



Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

Minutes of the Town Council meeting on Tuesday 10th July 2018

At the North Euston Hotel Fleetwood at 7 p.m.

2716 Opening of the meeting.

Cllr Rogers opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors and members of the public

Present: Councillors Rogers, Glasgow, George, E Stephenson, B Stephenson, Anderton, Stirzaker, Raynor, Stuchfield, Tilling and Hewitt.

The Clerk – D Thornton

2 officers from Cleveleys and Fleetwood Constabulary

15 Members of the public.

2717 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllr Barrowclough.

2718 To note the resignation of Councillor Caroline McLaughlan (Park Ward) with effect from 25/6/18. In accordance with the electoral rules the vacancy will be advertised for either a ward election, or if no signatures are forthcoming, co-option.

Duly noted. The clerk advised that the period for applying to hold an election will expire 18th July, and after that the co-option process will start.

2719 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

Councillors

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



2720 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.

Cllr Hewitt declared an interest in item 2728 as a member of the friends group
Cllrs George and Stirzaker declared an interest in items 2741 and 2742

2721 To accept the minutes of the meetings of 29 May 2018 .

Duly accepted. 10 for, 1 abstention.

2722 Adjournment to allow public participation (1).

(i) Neighbourhood police team report

2 members of the Cleveleys and Fleetwood Policing team attended and gave the following update:

- Figures for car crime in June 18 are nearly half that of June 17 – this is down to a pro-active campaign by the team to tackle this issue which will hopefully continue to improve.
- ASB and nuisance behaviour calls are two thirds lower this June than this time last year. This reflects the initiative to introduce a direct ASB phone line to the PCSOs and an increase in PCSO resources.
- A recent raid of a cannabis factory in Fleetwood led to the seizure of 500 plants, and was the result of excellent public intelligence and hard work to obtain an emergency warrant.
- Officers were swamped with emergency calls at the last England world cup match and will be putting on the full force for 12 hour shifts for the next fixture on 11/7/18. This will also be repeated for Tram Sunday and the final match if England get through.

Questions were received from councillors and the public as follows:

- Have there been any reports of vandalism at the Marine Hall fountains? None reported.
- Are any speeding statistics available? Officers advised Lancs constabulary traffic section at Blackburn should be contacted under FOI to provide stats – nothing is held locally.
- A local 20mph road has a lot of speeding problems, what can be done? Police are working with Wyre to monitor this but they can only issue warning letters as 20mph speed limits are not legally enforceable.
- MOP asked if it would be worth the council purchasing SPIDs? Police advised the best route would be to contact Mark Proctor at Blackburn who can arrange for one to be sited if circumstances demand.
- Wyre Cllr Beavers spoke to confirm that the 20 mph speed limit is not legally enforceable. She also spoke in support of item 2729 (free swim and splashpad).



2723 To reconvene the meeting

2724 To nominate members to the following groups (deferred from 29/5/18)

- **Precept working party – representatives for Mount and Park wards required.**
- **Wyre area committee representative(s) (new meeting format to be confirmed).**

Cllrs Tilling (Mount) and B Stephenson (Park) were duly approved as members of the precept working party – Unanimous.

The matter of the Wyre area committee representative was deferred again as the new format is still to be determined.

2725 To consider an application for grant aid from the Willow Garden Project .

Council resolved by unanimous vote to approve a grant aid award of £2000.

2726 To consider an application for grant aid from the Fleetwood Gym Community Foundation.

Council resolved by unanimous vote to defer this application for further information regarding the proportion of Fleetwood children currently involved in the coaching sessions, and also clarification on the reported exclusion of children. The clerk to contact the application for clarification and to invite attendance at the next council meeting.

2727 To consider an application for grant aid from the Fleetwood Sea Cadets.

Council resolved by 10 votes for and 1 abstention to approve a grant aid award of £2000

2728 To consider an application for grant aid from the Friends of the Memorial Park

Cllr Hewitt declared a personal interest and withdrew from debate and voting. Council resolved by unanimous vote to approve a grant aid award of £2000.

2729 To consider and approve a proposal to ring-fence 4 years funding (from 2019 – 2022 inclusive) to subsidise free junior swimming *and* splashpad entry for children resident in FY7, as a continuation of the local LCC councillor funding which will end in 2018 (junior swim).

Council resolved by unanimous vote to approve the annual funding of £4243 for 2019-2022. The clerk to include the amount in the precept bid for these years.

2730 To consider and approve a budget of up to £65.00 to replace the plaque at the anchor next to the boat as Ash St Tram Stop.

Council resolved by unanimous vote to approve a budget of £70.00 on the caveat that a local supplier was engaged if possible within this budget. If not possible the Viking signs quote to be ordered.



2731 To approve the payment of the following invoices:

- **JW Fish, paint supplies and in-bloom items (cheque) £145.14.**

Payment by cheque approved – unanimous. It was confirmed that the expenditure would come out of the In-bloom budget.

