



Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council and the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday 5th March 2019 7.00 p.m. – North Euston Hotel.

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Present: Cllrs Rogers, Tilling George, Raynor, Stirzaker and Barrowclough. Councillor Hewitt joined the meeting after item 2889

The clerk, Ronan McMahon (Active Lancashire), Shelly Birch (Wyre Council), Sgt Natali Harper (Community policing Team). 8 members of the public.

- 2880** The meeting was opened by the chairman. The clerk advised members and attendees that the nomination packs for the town council elections had been received in the office and any persons wishing to put themselves forward as a candidate should request a pack in person.
- 2881** **Apologies for Absence** were accepted from Cllrs Anderton, Conn, and Stuchfield. Cllr Hewitt gave prior notice that she may be late in arriving.
- 2882** **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.
- 2883** **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.**
None recorded.
- 2884** **To accept the minutes of the meetings of 29th January.**
The minutes were duly accepted. Cllr Stirzaker pointed out that ward reports were an agenda item for tonight but they would only start from the June meeting. This was noted and the chairman advised the item would be withdrawn.
- 2885** **To accept verbal ward reports. Members are asked to limit reports to 2 minutes as agreed on 29th January.**
Withdrawn as per item 2884.

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



2886 To approve the payment of the following invoices by Bank Transfer, Cheque OR Debit Card:

- Andrews signs invoice for 3x in-bloom signs £167.58 (matches quote approved 29/1/19 item 2862)
- JW Fish – In bloom sundries for recycled planters £63.97

Both payments were approved – unanimous.

2887 To approve payment (on receipt of invoice) of £4950.00 to the YMCA for the 2019 junior swim and splashpad subsidy, as agreed on 10/7/18, agenda item 2729. The amount will become due at the beginning of the new financial year.

Approved – unanimous.

2888 To approve the payment of the VAT Invoice Issued by Wyre Council for 2015 Election expenses that were not re-charged correctly. The enclosed letter, VAT breakdown and invoice explains. Please note that the entirety of this amount can be re-claimed at the beginning of the next financial year.

Approved – unanimous.

2889 To consider and approve a proposal to launch a private garden competition for In-Bloom 2019, with Garden Vouchers for 3 prizes (£50, £25 and £25) to be funded from the existing In-Bloom budget pot. If approved to be launched at the One You event at Marine Hall on 7th April.

Approved – unanimous.

Cllr Hewitt joined the meeting and advised she had no pecuniary or personal interests to declare as per items 2882 and 2883.

2890 To note planning applications considered by members and agree any action to be taken or response to the planning authority.

Duly noted – no comments were made by members.

2891 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.

No items submitted.

2892 To agree Accounts for Payment (March salaries). See information sheet on page 1 of the meeting pack.

Approved - Unanimous



2893 Adjournment for Public Participation.

Neighbourhood police team report.

Sgt Harper attended and reported that January and February were fairly quiet months as was usual after Christmas, burglary and car crime figures are reduced. There had been 2 significant instances of ASB/fights in the town, however it was the view that social media had made this look worse than it actually was. 2 knives had been confiscated but they were not used or involved in any crime. Social Media had actually also had a positive effect as a post advising parents to go get their children was effective. ASB outreach work in schools is still ongoing in partnership with Ronan (Active Lancashire) and Shelly (Wyre Council) and the ASB car initiative is still in effect. Members of the public were advised to keep reporting problems and incidents.

Presentation from Ronan McMahon, Active Lancashire on working together better with local partners to support young people become regularly active.

Ronan gave a PowerPoint (see appendix A) presentation on the work of the County Sport Partnership who are working with partners to deliver free sport and activity programmes in Fleetwood (including Parkour, Glow Games and Dance sessions), primarily with teenagers who are not engaging with any existing activities. The programme of satellite clubs that is currently being delivered is based on the outcomes from the Youth Survey of all 11-16 year olds in Fleetwood schools carried out in early 2018. Funding has reached over £21,000 mainly through the Sports Council (Lottery), YMCA, Wyre council and FTCT.

Members were asked to help by endorsing and promoting the satellite activities in as many forums as possible, and to give consideration to a future funding request should it be presented to council.

Presentation by Shelly Birch, Wyre Council Health Partnerships and early action officer.

