



Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

Minutes of the Fleetwood Town Council meeting Tuesday 13th November 2018 North Euston Hotel Fleetwood 7 p.m.

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Present were: Councillors Rogers, Tilling, Hewitt, George, Raynor, Conn, Stirzaker, Barrowclough, Stuchfield, Anderton and Glasgow.

The clerk, Sgt Harper and PC Finlayson, 9 members of the public and 3 presenters.

2814 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed new Councillor Michael Conn (Park Ward). It was reported that all Festive Lights infrastructure on the Mount, in the Town centre and the 5 trees were all in place ready for switch on. Gave congratulations to the In-Bloom working group and volunteers for the excellent results at this year's awards, including a gold award. Thanked the clerk for her work

2815 To accept Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs B and E Stephenson.

2816 To record Disclosable Pecuniary Interests from members (including their spouses, civil partner0s or partners) in any item to be discussed.

No interests were declared.

2817 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 Anderton declared an interest in item 2833 as a trustee of the Fielden Trust, however was not required to leave the meeting for the item.

Cllrs George and Raynor declared an interest in item 2829 as trustees of the Fleetwood Beach Wheelchair group and will leave the meeting prior to debate/discussion.

2818 To accept the minutes of the meeting of 02 October 2018.

The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

Councillors

T Rogers (Chairman)
P. Tilling .

E. Anderton
B. Stephenson

B. Glasgow
E. Stephenson

M. Barrowclough (Vice Chairman)
R. Hewitt

C. Raynor

N. Stuchfield
R. George

M. Stirzaker
M. Conn



2819 Adjournment to allow public participation (1).

Neighbourhood police team report.

Sgt Natali Harper and PC Tracey Finlayson attended to give the policing report. Only 1 ASB incident has been logged for Martindale Park in the last month – however it appears councillors are getting complaints but not the police. FTFC have started to do events at the park so it is hoped this will help. Regenda have advised that demolition of the surrounding empty properties will commence 16th November which should also reduce ASB and drug use.

Call backs have been made to residents reporting damage to the Memorial Park and patrols have been increased. A councillor advised they have names of suspects to pass on in confidence. Sgt Harper invited the ward councillors out on a patrol this coming Friday with an outreach worker on the park. There will be opportunities for other councillors to accompany subsequent patrols.

ASB and car crime reports are down this month, the remembrance week events went well and no issues were reported around Halloween and Bonfire night. The event at the Marine Hall was a great success.

The neighbourhood team are carrying out a week of action this week with mounted patrols in hot spots, drugs warrants and a programme of licencing checks.

The chairman asked the neighbourhood team to be aware of the vandalism to the Christmas trees last year and to keep an eye on them this year if possible.

Cllr George advised there would be a meeting at Westview CA regarding Martindale Park on Sat 17th.

PC Finlayson gave an update on the Shop Watch Scheme. Fleetwood Town Council originally awarded £2175 funding towards the re-launch of the scheme. That funding along with further funding secured from LANPAC and Wyre Partnership Against Crime (PCC) has enabled the scheme to not only be re-launched, but completely upgraded.

The new scheme, also referred to as Fleetwood Businesses Against Crime (FBAC) is now fully Digital. A new Digital Base Station has been purchased and fitted at Fleetwood Police Office replacing the 20 year old Analogue base station. The scheme has purchased 2 Digital Radios with a keypad and display function, (to be used by the Fleetwood Police Neighbourhood Team) and a further 14 Digital Radios for use by the scheme members.

Due to the funding secured, the new Digital Radios are being offered to the schemes members at a heavily subsidised rate. They can purchase the new Digital Radio for £100+VAT instead of the £225+VAT RRP. The scheme is expecting to have 20+ members.



This funding has also allowed the Scheme to offer the first 12 months membership free of charge, and has also paid for some professional Window Stickers to be printed:-



Cllr Conn asked if the scheme was for the main shopping street only. PC Finlayson confirmed the range of the new digital equipment allowed the scheme to be open to all areas of the town, including Affinity Lancashire and would also be linked to Wyre Councils CCTV network.

Cllr Rogers thanked pc Finlayson and everyone involved in the successful relaunch of the scheme.

