



Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

Minutes of the Town Council meeting on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 North Euston Hotel Fleetwood 7 p.m.

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2786 The meeting was opened by the Chairman Cllr T Rogers.

Present: Councillors Rogers, Barrowclough, Anderton, Raynor, Stirzaker, Tilling, Stuchfield, George (after item 2792), Hewitt, Glasgow, B Stephenson and E Stephenson.

The clerk

Sgt. N. Harper – Neighbourhood policing team.

15 members of the public

2787 Apologies for Absence.

None received – all councillors were in attendance

2788 To record Disclosable Pecuniary Interests from members (including their spouses, civil partners or partners) in any item to be discussed.

None declared

2789 To record Other (Personal or Prejudicial) Interests from members in any item to be discussed.

None were declared.

Cllr Rogers advised members that he had been forwarded an e-mail from Cllr B Stephenson which indicated a prejudicial interest regarding item 2793 – co-option of a councillor. Cllr Stephenson said he had received legal advice on the matter and believed there was no prejudicial interest and he should be allowed to vote. Cllr Rogers disagreed and asked members to consider a resolution without notice excluding Cllr Stephenson from voting on item 2793 under Standing Order 11a – breach of the code of conduct by not declaring a prejudicial interest. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Barrowclough and passed: 6 in favour, 3 against, 2 abstentions.

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

M. Conn



2790 To accept the minutes of the meeting of 21 August 2018.

The minutes were accepted (9 for, 2 abstentions) with the following amendment: item 2769 to be amended to make it clear that Cllr Hewitt did not mention the Memorial Park Rose Garden as a potential site for the poppy bench.

2791 Adjournment to allow public participation (1).

(i) Neighbourhood police team report

Sgt Natali Harper attended and provided the following update:

- Crime levels in general are down compared to this time last year with significant reductions in car crime and burglary, helped by the remand of a major offender.
- Two cannabis farms were raided and dismantled with valuable input from community intelligence.
- Shoplifting has also been reduced with 2 major offenders receiving custodial sentences.
- ASB on Martindale Park is still an issue, and egg throwing is on the rise which always seems to happen in the run up to Halloween – officers are working with retailers to reduce egg sales to children.
- A rogue trader initiative will be taking place soon, in partnership with trading standards to identify and deal with those traders taking advantage of vulnerable residents.
- Police will be increasing operations in the run up and during fireworks night and will be present at the Marine Hall on the 5th November.

Cllr Rogers raised the recent vandalism on the Memorial Park. While posted on FB it appeared no report had been made to the police. The matter will now be investigated.

Cllr Hewitt advised that residents around the park rang police regularly regarding youths climbing fenced off areas, but response times were up to 3 hours.

Sgt Harper was asked to look into these issues and the concerns regarding young females intoxicated on the park.

A MOP advised she had eggs thrown at the taxi she was in by upto 30 youths outside the park. The driver gave chase but again appeared not to have reported the incident to police.

A MOP raised the issue of ASB on Eastwood/Westwood – youths trying car doors etc.



2792 To reconvene the meeting

The meeting was reconvened.

2793 To co-opt a member for Park Ward.

Cllr B Stephenson left the room. Cllr R George arrived at the meeting and confirmed she had no pecuniary/personal or prejudicial interests to declare.

Both candidates spoke in support of their application and questions were asked by councillors in open forum. The clerk declared both candidates were eligible to be considered and both had been resident in Fleetwood for over 12 months. Voting slips were distributed and collected. A count was carried out by the clerk and chairman and ratified by the vice-chairman.

By clear majority Mr Michael Conn was co-opted as the new councillor for Park ward.

2794 To consider attached quotes for cleaning at 122 Poulton road and decide on a supplier.

Councillors discussed the quotes and costs provided and it was resolved to invite the first quote (Davisons Cleaning Services) to provide cleaning. 10 for, 1 against

2795 To approve the payment of the following invoices by Bank Transfer

- PFK Littlejohn – external audit costs £720.00
- Final Invoice from Mrs E Sylvester for cleaning services £368.00
- Roll and Scroll for additional Poppy bench £1183.33
- Andrews signs for FIB Boat lettering £120.00
- Glasdons – Litter bin for Nature Park £420.57

All payments were approved. One member against the payment of the Glasdons invoice, all others approved unanimously.

2796 To consider a proposal to increase the grant aid & community projects budget from £20,000 to cover the total awarded in Q1 and Q2 of the financial year which equals £31,210.40. If approved to further consider whether awards for the 2018/19 financial year should be capped or allocate additional budget to cater for applications up to March 2019.

This year's expenditure and potential grant aid applications were assessed. It was resolved to approve the proposal with an initial increase to cover the spend to date. If further applications are received in this financial year the application and an increase to the budget allocation to cover an award (if made) would be considered simultaneously. Approved unanimously.