2732 To note payments made prior to meeting in accordance with invoice terms:

- **Plantscape – In bloom hanging Baskets £ 3768.00 (Bank transfer).**

Duly noted. A member asked if FTC owned the hanging baskets or hired them. It was confirmed that they are hired every year and the fee includes planting, installation and watering from May – September/October depending on the weather. It was confirmed that the Plantscape contract is reviewed each year by the FIB working group and council will be asked to consider if it is to continue.

2733 To consider a proposal to use Link-Mag as the printing and distribution provider for this years newsletter under Financial Regulation 11.1 (a) iv: *the need to obtain 3 quotes for services costing over £300 may be waived for work to be executed or goods or materials to be supplied which constitute an extension of an existing contract by the council.* In addition Link Mag are the only supplier who can print and distribute. Quote and draft 2018 newsletter to be submitted at a subsequent council meeting.

Council resolved to approve the use of Link-Mag for production and distribution of the newsletter. 9 for, 2 abstentions.

2734 To receive an update on the proposal to place an additional poppy bench in the Memorial park if approval is granted by Wyre Council and an appropriate site can be agreed before the end of 2018.

Cllr Hewitt updated the meeting on the several enquiries and phone calls she has been making with the aim of seeking permission to place a bench. She is currently waiting for a key Wyre Council officer to return from holiday and hopes for a favourable outcome. Council agreed to defer the matter to 21st August for a further update from Cllr Hewitt.

2735 Adjournment to allow public participation (2).

- An MOP from the Civic Society advised that they have used Andrews Signs on Dorset Ave Cleveleys on several occasions for making signs for them.
- Several MOPs expressed concerns about mobile homes – especially with regards to inconsiderate parking, emptying of cassette toilets and overnight parking. Councillors agreed this was a concern to some residents, however others saw it as a positive boost to the towns economy. Council confirmed that as long as no highways regulations were broken there was nothing to prevent overnight parking.



2736 To Reconvene the meeting

2737 To note planning applications considered by members and agree any action to be taken or response to the planning authority.

Duly noted – no comments received.

2738 To receive items for information and items for inclusion in the next agenda subject to full information being available. Members are reminded that no discussion or decision may be taken.

- The clerk to update the council on the terms of reference of the Wyre Area Forum (LALC) to determine the need for a representative.(Item 2724 deferred).
- Cllr Hewitt to update the council on the placement of a memorial bench in the park (Item 2734 deferred).
- To raise an item regarding speeding issues (Cllr George) Clerk to be advised of wording for item.
- To raise an item regarding future events in Fleetwood (Cllr Stuchfield) Clerk to be advised of wording for item.

2739 To agree Accounts for Payment on the enclosed information sheet.

The accounts were agreed - unanimous

2740 To consider and resolve to exclude the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 and the Data Protection Act 1999, to hear two items as confidential regarding the FTC allotments.

Council resolved by unanimous vote to exclude the press and public for consideration of the final 2 agenda items.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21 August at the North Euston Hotel at 7pm

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Debra Thornton

Clerk to Fleetwood Town Council



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Councillors George and Stirzaker left the room for the following 2 items as they had declared a personal interest.

2741 To consider a complaint on standards of behaviour in relation to the Larkholme allotments.

Members discussed the complaint and responses documented and made the following resolutions in a unanimous vote:

- a. That there had been a breach in the allotment rules on standards of behaviour
- b. That no party was entirely to blame in the matter
- c. That a letter be issued to both parties, stating the councils agreed views on the matter and laying out their requirements

2742 To note and decide on any action to be taken in respect of further e-mails received in relation to the initial standard of behaviour complaint and a verbal update from Councillor Rogers regarding a further discussion.

The Council considered further correspondence from all parties involved in this matter. They expressed grave concerns as to the ongoing behavior of those involved, the resultant tensions, and the significant impact on council resources, and that if this were continue they would have no choice but to consider serving notices to quit. As a result, they resolved (by unanimous vote) the following: That the 3 tenants involved be invited to a confidential meeting with 3 independent councillors and the clerk as observer. The aim of this meeting would be to encourage all parties to reach an understanding as to how they may move forward to resolve their differences and enjoy their allotments in the future.



Appendix A – Councillors and Officers reports

Cllr Norah Stuchfield

Planning Schedule

2 domestic planning issues straight forward.

Wyre dock Development

No additional information

Fleetwood back on track

26th June 2018

Issue of fly tipping.

Entered Fleetwood in bloom

Awaiting confirmation from Highways England for sleeper replacement

Joined up working needed from other interested parties regarding line reconnection and a firm commitment for transparency. Cllr Peter Murphy sadly has been given leave from our committee we wish him well.

Next meeting 31st July 2018

Healthier Fleetwood

Partnership meeting Healthier Fleetwood 26th June 2018 am

Unable to attend CDO going and will report back

27th June 2018 met with David Gore at Fleetwood Library to discuss situation so far and how well the Healthier Fleetwood Project is doing.

Beach Wheel chair meeting 26th June 2018 pm attended

4th July 2018 Emmanuelle Church attended.

