



Fleetwood Town Council

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THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2017 AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL, FLEETWOOD 7p.m.

2517 The meeting was opened by Cllr Rogers

2518 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Anderton, Sgt N Harper and Glenn Spindler. Cllr McLaughlan advised she would be 30 minutes late and this was accepted.

Present at the meeting were: Cllrs Rogers, B Stephenson, E Stephenson, Barrowclough, Hewitt, Stuchfield, Raynor, George, Glasgow, Tilling, McLaughlan and Stirzaker.

The clerk, Paul Smith and Joseph from Green Screen, PC Finlayson and 19 members of the public.

2519 To accept the Minutes of the Meeting on 31st October 2017.

Duly accepted

2520 To record Disclosable Pecuniary Interests from members (including their spouses, civil partners or partners) in any item to be discussed.

None recorded.

2521 To record Other (Personal or Prejudicial) Interests from members in any item to be discussed.

Cllr George advised she had a personal interest in item 2542 (planning application 17/00977/OUTMAJ) and would absent herself from the discussion.

Cllr Raynor advised that as a newly appointed member of the Wyre Council planning committee she would withhold from planning related discussions so as not to prejudice her involvement on the committee.

2522 To receive the Chairman's report

See Appendix A

2523 To receive the Clerk's report

See Appendix A

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



2524 To receive the CDO's report

A written report for October/November was issued to all councillors with the meeting packs - See Appendix A

2525 To receive Ward reports

See Appendix A

2526 Adjournment to allow public participation (1).

a) Neighbourhood Policing Team report.

PC Finlayson attended on behalf of Sgt Harper and reported on the crime figures: There has been a spike in thefts from cars, mainly unlocked with valuables in plain sight. 4 arrests have been made and multiple charges being brought. Commercial burglaries are on the rise, and investigations are closing in on suspects. Anti-social behaviour is reducing – patrols around the memorial park have been stepped up and response times to calls are improving. Police are working with Wyre Council CCTV team which has been helping. The public are encouraged to call Crimestoppers or the police with any reports/problems. The fireworks event at the Marine Hall was a great success and only 1 incident was logged on the night. The Remembrance Parade went well, with the sad exception of a sudden death at the Memorial park. The Fleetwood Neighbourhood Policing team are up for a commendation in recognition of results achieved this year. Council offered their congratulations and thanks for all the team's hard work in a very challenging year.

Sue Houghton (Wyre Council Partnership officer) updated the meeting on an application to the Police Commissioner for funding for a pilot scheme to enhance CCTV presence in Fleetwood and Cleveleys to link up with the CCTV team at Wyre to respond to reports of shop crime and capture evidence in real time. Members thanked Sue for the information and look forward to updates.

b) Presentation by Glenn Spindler, retired engineering professional: Overview of waste water management in relation to UU site in Fleetwood.

Mr Spindler could not attend and offered his apologies.

c) Presentation by Paul Smith – Green screen technology pilot proposal

(Potentially with St Mary's school). Paul and Joseph gave an insight into the technology which has been established for 4 years in schools and community groups across the country and played an ITV report done on the technology. The main features are:

- Develops media skills to support the whole curriculum
- Inspires learning and teaching
- Gets schools involved in the community
- Teaches software/editing/confidence/drama skills
- Accessible and intuitive simplified software



If a pilot is considered in the New Year, any funding will be driven by the school as applicant – the purpose of the presentation is to provide information as to the content and benefits of the technology.

d) Public participation for the purposes of representations on agenda items

Two members of the staffing team at the Linx children's home in Fleetwood explained the work of the home to attendees asking for their support in the work they were doing to help vulnerable young people (mainly boys). They are aware of some inaccurate reports of trouble and wanted to assure the community they could be contacted about any issues. The home works with multi-agency partners to help the children work towards a stable future, jobs and accommodation. Several members of the public made suggestions and offered ideas to support the work of the staff, who were also praised for all their hard work.

MOP mentioned that in Lancashire there were over 1800 children in the care system in similar schemes to Linx, and that it was the community's responsibility to help those vulnerable children.