- 2797 To consider a proposal to approve a budget of no more than £70.00 to purchase a one year Microsoft 365 office software subscription to install on the old CSO laptop. For use by the chairman (or any other councillor) in the office for official council business (word processing and printing).**

The proposal was approved with a request to consider the product with the best value for money. Unanimous.

- 2798 To consider a request to purchase a new printer for the office. It has developed a number of print faults, produces poor quality copies and regularly requires maintenance and cleaning. If approved a budget of £200 is requested to purchase a machine of equivalent quality to that enclosed, which has high ratings for speed, ink efficiency and reliability.**

It was proposed to increase the budget for a printer to £500 to purchase a colour LaserJet printer – which would provide savings in the long run in toner replacement to offset the initial outlay. Approved unanimously.

- 2799 To consider a request to purchase power tools for the Community payback team to build 38x replacement re-cycled planters for the annual in-bloom project. A sample of the recommended products is enclosed and is currently available from Screwfix in Fleetwood. If approved an amount of no more than £250 , from the existing in-bloom budget to be allocated. The tools will become part of the council assets.**

Approved unanimously

- 2800 To consider and approve the receipt of an amount of £5000 from LCC as match funding for the “Awards For All” (if successful) following an application by Regenda to fund a Dementia Garden Project on the Memorial park. Regenda are unable to receive any monies directly as they are a commercial entity. If approved the clerk will then release the funds on Wyre Council approval when invoiced.**

Approved unanimously.

Cllr B Stephenson re-joined the meeting.

- 2801 To consider and review if necessary the councils social media policy which has been in place for a year.**

Cllr Hewitt expressed concern regarding some of the guidance in the policy and Cllr Anderton advised that the Media Working Group would be happy to look into her concerns if she put them in writing to the clerk. It was resolved to approve the policy in its current form, 11 in favour, 1 against.

- 2802 To consider and review if necessary the councils Grant Aid policy which was last reviewed in June 2017 - proposed amendments are underlined and marked with *****

Council resolved to amend the spelling of publicized/publicised on page 1. The clerk was requested to chase up this year’s recipients for an update on the use of the grant award. The reviewed document was accepted: 11 for, 1 against.



- 2803 To consider options and agree a timetable for 2019 council meetings. Options are enclosed but do not restrict members from proposing alternatives. Please note the restraints involved around the May election date.**

Council resolved to agree the option to meet every 6 weeks - Unanimous

- 2804 Adjournment to allow public participation (2).**

A MOP asked council to consider the height of the re-cycled planters when installing them in 2019 so as not to impede motorists' line of sight (ref item 2799)

A MOP asked if 2019 meeting dates would be published – the clerk confirmed they would.

- 2805 To Reconvene the meeting**

- 2806 To note planning applications considered by members and agree any action to be taken or response to the planning authority.**

Members discussed the HMO application 18/00721. The clerk was asked to check the plans and determine if the bathroom allocation was shared or one per bedroom. If shared an objection to be raised with Wyre planning on behalf of the council.

- 2807 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.**

Cllr Stuchfield advised that a presentation and agenda item in respect of the Regenda led Youth Strand Initiative would be proposed for November's agenda.

- 2808 To agree Accounts for Payment (including October salaries)– see enclosed information sheet on page 1 of the meeting pack.**

The clerk confirmed that the duplicated entries for webhosting fees and Andrews signs were only paid once, and the duplication was a clerical error only. The accounts and payments were approved unanimously.

- 2809 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 items as confidential regarding the FTC allotments.**

Approved – unanimous.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13 November at the North Euston Hotel at 7pm

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Cllr T Rogers

Chairman, Fleetwood Town Council.



IN CONFIDENCE – PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED.

2810 To consider the allotment topographical survey results and information (attached) and decide on a proposal re rental charges.

Councillors considered the data comparison and results of the topographical survey plus discrepancies in rates. A councillor advised that the national average was 38p per sq. m for 2017/18. Council resolved to rationalise all rents to 38p (with relevant RRP increases added as per the policy) per sq. m. and to adopt all new plot measurements as the basis for rent calculations, with the required 12 months' notice to tenants. Unanimous.

2811 To consider information (enclosed) regarding anomalies in allotment plot sizes and make a decision accordingly.

Council considered the historical rates and plot measurements for plot 22 as the discrepancies were significantly more than those for other plots. They resolved to standardise the amount per sq. m. to 38p (2017/18 rates with relevant RRP increases added as per the policy), and to adopt the new plot measurement as the basis for rent calculations, with the required 12 months' notice to the tenant. Unanimous.

2812 To consider a standing request from the tenant of an existing plot in accordance with the Allotment policy.

The clerk clarified that the plots in question (2A, B and C) had been split by council decision earlier in the year. The existing plot holder of 2B is now bordered on either side by an empty plot. It was proposed to allow the request and return plot 2 to a single tenant. 10 in favour, 2 against.