Health and Harmony group is very popular another 2 groups open from the one in Fleetwood one in Thornton -Cleveleys and one over in Hambleton.

There are several good resident initiatives which are being ran by Fleetwood people for Fleetwood people were having issues with finding rooms and getting equipment due to cost.

I promoted Fleetwood back on Track Fleetwood in bloom Avon green Space initiative with Regenda and Fleetwood marsh.

I also explained about the grant process for any groups who needed support.

Fleetwood in Bloom

29th June 2018 Meeting arranged with local artist to discuss poppy sculpture post 'Home coming' celebrations with Chair Terry Rogers and Cllr Mary Stirzaker.

Halite CLP update

Next panel meeting 4th June 2018 Cancelled E-mail received forwarded to clerk



Youth Provision

21st June 2018 Attended Meeting at YMCA Swimming baths for joint project with Cllr Raynor for a 4 yr proposal for the young people in Fleetwood for Junior Swim and Splash Pad to be free for FY7 residents during the School holidays.

I also managed to gain a substantial amount to support this initiative from a business source. Details of which will be released through a press release.

Avon Green Project

Consultation went very well. Outcomes and findings sent to Clerk.

Marsh working Group

I went to the Marsh took photographs to look at which areas need any repair work done.

Community

19th June 2018 I attended St Mary's school for their 'World of Work' morning other employers where there this gave the yr 6 pupils an opportunity to ask questions and find out from each

Employer what their role was and what they did etc

I promoted the role of a Fleetwood Town Councillor as what they represent and wards and working groups etc. I also gained a lot of interesting points from the young people of what they think should be in Fleetwood.

20th June 2018 I attended Flakefleet school to do their 'World of Work'

It was a wonderful opportunity to support the 'World of Work initiative and I would like to put on record that the schools and their children but your children were polite courteous, questioning and engaging and a pleasure to have spoken with and I wish them well in their future.

24th June 2018 Mayoral Service attended with Cllr Stirzaker

27th June 2018 Met with Lisa Bennett Regenda to discuss future projects.

Community Training

Anyone who is a volunteer and works in the community giving their time to deliver support in the community URpotential currently have Basic food hygiene course available enquiries contact Yanina Beavers.

Reported potholes and broken bus shelters.

Regeneration

19th June 2018 attended a meeting to discuss ways of increasing footfall and shopping experiences back into the town.

Future Events.

6th July 2018 meeting North Euston with Cllr Raynor to discuss family events to run through Summer next year prize money donated generously for increasing footfall to our beautiful town. More details to follow.

10th July 2018 meeting Westview Community Centre regarding Community Café with Cllr Raynor and Lisa Bennett Regenda. More details to follow.



Councillor Rita Hewitt

Attended Friends of Memorial Park meetings

Help on the stalls on Memorial Park Fun Day

Update on Dumping of Rubbish on Jameson Road:

In the process of organising a meeting between the stakeholders on Jameson Road

Waiting for Wyre Council to inform me of the cost of running CCTV cameras on Jameson Road

After doing my research I found the Poles along Jameson Road are already set up to take on CCTV cameras

I would like to say Thank you to Radford Amos for all the help he has given me in dealing with Jameson Road. Mr Amos has left the council. I will now be dealing with Mr John Beetle who has been extremely helpful in the past with this project.

It has been agreed between myself and Councillor Paul Tilling that he will represent Mount Ward on the Precept Working Party

As far as Mobile CCTV Vans being used on Jameson Road...Councillor Tilling has been told that they have been stripped out of the equipment, as it was out of date

General case studies in Mount Ward

Councillor Cheryl Raynor

Attended:

Festive Lights Committee meeting

Beach Wheelchairs meeting

Back on Track meeting

Meeting with Cllr Stuchfield and various parties regarding future projects

Meeting with Cllr Stuchfield, West View Community Assoc & other interested parties regarding a 'holiday hunger' project, providing meals for children during school holidays

ASB task group meeting

Attended training session regarding Marshalling on Tram Sunday

Worked with Cllr Stuchfield on a proposal to continue the free swimming and splash pad for Fleetwood children.

Reported several potholes and incidents of fly tipping around the ward.

Dealt with a nuisance neighbour problem

Clerks report

- Agenda and packs prepared for Full Council and Festive Lights meetings
- Dealt with several customer enquiries by phone, e-mail and in person at the office.
- Paid invoices and banked receipts.
- Ongoing updates of Website and Social Media to raise FTC profile and publicise activities.
- Ongoing screening of retained documents for GDPR compliance - will be using confidential waste service for disposal – 80% complete.



- Heavily involved in supporting CDO and volunteer team with In-Bloom activities, watering and Poppy project.
- Attended SLCC area meeting at Garstang on 14th June
- Attended SLCC regional training seminar at Bolton on 27th June with Cllr George who took up the offer of a free place.
- Attended meetings regarding allotment issues as an independent observer. Issued formal correspondence on instruction of council.
- Ordered and collected Town Council roll-up banner on confirmation of content by Media Working Group.
- Ongoing liaison with external auditors re additional information required for intermediate audit.