



# Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
25TH APRIL 2017,  
AT THE NORTH EUSTON HOTEL, FLEETWOOD AT 7 P.M.**

Present: Cllr T Rogers, M Stirzaker, R Hewitt, C Raynor, P Tilling, N Stuchfield, M Barrowclough, C McLaughlan.

Also Present: Clerk to the council, 2 members of the neighbourhood Policing Team, 1 presenter from Fleetwood Town Community Trust, and 8 members of the public.

- 2287 The meeting was opened by Cllr Rogers who welcomed everybody. He reminded all Councillors that apologies for non-attendance were required in advance so a quorum for decision making could be ensured.
- 2288 Apologies were received from Cllr Anderton. Apologies were also noted for the March 2017 meeting from Cllr Hewitt, which were received on the afternoon of the meeting day.
- 2289 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017.  
The minutes of the meeting were accepted.
- 2290 TO RECORD DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS.  
None recorded
- 2291 TO RECORD OTHER INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS  
None recorded
- 2292 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
Congratulations were offered to the Museum Trustees on their opening day on 14<sup>th</sup> April which saw a large number of visitors. The Museum is currently still under LCC management due to delays related to activities not allowed under Purdah. The lease is expected to be transferred in the next 2 weeks.  
Thanks were given to everyone who attended Cllr Taylors funeral.
- 2293 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT  
Receipt and acting on post and emails received - average 20 per day, Phone calls in / out / Delivery of Meeting Packs/update of noticeboards. Agenda and meeting pack prepared for tonight.  
Notice of Councillor vacancy in Rossall Ward published in noticeboards, online and to Councillors by e-mail. 14 day period for requesting full election expires 9th May.  
Work to roof and rear of 122 Poulton Rd completed – some issues with drains blocked have been resolved. Invoice received, matching quote, to be presented at the next council meeting to approve payment.  
  
Arranged 3 quotes for painting new external render to 122 Poulton Rd – separate agenda item.

**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



Arranged emergency plumber to fix downstairs toilet basin. Waste pipe was stuck on with gaffer tape and string – whole unit replaced as it was falling apart and water leaking all over the floor – separate agenda item.

New Vacuum cleaner purchased under delegated powers as old one was broken (split hose and burned out motor) – separate agenda item.

Quarter 4 and end of year accounts completed– separate agenda item.

Documents prepared for Internal Audit which was carried out on 19/4/17 – all accounts signed off by internal auditor – no issues. The final audit return is being prepared will come to Council for approval on 30th May.

VAT reclaim for £4204.84 sent to HRMC.

Transfer of the balance (£1869.65) from the Fleetwood Fishermen's Memorial Fund was completed yesterday and will be held in the current business account and ring-fenced on the quarterly budget sheet for approved expenditure for maintenance and repair of the memorial and funnel.

New account action completed – Debit Card and Online banking set up. Precept of £156,000 paid into new account on 3/4/17. Switching from Santander account in progress.

Primesight contract received and returned. Arrears payment of £850.00 received and banked.

Nat Cox has been replaced as Neighbourhood police sergeant by Sgt Natali Harper.

Fleetwood under 15s rugby club and Fleetwood Carnival Grant aid presentations publicized on FB and the Website.

Business cards proofed and ordered.

Allotment Inspection carried out with CDO.

2294 TO RECEIVE THE CDO'S REPORT

A written report was provided by the CDO and circulated to all Councillors for information and duly noted.

2295 TO RECEIVE WARD REPORTS

A written ward report was submitted by Cllr Hewitt (Mount ward), circulated to all Councillors and duly noted.

Cllr Raynor (Pharos ward)

Reported fly tipping on Abbots Walk alleyway – was cleared up the next day

Garden buddies project is up and running.

Attended the Festive Lights Committee meeting and very excited about the new proposals and fundraising plans.

Attended the back on track site visit.

Liaised with local MP and LCC councillors regarding pier site objections.



Cllr Stirzaker (St Wulstans ward)

Has been writing to major retailers to promote empty Store 21 building as a new venture. Received refusal from Primark. M&S expressed an interest. Attended Back on Track (walk) and Festive Lights meetings.

Cllr Stuchfield (Warren ward)

Attended Fleetwood Back on Track walk – included Cat Smith MP, fellow Councillors and LCC. P Williams gave an update on progress. Condolences were offered to the family and friends of Jeff Banks, the chair of PWRS who sadly passed away this week. Awaiting an update/feedback from Lisa Bennett about last month's presentation at the council meeting. Met with Clive Grunshaw re. funding to tackle anti-social behaviour. Working with other agencies to develop a funding strategy.

Cllr Tilling (Mount ward)

Attended festive lights meeting  
Visited a family about a collapsed fence  
Working on developing a reindeer dash event for Trinity House fundraising.

Cllr Barrowclough (Rossall ward)

Apologise for missing last month's meeting due to last minute work issues.  
Assisted with a resident's wheelie bin replacement and other private matters.  
Has noticed once again the disappointing damage to the shelters on the Mount.

2296      **Adjournment to allow public participation (1).**

a) Neighbourhood Policing Team report.

Cllr Rogers introduced Sgt Natali Harper who has replaced Sgt Nat Cox and attended with a colleague.  
The main issue reported was the continuing youth anti-social behaviour around the Marine Hall and the Mount. Uniformed officers have been taking a less visible role as approaches by other agencies such as youth support groups appear to be having more of a positive impact. Meeting will be held on 26 April to discuss prevention measures.