2813 To consider a request from the existing tenant of an allotment plot to split it equally in half.

Council resolved to allow the request from the plot holder and free up the vacated half to a new tenant from the waiting list. 11 for, 1 abstention.

The meeting came to a close at 8.55pm.



Appendix A – Ward and officer reports

Ward report. Cllr Rachel George

Since the last meeting my time has mostly been used for the Beach Wheelchairs project, The project has been going well and we have now applied for a charity number, there will be lots more on this next meeting. We have had many meetings and hosted a manufacturer who came down to show us the chairs and how they worked etc, we had some really good feedback from the community. Lots more work is needed but we are getting there.

Healthier Fleetwood. Again this is now at the stage of applying for charity status, I have attended 5 trustee meetings and an open meeting, I have also been visiting lots of the groups etc. some of the groups are amazing, I have really enjoyed visiting them.

I have been helping a resident with an ASB problem, signposting to the police and supporting the person, he is still experiencing ASB but there is light at the end of the tunnel for him.

The usual fly tipping etc. I have been into the office a few times for advice etc on things I am working on.

Ward report. Cllr Norah Stuchfield

Planning Schedule

18/00936/FUL applicant previously applied refused by WC reapplied for new build property pending outcome from WC. House of multiple occupancy (HMO) awaiting planning stages on Poulton Rd Fleetwood. More information to follow.

Wyre dock Development

No additional information

Fleetwood back on track

11th September 2018. Positive feedback from Britain in Bloom judges awaiting results.

Invitation to Awards Presentation at Southport 01/11/2018

Highways England for sleeper replacement can commence fish plates have finally arrived.

Joined up working needed from other interested parties regarding line reconnection and a firm commitment for transparency. External funding to be sourced for market research.

A meeting to be set up with WC for discussion on rail proposal.

Next meeting 30th October 2018

Healthier Fleetwood

4th September 2018 Strategic Partnership meeting.

I raised the issue of holiday hunger and also the project for the 'poppies' with a local artist.

A new group joined partnership Mind matters a self-referral process.

Next meeting to be circulated



5th September 2018 Healthier Fleetwood Emmanuelle Church.

A local resident is keen to tidy the park on Milton Street

The choir groups are becoming a tremendous success yet another group starting that will be 3 in total.

The dance event on 22nd July was a fantastic success more free taster sessions to be delivered

Healthier Fleetwood residents' group have achieved CIC status

Beach wheel Chairs are being demonstrated on the Beach by the Kite shop on 16th September.

Fleetwood in Bloom

12th September 2018

I met with local artist to look at options for delivery and lesson plan for anticipated school involvement. Schools to be approached individually to give opportunity for them to be involved with the 'poppy sculpture planning' if, they choose to be.

27th September 2018

Fleetwood working party meeting decisions to be made for next year delivery.

Festival of Flowers. Themed 'Fish and Ships'

Awards Presentation at Southport 2nd November 2018

Halite CLP update

No update

Youth Provision

28th September 2018 - Met with Lisa Bennett Regenda working on Isolation and Loneliness Funding Strategy. I am working with Regenda and West View to look at delivery of provision, to look at provision available currently and what needs to be added/created to Fleetwood for young people.

A funding bid has been completed looking at loneliness and isolation due to the level of in accessible activities for young people and non-existent opportunities as a generic youth provision is no longer statutorily provided that is not typically a targeted provision or target met delivery across the five wards.

I am also working on a LANPAC funding bid to combat antisocial behaviour.

More information to follow

Avon Green Project

Currently this project has been put on hold yet again. A meeting with parties involved to be arranged to see what is preventing open space completion after 2 consultations.

Marsh working Group

No update

Community

2nd October 2018. I attended an open event at the Fire station for older people along with Cllr Terry Rogers. Various agencies were present. I would like to say how well the young



Fire Fighter cadets delivered excellent courteous customer service, a credit to yourself and your uniform. The fabulous work done by voluntary groups and statutory delivery.

Community Training

No update

Regeneration

31st August - It was brought to the attention of people attending that there are no rates payable on smaller retail properties by WC dimensions of property available from WC Angela Kershaw Economic Development Officer.

Future Events.

Craig Lamb to be invited to full Council to present his ideas. More details to follow.

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.
- Routine Facebook and Website updates carried out.
- Started second quarter (2018-2019) financial report, bank reconciliation and budget monitoring report (will be on Novembers agenda).
- Attended:
Photo ops for various grant aid awards
Rossall School to speak on Radio Lancashire iro Final Homecoming Parade
Marine Hall re Homecoming Co-ordination meeting
- Obtained quotes for cleaning services for office cleaning.
- Completed final proofing of 2018 Newsletter with Media Working Group – currently out for distribution in the town.
- Procured CDO laptop replacement as per council decision
- Purchased large litter bin for Marsh Nature Park as per council decision