MOP noted Mr Glenn Spindler couldn't attend. Mentioned that any odours from the UU plant should still be reported on 08007817134. Also advised that now the trees had dropped their leaves one of UU's CCTV cameras would now be able to look at the site of the worst fly tipping on Jameson Rd.

Several comments were made on the Halite/Costain Project:

MOP who worked for the original survey company pointed out the caverns over Wyre also stretched under the river into the Fleetwood area. There is no evidence they are linked however seepage concerns were raised at the time and are still an issue.

MOP commented that the proposed 9 new caverns would be over 1000m deep, with long term permission for up to 19 to be excavated.

MOP raised concerns re concentrated salinity destroying the local wildlife and environment from the outflow pipe. Cllr Stuchfield advised that attendees at the Halite meeting had asked for the pipe to be longer than the planned 2.7 km.

MOP commented that the project had been opposed locally for over 4 years and through 2 public enquiries yet Government still gave permission.

2527 To reconvene the meeting.

2528 To agree payment of mileage costs to clerk.

Mileage cost as per provided schedule were approved



- 2529 To agree payment of salaries to Clerk and CDO for November and December due to the Christmas recess.**

Duly approved

- 2530 To approve payment of the invoice for installation of loft insulation**

Duly approved

- 2531 To approve a budget for purchase of replacement laptop and MS Office software for the clerk - deferred from October meeting.**

Council agreed to allocate a budget of £500 for purchase of a laptop and an additional £59.99 for purchase of an annual key for MS Office software. The software to be renewed annually without an additional agenda item to council until otherwise advised.

- 2532 To approve the payment of the Payback team contract invoice**

Payment approved, however the financial records to be annotated to reflect the duties of the Payback team as follows: clear planters and re-fill with compost. Install the re-cycled planters along lord St, and transport and install 60 additional planters. Carry out maintenance of the street furniture (paint bollards, concrete planters, benches in the pocket park etc.). Once all the planting was in place they used the water bowser to water every planter, boat and pot in the town every week.

- 2533 To approve payment for office cleaning.**

Duly approved, however a revised invoice to be created by the clerk to reflect the named cleaner, duties and terms of the contract.

- 2534 To consider a grant aid application from Westview Community association for £2500.**

Council resolved to approve a grant aid award of £2500

- 2535 To consider and approve a quote for cutting the remaining allotment leylandii hedging.**

The quote and expenditure was approved.

- 2536 To approve a gratuity for the staff of the North Euston Hotel as recognition for receiving free venue hire for council meetings.**

The total expenditure if the council had paid for room hire would have come to £1925.00. Council resolved to approve a gratuity for the staff of the North Euston hotel of £500 and thanked all the team at the North Euston for their support over the year.



2537 To discuss and approve a budget of up to £20 per month to boost Facebook posts. To be used for specific promotions in relation to FTC projects, fundraisers and extraordinary meetings. Amount not to be exceeded in a month period or rolled over to the next month.

Duly approved – to be accounted for under the advertising budget.

2538 To discuss and decide on the matter of the clerk supporting Wyre Councils Final Homecoming Parade in 2018 in a co-ordination role.

Members discussed the clerk's written proposal and resolved to approve the clerks supporting the parade organisation on behalf of FTC and the Fleetwood Community.

2539 To approve the re-instatement of Dawn McCord on the Festive Lights Committee as approved by them on the 20th November.

Duly approved

2540 Adjournment to allow public participation (2).

MOP advised that the road closure barriers and signage were still by the roadside after the festive lights parade. Blackpool Council have been informed and asked to remove them.

MOP advised they had been talking with a Wyre Council environment officer trying to address rubbish problems in their area.

A local County Councillor present at the meeting advised members and attendees that LCC are working with the Environment Agency about last week's floods. He reported that 30% of November's rain came down in 24 hours, and combined with old, narrow drains that have not been cleared regularly resulted in the bad flooding. Unfortunately it is anticipated to happen again if we get a similar level of rainfall, and this affects wider areas of the region (Lancashire and Cumbria). LCC will be issuing leaflets advising people what action they can take.