Crime figures show no increase in burglaries or thefts from last year, and shop lifting figures are reducing due to several arrests. There has been a spike in thefts from cars, mainly down to people leaving valuables on display – a prevention campaign will be run to address this.

Cllr Barrowclough asked if there had been any additional crime related to the fun fair – none was reported and it was thought that the fair might actually reduce ASB.

MOP asked if there was any pattern to the thefts from cars. The thefts were sporadic and across the whole of Wyre as well.



b) Presentation by Fleetwood Town FC NCS (National Citizen Service) Coordinator Sam Livesey.

Sam presented details of the NCS programme. Key features were:

- For 15-17 year olds. Don't have to be in full time education to participate
- Includes out of bounds activities/charitable and volunteering work/life skills/fundraising
- At successful completion receives a certificate from the Prime Minister
- Counts towards UCAS points and towards Dof E gold award residential element
- FTFC goes into schools/youth centres and events to publicise
- Should not cost any individual more than £50.00 – government subsidised
- Outdoor residential activities take place in centres in Cumbria and Scotland
- Individuals can approach co-ordinators directly to apply for the programme.

Public Participation:

MOP commented on the success of the St Georges parade and Councillors seconded this.

2297 **To reconvene the meeting.**

2298 TO RECEIVE THE QUARTER 4 AND END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS, BANK RECONCILIATION AND BUDGET MONITORING DOCUMENT.  
Noted and accepted

2299 TO CONSIDER A GRANT AID APPLICATION FROM FLEETWOOD FOLK AND BLUES FESTIVAL  
The application was received as thorough and detailed, and was approved unanimously for the full amount of £2000.

2300 TO CONSIDER A GRANT AID APPLICATION FROM FLEETWOOD FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT  
The application was withdrawn by the applicant on 24/4/17.

2301 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE FLEETWOOD SHOP WATCH SCHEME FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL TO TAKE OVER THE SCHEME - TO INCLUDE PAYMENT OF THE LICENCE FEE (£150 PER ANNUM) AND ANY INCIDENTAL COSTS AND ALSO REIMBURSE THIS YEARS FEE ALREADY PAID.  
Council supported this request in principle but require more information about costs, the current state of repair of the radios and other potential outlays before making a decision.  
Cllr Raynor to forward PC Finlayson's contact details and all information she had received to the Clerk to take further.

2302 TO DISCUSS CONTINUING WITH YEAR ON YEAR CONTRACT WITH ADVERTISING VIA THE RABBIT PATCH AT A COST OF £624.00  
Discussions took place about the cost effectiveness of the advertising. In light of forthcoming proposals to improve web contact and Facebook marketing it was resolved to continue with the contract and develop closer working relationships with Rabbit Patch to focus on FTC content. For – 6, Abstain – 2.

2303 TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW VACUUM CLEANER OF £58.00 FOR THE OFFICE TO REPLACE THE BROKEN ONE.  
Approved – unanimously.



- 2304 TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY PLUMBING REPAIR TO THE DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM BASIN AT £40.00  
Approved – unanimously
- 2305 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE ONE OF 3 QUOTES OBTAINED FOR PAINTING OF EXTERNAL RENDER TO REAR OF 122 POULTON RD AND DIVIDING WALL.  
After discussion of the options the quote from Wyre Décor was proposed and accepted unanimously
- 2306 TO APPROVE ANNUAL SLCC SUBSCRIPTION OF £157.00  
Approved – unanimously
- 2307 TO CONSIDER THE RESPONSE FROM CAB REGARDING SHARED UTILITIES  
The clerk advised the members that the proposal represented an increase in the overall contribution, and that the CAB budget had not increased for several years. In addition there had been some loss of paid staff to allow the service to continue. It was recommended that the proposal was a sensible and reasonable one. Council resolved to approve the proposal unanimously.
- 2308 TO NOTE PLANNING APPLICATIONS.  
Duly noted. Clerk to advise councillors of the likely date for the Pier site application to go before committee bearing in mind its clash with the general election.
- 2309 **Adjournment to allow public participation (2).**
- MOP asked Council to look into re-colouring the wave at the ferry stop. Clerk/Chairman to enquire if it was adopted by Wyre and who could do it.
- MOP – a museum trustee advised that the deeds were with the solicitors and the lease should be signed in the next couple of weeks. Was pleased to report the Good Friday takings were the highest for a single day in 10 years – Radio Lancashire helped this turn-out by broadcasting from the Museum on the day, encouraging visitors from all over the region.
- MOP asked if some full meeting packs could be made available for the public as they were at Wyre. Clerk to look into sourcing a projector as an alternative to additional printing but a number of packs would be produced for the May meeting.
- MOP asked if there would be a public meeting/presentation for PWRS progress. Cllr Stuchfield advised a public meeting would be organised for June and will be publicised when the date is confirmed.
- 2310 **To reconvene the meeting.**
- 2311 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA  
None received
- 2312 TO APPROVE **NET** SALARIES FOR COUNCIL STAFF AND HRMC PAYE.  
Approved, 7 for, 1 abstention.



2313 TO AGREE OTHER ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT  
Approved, 7 for, 1 abstention

2314 **Date and venue of the next meeting, to include the AGM will be on Tuesday 30th May at the North Euston Hotel, 7pm.**

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**

Signed.....

Chairman  
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