Presentation by Naomi Parker, trustee and volunteer at West View CA. and Lisa Bennett Regenda, on the proposed Loneliness and Isolation Youth Strand Project. WITHDRAWN ON REQUEST OF THE PRESENTER.

Update on Beach Wheelchairs Project – Reece Slater, Trustee of the Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs charitable association.

Mr Slater introduced himself as a local resident, group trustee and a wheelchair user following an accident. He presented some supporting information from other Beach Wheelchair schemes in the country, and the benefits identified in inclusivity, accessibility, increased visitor rates and economic benefits to local retailers and services. There is no other similar provision in the NW of England – the nearest one is in Rhyl, with a scattering on the south coast and a very successful example in North Berwick, Scotland (Councillors were separately e-mailed the annual report from N Berwick scheme). Mr Slater spoke positively of his own personal experience using the wheelchairs on the open day and demonstration in September. Mr Slater asked Council to take into consideration the potential benefits to the towns tourist economy when deliberating on the grant aid application to follow.



Presentation by artist Heather Johnstone on the poppy project proposal

Ms Johnstone introduced herself as a local resident and artist who was working with Cllr Stuchfield on potential ideas to re-cycle the summers poppy displays into a permanent artistic installation, possibly on the beach or sea front. The intent was to involve all Fleetwood Schools in the design and creation of the artwork, with lesson plans that would include learning points on Fleetwood and WWI. The proposals are currently being costed and it is hoped they will be presented to council in the new year for consideration. Several councillors asked questions about the design ideas, re-cycling of the poppies etc. It was confirmed that all the poppies would be removed from the town on 20th November and safely stored pending the outcome of any proposals.

Presentation by Margaret Daniels on a proposal to celebrate the town in 2019 with a “Fleetwood Day”.

Mrs Daniels introduced an idea from the Civic Society to hold an annual Fleetwood Day of celebration, initially at the Euston Gardens on 6th May 2019. The event would be a celebration of Fleetwood’s history and heritage with a Victorian theme, associated entertainment and educational activities. There would be opportunity for local youth and musical involvement, with a vintage car display organised by the N E Hotel. Support has already been offered by the Local Rotary, Lions, Transport Festival, Museum and Carnival committee. In order to obtain funding in time to start arrangements the organisers intend to submit a grant aid application but are concerned the next council meeting will be too late to get everything done in time.

Cllr Rogers advised that if the Civic Society can get an application in quickly, he will consider calling an extra-ordinary meeting to consider it, but it would have to be at the council offices with the usual 3 days’ notice.

Questions for Member of the Public were:

Are the Euston Gardens big enough for the potential crowds at Fleetwood Day if it goes ahead? Mrs Daniels advised that along with the road closure in front of the hotel there should be plenty of space as the first event was intended to start small.

What is happening with the Skate Park? It is unused by local kids and there has been no action take on concerns raised over a year ago. Several councillors advised that despite repeated representation to Wyre Council staff and portfolio holders regarding the original plans and proposed improvements there had been no positive responses. A report on a



consultation with over 900 school children carried out this year is still awaited from Wyre Council – despite several reminders.

2820 To reconvene the meeting

2821 To note and approve the Quarter 2 accounts.

The accounts were approved by unanimous vote. Cllr Hewitt asked for the budget monitoring documents for In-Bloom and Festive Lights to be copied to members – **Action Point Clerk.**

2822 To note and accept the Bank Reconciliation for Quarter 2

The Bank reconciliation was approved by unanimous vote

2823 To note the budget monitoring document for the end of quarter 2.

Duly noted

2824 To accept the statement of Cllr Raynor (enclosed) regarding destruction of cheque no 22572 for £11.20 and authorise payment of the amount in cash.

The statement was accepted and payment authorised – by unanimous vote.

2825 To approve the budget proposal (precept) for 2019/20 (enclosed) as calculated and proposed by the precept working group.

The clerk presented the proposal on behalf of the working group and took questions on calculations from members. The budget proposal was approved, 10 votes for , and 1 against. Cllr Hewitt asked that it be recorded she voted against.