Members and MOP's commented that:

- Extras housing was probably contributing to the problem
- Parts of Poulton Rd flood regularly even without particularly heavy rain
- A new homeowner in Fleetwood was flooded, and their drains blocked
- The drain clearance from LCC is sporadic and inadequate due to lack of funds.

2541 To reconvene the meeting.



2542 To discuss and decide on any formal response from the council on the following major applications:

- 17/00977/OUTMAJ Land rear of Victoria St
- 17/01014/FULMAJ – Jolly Sailor apartments

It was resolved that the clerk should send an official response from the Town Council expressing concern that none of the proposed apartments/hoses for both applications appeared to be reserved as an affordable housing option.

2543 To note the remaining planning applications and agree any action to be taken or response to the planning authority.

Duly noted – no comments or observations were made.

2544 To receive items for information and items for inclusion in the next agenda

- Agenda item regarding updating the FIB award sign on the Amounderness way street sign. Cllr Tilling
- Agenda item regarding a proposal to establish a working group for the proposed skate park. Cllr Stirzaker
- A presentation/update on Spice time credits to be built into Cllr George's ward report time allocation.

2545 To agree Accounts for Payment.

The accounts were agreed

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30th January 2018 at the North Euston Hotel at 7pm

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APPENDIX A

Chairmans, Clerks, CDOs and Ward Reports

Chairmans report

Very busy with the Festive lights switch on event build up. Some technical hiccups but they are being fixed – otherwise a big success, particularly the parade, and thank you to all involved.

Congratulations to Belinda Armstrong for co-ordinating this year's RBL poppy appeal which raised over £21,000 in Fleetwood.

Attended the NW In bloom awards with the Clerk and Cllr Tilling – very pleased to receive a Silver Gilt award for Fleetwood In bloom – and congratulations to all the other winners in Fleetwood.

Attending a meeting at the Museum with LCC cabinet members and trustees tomorrow (30th Nov). Many thanks to everyone at the museum who have worked so hard during a difficult transitional year.

Finally a big thank you to all the organisations in Fleetwood, including the Rotary, Civic Society, and local businesses, charities and community groups who have all contributed to events and projects in Fleetwood this year – you know who you are.

The FTC office will be closed from noon on 21st December and re-open on 2nd January 2018

Clerks Report

Agenda prepared for Festive Lights meetings x 2.

Agenda and meeting pack for council meetings held this month.

Dealt with several customer enquiries regarding the Cryptosporidium case, fly tipping and waste at the back of Victoria St (cc Pharos Ward Councillors).

Ongoing preparation of CiLCA assessment submissions and attended evening workshop on 6th November – the last one takes place this Thursday 30th Nov.

Attended in Bloom awards event on 3rd November – it was a wonderful success for Fleetwood as a community, and our efforts resulted in a Silver Gilt, which was wonderful news.

FTC newsletter has been delivered however there appear to be some gaps in delivery which I am chasing up with link-mag. There is an unfortunate print error on the back page – David Pearce's article on the Goth Funnel has been chopped short. Apologies to David, several of us missed it on the proof!

Created draft memorandum of understanding with LCC in respect of the Marsh Nature Reserve. Issued to the Working Group for initial review. Once the document has been revised it will come to full council for further deliberation.

Loft insulation installed at 122 Poulton Rd on 13th November. Invoice for approval in the pack.

Obtained design proof for a Festive lights roll-up banner from Colourbanners and gained approval of the Media Working Group to go-ahead (spend was approved by Full Council in September). Was used at the Switch on event on the 18th, and Parkside fundraiser on the 24th and will go out with the committee members to Asda on the 4th Dec.

Lots of last minute admin work supporting the Committee on Festive lights events this month in support of CDO.



Will be attending the SLCC quarterly/end of year meeting in Garstang on 7th November so the office will be closed on that day. I will update the website/Facebook and put a notice up at the office.