Shelly gave a presentation/report on her work on the Wyre Community Safety team with particular emphasis on youth engagement and tackling ASB. Problems reached a peak in 2016 with ASB and criminal damage causing significant problems and costly repairs in the town. An ASB steering group was set up with representatives from community groups, police and elected members from all tiers of local government, who went on to develop an action plan based on the 2018 Fleetwood Youth Survey. Outreach events focusing on identified problem groups and areas and awareness sessions in schools to encourage respect for the community have been delivered along with the use of CPWs (community Protection warnings) - a legal mechanism served to parents of children under 16. ASB has notably reduced as a result and work is ongoing. Shelly extended an invitation to all elected members to come out on outreach events.



Annual Town Meeting - Open forum for members of the public

Questions and comments from Cllr's and members of the public on the presentations and other issues were as follows:

- A councillor mentioned a report from a resident who had been told by a youth on the memorial park that bottles they were drinking from would not be confiscated by the police, but they shouldn't be smashed, which unfortunately happened. Sgt Harper confirmed that her officers would always confiscate alcohol from underage drinkers. Shelly Birch advised that Council staff challenge underage drinkers but did not have the powers to confiscate, so it may have been a council officer.
- A councillor advised that there are usually two groups of youths who go on the park and it is the older ones there later that cause most problems.
- A councillor asked about reports of fires being started. Sgt Harper confirmed police and fire services had been called to the Mount and some bin fires on the town. The fire service are looking at running an education programme.
- A councillor asked Ronan if there had been any engagement with Brookfield School as half of the pupils there came from Fleetwood. Ronan advised they were aware of the school but had yet to contact them – he advised a taster session there may be the way forward.
- A councillor asked Ronan if he was aware of the beach wheelchair project and commented that her 3 children didn't know about the Active Lancashire activities. Ronan acknowledged that communications were a big barrier as mentioned in his presentation and Active Lancashire and their partners were working hard to overcome this.
- A MOP mentioned the forthcoming Fleetwood Day event (6th May) and that it might be useful for Active Lancashire to promote their work at the event.
- A councillor asked Ronan for confirmation of Active Lancashire's funding stream and which locations in Fleetwood were being used for activities. He confirmed it was mainly Lottery based funding with other partners detailed above. Locations included YMCA, Fleetwood High, Cardinal Allen and the Park in Spring/Summer months. They are also trying to source other locations.
- A councillor expressed concerns that there were several initiatives going on in Fleetwood (including Healthier Fleetwood) that may be at risk of overlapping. Ronan and Shelly advised that there was a lot of joint working across the groups and that Active Lancashire and Wyre were on the Healthier Fleetwood Board. Other



attendees commented that Fleetwood was in great need of more support and free activities of all types.

- A MOP thanked Shelly for an excellent presentation and was glad that some joined up work was going on to help young people in the town. They asked if there was any possibility of starting permanent clubs again. Unfortunately, the resource for permanent youth clubs wasn't available any more and several Cllrs commented that when they did exist they were poorly used.
- A MOP advised Shelly that the Lofthouse building on Dock St which had been donated for the towns use was available, however there were several different suggestions for contact names. Ronan confirmed that some of Active Lancashire's activities were delivered there.
- An MOP asked if FTC were going to submit a formal objection to the demolition plans for an Art Deco, Regenda owned property on the esplanade (Marine View). Cllrs advised they had made individual representations however the matter had been discussed collectively last year and there was no proposal to make a "whole council" response. It was confirmed by a Wyre Councillor at the meeting that only Wyre councillors could call in such an application however they were not able to as it wasn't a full planning application, but a demolition notification.
- An open discussion between several members and attendees took place on the problems with finding the leaseholder/owner of store 21 and trying to deal with the problems it was causing. Several Councillors advised there were problems locating the leaseholder as it had moved through various organisations/charities who were not responding to Wyre's enquiries or who could not be traced.
- A MOP asked about Local election timescales and nominations. The clerk summarised the deadlines and invited the MOP to call the office for further information.

2894 The meeting was re-convened and closed at 8.25pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at the North Euston Hotel at 7pm. This will be the last meeting of the present Town Council before the Local Elections of 2nd May when a new council will be elected.

The 2019 meeting schedule can be found on the Website and council noticeboards. All members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

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Cllr T Rogers
Chairman, Fleetwood Town Council