2826 To approve the payment of the following invoices by Bank Transfer, Cheque OR Debit Card:

- JW Fish. In Bloom budget miscellaneous sundries £35.44
- Cumbria and Lancs Community Rehab (payback) contract invoice £2990.52

It was confirmed that the Invoice from J W Fish would be paid from the In-Bloom budget. Cllr Hewitt asked for the Payback contract and list of duties carried out to be shared to members. **Action Point – Clerk.**

Payments were approved by unanimous vote.

2827 To discuss and approve the 2019 Fleetwood In-Bloom planting and budget proposals as agreed by the In-Bloom Working Group (enclosed). A current budget statement for this year's income/expenditure and projected funds for 2019 is also enclosed.

Several councillors gave congratulations to everyone involved in this year's success. The chairman confirmed the In-Bloom group had approved the contents of the proposals which were intended to increase sustainable planting and reduce costs in future years. A discussion took place regarding funding for additional infrastructure, the value for money achieved from the lamppost baskets and alternative ideas. The proposal and budget were approved in full, 9 for and 2 against.



2828 To consider a proposal to support the Loneliness and Isolation Youth Strand Project (additional project information enclosed on green paper) by ringfencing a two year allocation of no more than £5000.00 per annum.

WITHDRAWN ON REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT

2829 To consider a grant aid application from the Beach Wheelchairs group.

The item was read out, *Cllr George aske for the vote to be recorded* then Cllrs George and Raynor left the room.

Members debated the application at length. It was the general consensus that council supported that application in principle, based on the benefits put forward in Reece Slaters presentation, but there were concerns raised as follows:

Cllr Hewitt about whether the application should have been made to Wyre Council, which would be a more appropriate as the group intends to become a charity - Cllr Hewitt offered to assist with this.

Cllr Anderton regarding the lack of a business plan detailing how and when the grant would be spent. Cllr Anderton also stated that Wyre had been granted Coastal Community funding in partnership with Disability First and that she had made representations to the portfolio holder to promote the Beach Wheelchair scheme at Fleetwood in the hope the scheme could be a recipient of this funding. Several proposals were made as follows:

1. Cllr Stutchfield proposed for Council to approve the award of £5K to enable the group to set up as a charity and defer the remaining £5K until further information is received. This proposal was defeated: 3 for, 4 abstentions, 2 against.
2. Cllr Hewitt proposed that the applicant is directed to apply for funding from Wyre Council which she would assist with. This proposal was defeated: 1 for, 7 against, 1 abstention.
3. Cllr Anderton proposed to *defer the application* to the next meeting and request a business plan is submitted to support the application. This proposal was passed and voting was recorded as follows:
For: Cllrs Anderton, Barrowclough, Conn, Rogers, Glasgow, Stirzaker.
Against: Cllr Hewitt
Abstentions: Cllrs Stutchfield and Tilling

Cllrs Raynor and George re-joined the meeting and were advised of the decision.

2830 To advise the council that the approved cleaning service for 122 Poulton Rd has ceased trading as of 1/11/18. The alternative quotation is enclosed, and members are asked to approve the appointment of this provider to clean the office.

Council approved the proposal, 10 for, 1 abstention.



- 2831 To consider and approve a maintenance quote of £290.00 from our regular handyman to supply, replace and preserve rotten timber on the shed, to repair a spar on the back yard gate and paint the front window frame of 122 Poulton Rd.**
Council approved the proposal - unanimous
- 2832 If the above item is approved to approve the purchase of 2.5Lt of Johnstones mahogany woodstain at £28.50 from Bonneys décor for the front windowframe of 122 Poulton Rd.**
Council approved the proposal - unanimous
- 2833 To consider a request from the Festive Lights Committee to continue to illuminate the Pocket Park (after the festive season) all year round. The cost is estimated at around £124-150 for the year based on the costs for the festive period and advice from a trustee.**
Cllr Anderton spoke as a representative of the Fielden trust and a trustee of that group. She advised that the trust supported tree lights on the site at Christmas but had concerns re all year lighting in that it may stop the lights being special at Christmas and possibly encourage juvenile ASB after dark throughout the year. Bearing this in mind it was proposed to defer the item to the next meeting to allow the Trust to assess the lighting and consider their position. The timer to be switched off after the festive period. 10 in favour, 1 against.
- 2834 To discuss a requirement to set up a monthly litter-pick rota for the Goth funnel enclosure.**
Members indicated they would be happy to volunteer and the clerk took an action point to e-mail everyone for availability for a rota.
- 2835 To consider and approve a suggestion to offer the old office printer to a local community group free of charge.**
The proposal was approved – unanimous. Several suggestions were made as to which groups may benefit.
- 2836 To discuss and approve (if appropriate) a gratuity for the staff of the North Euston Hotel as recognition for receiving free venue hire and equipment use for council meetings.**
The council supported the proposal and discussed how much to provide and where it should be allocated. A proposal was made to allocate £250.00 towards a staff gratuity/Christmas Party, and £250.00 to the hotel main budget towards general running costs. This was approved, 8 for, 3 against.
- 2837 Adjournment to allow public participation (2).**
A member of the public suggested the Computer Clinic held at Rossall Tavern may be able to use the council's old printer and a contact name was provided.