On a final note, and I'm sure members who are on the Festive Lights committee will comment further on this – The Parkside fundraiser ball held on the 24th was a great success and raised a total of:

£ 2,475 in ticket sales

£ 745 in raffle sales

£160 in an ad-hoc auction of a late raffle donation for a night away in a lakes hotel.

After payments to the caterer and DJ this is a final total of **£1681**

All 42 raffle prizes (and there were some pretty amazing ones) were donated by local businesses, members of the community, festive lights committee members and council officers. The hire of the venue was free. The effort proves once again just how generous Fleetwood can be. In addition to this fundraiser & collection amounts, sponsorship and other general donations have come to £3500 so far this year with one bucket collection still to go.

- **Facebook activity**

Activity	July 2107	Aug/ Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 2018	Feb
Likes (rolling figure)	477	519	539	564			
Following (Rolling figure)	478	522	546	572			
Views	169,578 over 31 posts	207,643 over 64 posts	13,347 over 37 posts	16,137 over 16 posts			



- **FTC Website stats**

Month	Total Visitors	Visitors per Day	Unique Visitors
April 2017	3,540	118.0	1,570
May 2017	5,118	165.1	1,918
June 2017	5,409	180.3	1,844
July 2017	5,757	185.7	1,972
August 2017	5,732	184.9	1,860
September 2017	5,534	184.5	1,937
October 2017	5,330	171.9	2,005
November 2017	5,346	197.2	1,683
	94,518		31,858

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CDOs report

Fleetwood in Bloom

I am sure you are all aware we were awarded a Silver Gilt for our entry as a large town. A huge thank you to all who helped us to deliver a wonderful floral display.

I have planned a debrief and discussion with the councillors on the working group so that we can formulate an action plan for next year's delivery.

I have printed certificates for all the children that were involved this year – these will be presented by Councillor Rogers in school assemblies.

Festive Lights

With deadlines for the Lantern Parade and the Christmas fundraiser I have been busy finalising all the arrangements.

For the lantern parade: - I have been working with Blachare throughout the installation to ensure all works have been carried out for a successful switch on; organising road closure notices to be printed and displayed within the legal timeframe; signing off land use licences; confirming attendance by Blackpool transport who will manage the rolling road closure; Checking arrangements for the arrival of the illuminated tram; arranging lighting for the Grand Switch On at the Marine Gardens; Sorting out the PA system and working with the DJ to ensure compatibility of the system before the event. Etc. etc.

For the fundraiser: - I have been working alongside Mel and Adam at Fleetwood Football Club to plan the Festive Lights Christmas Fundraiser.

I can confirm that we have sold 97 tickets – a great achievement for our first event.

A great haul of raffle prizes have been secured – 35 in total to include: - a children's bike; signed football shirt and pennant; voucher for the Trafalgar; voucher for Dockside; Mini-Valet at Star wash...etc. etc.



This should prove to be a fantastic event that will bring in funds for lighting up Fleetwood this year.

Training

I attended the council training on Thursday 26th October at the North Euston Hotel

B2B event

I attended the business breakfast event at Fleetwood Football Club – I used this opportunity to tell local businesses about the role of Fleetwood Town Council and how working in partnership can achieve real benefits to the local economy and their business.

A few of the businesses have offered a raffle prize in support of the Festive Lights Christmas Fundraiser.

Greenscreen technology

I have met with Paul Smith (presenting at the meeting) to learn about how Greenscreen Technology can benefit the learning of our children in schools.

I took Paul along to St Mary's to talk to the head and she too agrees that the technology would be of huge benefit to the school. (See pack for her comments)

Meeting with Regenda's Community Empowerment Officer

I have met with Richard Newson from West View Community Centre who is looking at an initiative to reduce social exclusion in the elderly in Fleetwood. The aim of the project will be to find ways to identify elderly people that are socially excluded; look at the barriers that prevent them from engaging in activities or events; identify groups/organisations that could potentially help through hand holding or offering other support i.e. transport etc.

I have asked Richard to come and talk to full council to explain his role and the projects he is involved with at a later date.

