Fleetwood Together training day and new councillors training. Met with Westview centre team to discuss food club, and the Wyre recycling/waste team on fly tipping issues on the ward. Supporting Regenda on school holiday activities programme.

**Cllr Anderton** – attended media working group, Tram Sunday Festive Lights stall, Fleetwood Museum exhibition, the lifeboat day. Ward issues dealt with include: Speeding on Shakespeare Rd, overgrown hedgerows and fly tipping in gated alleyways. Requested that anyone suffering seagull issues raise it through the Wyre council channels.



**Cllr Barrowclough** – Completed Risk Assessment for the Festive Lights parade and switch on event. Working with Councillor Rogers on speeding issues and reported to the police. Arranged with Wyre for re-spray of mares tail infestation.

**Cllr George** – a busy first month, attended new councillors training, Westview community meeting, Festive lights committee, Tram Sunday fundraiser, Museum exhibition and Fleetwood get together at the Rugby club. Liaison with Wyre re fly tipping on Chatsworth, also mares tails infestations on the ward. Made several calls to police re problems on Martindale park.

**Cllr E Stephenson** – Reported issues on the ward with seagull attacks fly tipping and general waste (cleared up by Wyre on request), and ASB on the mount. Encouraged members of the public to report dog fouling to Wyre to facilitate increased cleaning.

**Cllr B Stephenson** – reiterated that many of the issues already reported were affecting his ward. Proposed that cameras and speed humps be considered to tackle the ongoing speeding issues. Has been dealing with problems with dilapidated play equipment on Mariners close – liaising with Youth Mayor to set up a committee to discuss the way forward.

**Cllr Stuchfield** – dealing with broken bench and play equipment at yacht lake. Attended Pier site protest. Notified police of vandalism at the Mount. Attended a raising aspirations presentation at Fleetwood High School, supported by local businesses to finance a job junction project - introduces apprenticeship and development skills in the world of work. Attended the back on track meeting (they have entered the in-bloom competition). Reported issues around chalets with youths jumping off roofs. Gave feedback from PWRS on the grant aid application from June (item 2376) – the details have been revisited and it may be re-submitted at a later date.

#### **2401 Adjournment to allow public participation (1).**

Council resolved to move the neighbourhood policing report up to the start of public participation:

##### a) Neighbourhood Policing Team report.

Monthly multi-agency meetings have been taking place regarding ASB on the Mount and Marine Hall. It has proved difficult to determine the way forward – the next step to be tried will be to engage with schools to address the problem.

A misuse of drugs warrant was served at a takeaway on Broadwater, Cannabis and firearms were seized and the electricity meter had been bypassed. The establishment is now closed.

Tram Sunday great success – only one public order arrest.

Crime figures down 14% overall but still an increase in auto thefts from insecure cars.

Please keep reporting speeding – more data equals more targeted action.



Councillors and MOPs asked questions on reporting speeding accident levels, criminalisation of youths, procedures for dealing with ASB and parental control.

**b) Report from Cat Smith MP**

Thanked FTC for year round work on behalf of Fleetwood, and appreciation to residents and organisers for the success of Tram Sunday, the Carnival and Sea Sunday for strong civic spirit. Commended the raising aspirations programme at Fleetwood High and thanked everyone involved with Fleetwood In Bloom. Has called the pier site application in to the SOS. Will be catching up with local councillors and representatives over the summer recess and surgeries which were deferred due to the election. There is a full time (potentially part time) vacancy for a Fleetwood based caseworker in her office.

Councillors and MOPs asked questions on drug issues in the town, Legalising cannabis, dog fouling and PSPO's, Wyre Councils car parking strategy and fracking protests.

**2402 Meeting reconvened.**

**2403 To note and approve the Quarter 1 financial accounts.**

Duly approved and signed.

**2404 To note and approve the Bank reconciliation report to 30/6/17**

Duly approved and signed

**2405 To note the Quarter 1 budget monitoring report**

Duly noted

**2406 To approve payment of invoice for £665.00 for protective external paint to render to rear of 122 Poulton Rd and boundary wall.**

Duly approved

**2407 To consider and approve a proposal to increase the training budget to £1000.**

Duly approved for this financial year only. Budget will be re-set as part of precept setting.

**2408 To consider and agree the council pursue a proposal from Goodman Nash regarding potential refund of business rates.**

Duly approved.

**2409 To consider and approve a re-order of the FTC sponsorship labels.**

Council resolved to approve the outdoor quality labels at £88.45 + VAT.

**2410 To approve a quote for insurance for FTC - 3 year policy.**

Duly approved – for 3 years.



**2411 To nominate up to 5 voting delegates to attend the LALC AGM on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November.**

Councillors nominated to attend agreed as: Cllrs Stuchfield, Rogers, E Stephenson and B Stephenson.

**2412 To note request for proposed resolutions to the above meeting and forward via the clerk before 18<sup>th</sup> October.**

Duly noted

**2413 To approve renewal of National Allotment Society membership at £66.00**

Duly approved

**2414 To discuss and consider the requirement for refresher training for council members. 2 hours, locally held, tailored evening training session for up to 20 delegates for £190.**

Members resolved to approve expenditure on this proposal. Clerk to contact LALC training team for potential dates/times.

**2415 To discuss and approve expenditure for 3 training courses (Chairmanship, Finance and Community engagement) forwarded to full council, committee members and officers on 17<sup>th</sup> July to a maximum of 3 delegates per course (£225).**

Duly approved.

**2416 To discuss and agree proposals for next steps to address the Pier site planning application:**

**a) FTC to set aside an initial budget of £10,000 to seek legal advice from an appropriate solicitor on the channels available for challenging the Wyre Planning committee decision.**

Duly approved.

**b) if part a) agreed, to instruct the clerk on seeking an appropriate solicitors firm and obtaining initial advice by xx specified date.**

Duly approved. No date was specified as the decision on the application is still on hold pending finalisation of s.106 agreement.

**2417 To consider and approve (with any amendments) the draft terms of reference for the Allotment Working Group.**

Duly approved with amendments suggested and accepted.

**2418 Adjournment to allow public participation (2).**

Members of the public asked questions/raised issues on the following matters:

Positive signage regarding dogs on beaches and public areas

Encouraging charity shops to take up vacant units in Fleetwood

Clarification of the delay to the Pier site decision notice in respect of the section 106 agreement.

Debate in meeting over training costs Vs costs of legal advice on pier site.



Conduct of the Wyre Council planning committee in respect of the pier site decision  
Explanation of Wyres decision to go against local council objections in respect of the pier site.

2419 **Meeting reconvened.**

2420 **To note planning applications considered by members and agree any action to be taken.**

Duly noted. The clerk also advised of an application that came in after the meeting pack was printed that was e-mailed to all councillors – HMO on Poulton Rd.

2421 **To receive items for information and items for inclusion in the next agenda subject to full information being available.**

None proposed

2422 **To agree Accounts for Payment, including clerks and CDO salaries for July AND August due to summer recess.**

Agreed

**Date and venue of the next meeting. There will be no meeting in August due to summer recess, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th September at the North Euston Hotel at 7pm**

**The meeting ended at 21.30**

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Signed  
Chair, Fleetwood Town Council