2838 To Reconvene the meeting

2839 To note planning applications considered by members and agree any action to be taken or response to the planning authority.

Duly noted

2840 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.

- Wording on the plaques on 7x poppy benches located in the town – Cllr Hewitt to provide detail for agenda item.
- Social Media Policy content - Cllr Hewitt to provide detail for agenda item.
- Re-consideration of Beach Wheelchairs Group Grant aid application. Business plan to be submitted and Cllrs George/Raynor to provide detail for agenda item
- Reconsideration of a request from the Festive Lights Committee to continue to illuminate the Pocket Park (after the festive season) all year round. The cost is estimated at around £124-150 for the year based on the costs for the festive period and advice from a trustee.
- Full proposal and costs for Poppy Project artistic installation - Cllr Stuchfield to provide detail for agenda item.
- Proposal and costings regarding new signage on the Fleetwood Rd approach to the Eros Roundabout – Cllr Stirzaker to provide detail for agenda item.
- Report from the Nature Park Working Group on achievements during pilot period and proposals for the next 12 months.
- Proposals from the Media Working Group on a Cleaner Fleetwood Initiative.

2841 To agree Accounts for Payment (including November and December salaries, (December salary to be paid on Friday 21st.)

The accounts for payment were agreed – unanimous.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 29th January 2019 at the North Euston Hotel at 7pm. The 2019 meeting schedule can be found on the Website and will be in the council noticeboards from mid-November.

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Cllr T Rogers
Chairman, Fleetwood Town Council



APPENDIX A – WARD REPORTS AND STAFF REPORTS

Cllr R Hewitt (Mount Ward)

Dealt with issues and concerns of the residents of Mount Ward

Agreed that Cllr P Tilling to sit on the Precept Committee

After all my hard work I finally managed to get the approval for a Poppy Bench in Memorial Park

Attended meetings of Friends of Memorial Park

Attended a meeting of Friends of Jane Mansfield Memorial Park

Writing applications for funding for Friends of Memorial Park

Did some Market Research on what Fleetwood residents would like in Memorial Park:

What came up most was keep fit apparatus, cafe and picnic tables with covering. I am still working on this project..

General walk about

Attended The Northern Festival Of Remembrance

Attended the home coming parade

Debra Thornton – Clerk

- Agenda and packs prepared for Full Council and 3 x Festive Lights meetings
- Dealt with several customer enquiries by phone, e-mail and in person at the office.
- Paid invoices and banked receipts – finalised allotment rental fees annual collection.
- Attended meeting at HSBC to amend mandate following Cllr McLaughlans resignation.
- Routine Facebook and Website updates and responses carried out.
- Completed second quarter (2018-2019) financial report, bank reconciliation and budget monitoring reports for main budget, FIB and Festive Lights.
- Attended Precept Working Group and Prepared submission for 2019/20 budget – on this agenda.
- Attended Wyre Safety Advisory Group (WYSAG) in relation to Homecoming Parade.
- Attended Marsh Nature Park Working Group – sourced and purchased new Notice Board as approved by council.
- Co-ordinated Homecoming Parade in partnership with Wyre Council on 12/11/18. Total number of hours spent in meetings, communications, co-ordination and organisation on this project = 30.
- Procured Power Tools for FIB re-cycled planters as per council directive
- Contacted office front door supplier as it developed a fault and would not shut properly. Replacement ordered and re-fitted 12/11/18 – at no extra cost – covered by manufacturers guarantee.