Food club/Coop

I attended a meeting with Councillor Raynor at Flakefleet school to discuss how to move forward with the idea of running these in Fleetwood. Councillor Raynor will report back with more details at a later date.

Cllr Stirzaker

Congratulated all involved & FTC staff in the Festive lights events and fundraiser. Has attended Festive lights Committee, Switch on event, the Reindeer Run, the Homecoming event meeting and the Remembrance service at the Marine Hall. Has been in touch with a Skatepark provider to get an idea of designs and costs for a potential park. Will be at Asda on Saturday 2nd December as Mrs Clause for the final Festive lights collection of the year.

Cllr Tilling

Attended the NW In bloom awards, the poppy appeal launch at FTFC and the Remembrance parade on 12th November. Also attended the Festive lights Committee, Switch on event, the Reindeer Run, which raised £486 for Brian House. Will be at the Memorial park Christmas fair as Santa on the 9th December.



Cllr Raynor

Attended Festive lights Committee, Switch on event, Parkside suite fundraiser and laid a wreath on behalf of the Labour GROUP OF Wyre councillors on Remembrance Sunday at the park. Supported FTFC juniors in a sponsored walk and met with the Westview Community Centre team about the proposed mural. Attended the no-gas storage meeting in Knott End and met with Regenda about opening 2 food clubs at Westview and Flakefleet school.

Cllr Barrowclough

Attended the Fireworks event and thanked the Rotary club for their hard work in organising the event. Was sorry to miss the Festive lights switch on event due to illness but thanked everyone for their contributions to it. Attended the Parkside suite fundraiser and thought it was a great night. Casework on the ward includes dealing with blocked gullies and last week's flooding issues.

Cllr George

Attended Festive Lights committee, the switch on event, Healthy Fleetwood Event, Remembrance Sunday and the fireworks extravaganza as a spectator. Attended a fundraiser at Cardinal Allen school with both Cllrs Stephenson, and a spice volunteer training day. Has received reports of some flooding in the ward. Is making hats for the mustard seed group Christmas hampers – any knitters or crocheters who could help would be much appreciated.

Cllr Hewitt

Attended 2 LALC training courses in finance and chairmanship and found them very informative. Ward issues include littering and anti-social behaviour on the Memorial Park, to which police have been responding. Liaised with clerk on issues relating to November agenda items. Will be looking into the detail of changes announced in the November budget in respect of planning legislation.

Cllr E Stephenson

Nothing additional to report on

Cllr B Stephenson

Cooked a curry supper for the Cardinal Allen fundraising event for play equipment for Mariners Close on the 21st November – thanked fellow FTC councillors for helping serve and clear up. Over £500 was raised. Offered congratulations to Cllr Raynor on her election as Wyre Councillor for Rossall.

Cllr Glasgow

Nothing to report.

Cllr McLaughlan

Attended the UU action group meeting at the end of October. Odour issues appear to have improved with only one member of the public reporting issues.



Cllr Stuchfield

Attended NW In bloom awards for the Jameson road/Back on Track entry and was pleased to receive a commended award. Attended the fireworks event, Remembrance service, festive lights switch on and a meeting at Westview centre about Avon Green. Attended the Festive lights fundraiser at the Parkside suite which was excellent. Has met with CVS Blackpool, UR Potential, Positive moves and the FTFC community engagement team about developing/promoting community engagement events. Has had several meetings and e-mail exchanges with the Halite/Costain team as part of the CLP and feedback on questions asked/answers is reproduced as follows:

Response to questions arising from CLP meeting, 2 October 2017

What will happen to the excess brine if not compatible to need?

The brine created by washing the caverns will be discharged to the Irish Sea through a 2.3km outfall. The discharge is permitted by a Discharge Consent granted by the Environment Agency. There are detailed monitoring requirements regarding the discharge of brine which are stipulated within the Environment Agency's Discharge Consent. If the standards cannot be met discharge will cease.

Will it be flooded into the legacy 104 salt caverns remaining at the ICI site, if so will 107 be used? As that has mercury in it...?? This itself is a concern as not capped due to pressure levels.

It is unlikely that the legacy of brine-wells will be used to dispose of brine. Some may be used to top up brine levels in the old brine-wells. No brine will be disposed of into BW107 as this owned by NPL and not Halite Energy.

What is the integrity of remaining caverns as they are not naturally sealed?

The integrity of the legacy brine-wells is variable and is dependent on the way ICI washed the caverns, their shape and the condition when abandoned. Generally speaking those with a salt roof are stable and maintain a consistent brine level. Those with a mudstone roof can be prone to slow roof deterioration.

What safety parameters are going to be deployed?

The DCO requires the new caverns to be designed and tested before gas can be stored in them. The Health & Safety Executive is the relevant authority that will check designs, in situ testing and give approval before any cavern be used for gas storage. This is managed through the COMAH regulations.

The dead zone talked about after leeching how impacting is it on marine life as brought up by panel member. How far out will it spread? And how deadly is the dead zone and what is the timescale for regrowth after depositing excess by flushing? Will estuary marine life be devastated?



The dead zone is estimated to be 50m around the end of the outfall. Monitoring points will be located between the diffuser and the estuary. Part of the monitoring requires diver surveys to check the size and impact of the discharge. If monitoring shows concentrations of salt at defined distances from the diffuser are not met then discharge has to cease.

If after your initial 9 cavern leeching over an 8 year cycle in 2 phases starting 2018; you find that it is not satisfactory. What happens to the legacy caverns you are housekeeping at the moment? Who will look after them?

The legacy brine field is the responsibility of the owner of the land.

More importantly what is the financial cost implication? What happens if no one looks after them and how stable are they?

If no one looks after the legacy brine-wells several things may happen. Salt roof caverns are likely to remain stable for a very long time provided the brine level within the brine-well casing is maintained. Mudstone roof caverns may deteriorate. The steel casings will gradually corrode. Eventually this could lead to further collapses or blow outs. The owner of the land will be expected by the regulators to undertake monitoring of the brine-wells and to implement remedial works for general maintenance or where there is a blow out or collapse.

After stating that strict rigors are applied to your work and it has to be stringently applied. You mentioned funding available? How do you access that?

The Halite Energy Group has been well funded by external investors since 2010. Its existing majority investor continues to back the project. Halite remains in confidential discussions with other financial institutions and companies who remain interested in making an investment.

How is the excess pressure from the gas going to be dealt with to prevent explosion? When the gas works plant was in Fleetwood they had raise and fall tanks.

There is no excess pressure because the gas pressures that will operate within our scheme are strictly controlled to meet the COMAH operating requirements and other boundary conditions namely:

- 1 the operating pressures within the caverns are controlled between about 25% and 80% of the overburden pressure. This is to provide stability to the rock around the cavern. Gas within the caverns is not explosive as it is in a concentration above the upper explosive limit, there is no oxygen and there are no ignition sources.
- 2 the gas flow to and from our site will be governed by the pressure in the National Transmission system which runs the length and breadth of the UK.
- 3 All equipment between our cavern and the NTS will be design to accommodate the various pressures with a large factor of safety and will comply with all appropriate regulatory standards and will be constantly monitored. All equipment and operating conditions have to be approved by the HSE as part of the COMAH licence.



In summary the gas pressure is derived either from the NTS pressure or by the compressors in our works. The system is operated and monitored at all times and does not reach excessive pressures.

How will excess gas be vented to prevent explosion?

Gas will be imported from the NTS at Nateby and stored within the caverns. The volume stored and consequently the pressure reached is controlled by the operating parameters approved by the Competent Authorities during the planning process and will be further approved prior to operation by the HSE through the COMAH process. Gas can only be placed in the caverns when it has been purchased from the NTS so there is never any excess gas. Gas will not be vented, it would be returned to the NTS.

The gas safety issues have been extensively reported within the documents submitted to the planning authorities and subject to scrutiny by the HSE and others. These assessments are reported in the DCO documents 9.2.3 Risk Assessment and to a lesser extent in the Geological Summary Report Doc H28.