



Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday 17 September 2019 North Euston Hotel Fleetwood 7 p.m.

DRAFT

Present: Councillors Stirzaker, Raynor, Blair, Crawford, George, Stephenson, Armstrong, Shewan, Conn, Campbell, Smith, Beavers and Cunningham.

The Clerk

The CDO

Guest Speaker – Andrea Wallace – Economic Development Officer

Members of the public

2990 Opening of the meeting.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman who welcomed everyone.

2991 To accept Apologies for Absence.

None

2992 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 disclosed

2993 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.

Councillors

M. Stirzaker (Chairman) C. Raynor (Vice-Chairman) R. George M Conn B. Stephenson L. Beavers
C. Armstrong R. Shewan N. Campbell R. Cunningham C. Smith M. Blair B. Crawford



Councillor Stirzaker & Raynor declared an interest in items 3004, 3005 and 3006, and reserved the right to speak on them.

Also, they declared they would not speak on planning matters as members of Wyre Planning Committee

2994 To accept the minutes of the meetings of 23 June 2019.

An error (typo) was highlighted with **Item 2958**. Councillor's George & Raynor both declared interests in **Item 2968 not 2958**.

Minutes accepted (with amendment) - Unanimous

2995 To receive ward reports – each member to restrict their report to 2 minutes and provide a transcript to the clerk by e-mail for inclusion in the minutes by the end of 18 September

Ward reports were delivered verbally by all Councillors and those written reports that were submitted to the Clerk, in an email, are enclosed (see **Appendix A**)

2996 To receive a report from FTC Disability Champion. Cllr George

Disability report was delivered verbally by Cllr George (see attached at **Appendix B**)

2997 Adjournment to allow public participation (1).

Neighbourhood Police Team Report – no police officer was in attendance to deliver a report.

Future High Street Funding – Andrea Wallace delivered a Presentation 'Fleetwood Masterplan' and took questions from Councillors and members of the public.

Andrea opened up by giving us some background about herself and other projects that she has been involved in and how she worked collaboratively with other networks to get the Master Plan to where it is today. One of these networks was with a Lancaster University Student who completed her dissertation on this subject. Andrea will ask permission from the student to be able to share this with us.

As Andrea went through her presentation there was lots of interest in the Masterplan, which covered the High level strands below:

- Place & Identity – Community, Health, Digital & Eco innovation agendas
- Development Zones
- Project planned dates & progress so far
- Funding & Investment
- Business case outline
- Programme outline
- Opportunity for FTC to be represented on the Partnership Board

More details can be found in **Appendix C & D**.

Questions and comments from FT Councillors & Members of the Public (MOP):



- Cllr George – Q. Will electric charging points for wheelchairs be considered?
AW - Yes
- Cllr Stephenson - commented re the length of time it will take
AW – responded that change will start to happen quickly with Short (ST) and Long (LT) term deliverables; High street changes being ST and Identity being LT.
- Cllr Armstrong – Q. What specific plans are there for ‘Store 21?’
AW – Definitely plans for this site - Regeneration Building.
- Cllr Campbell – Q. Is transportation links being considered and what about broadband speeds, which he commented are horrendous in the town.
AW – Yes, rail links are being considered which will also have improvements for Broadband, as rail lines can carry fibre lines.
- Cllr Raynor – expressed an interest in plans for Education and Skills and asked could empty buildings be considered for this improvement strand?
AW – the plan is to re-use all functional buildings
- Cllr Beavers – Q. Will there be opportunities for individuals to put ideas forward?
AW – Yes, through the Partnership Board.
- Cllr Shewan – Commented that the 2012 Master Plan was condemned and asked was this plan based on that one?
AW - No, this is a new plan.
MOP made a comment around the Public Consultation (PC), one view was that PC will be pushed to one side. AW commented that there will be opportunities for PC and it will be continuous.
Other comments from MOP were made around... further investing with Regenda; development for The Fleetwood Market and improved mobile signals.

2998 The meeting was reconvened.

2999 To approve the Q1 accounting summary and Bank Reconciliation Sheet
Approved both - Unanimous

3000 To note the budget monitoring sheet, and the Festive Lights & In Bloom summaries
Duly noted

3001 To approve the payment of the following invoices:

- JW Fish – In bloom sundries £17.97
- JW Fish – In bloom sundries £91.31 (inc VAT)
- Greens Environmental Ltd – Event Toilet Hire for Marsh Park Event (Aug)
£72.00 (inc VAT)
- Greens Environmental Ltd – Event Toilet Hire for Marsh Park Event (Sept)
£36.00 (inc VAT)

The invoices were approved for payment – Unanimous.



- 3002 To note for information, from Fleetwood Civic Society, the payment of £1542.92 being un-utilised funds from the 'Celebrate Fleetwood Day - 6 May 2019'. To note also enclosures of the event, together with their balance sheet. *Clerk***
Duly noted.
- 3003 To consider an application for a Grant Aid award from the Rotary Club of Fleetwood for the Annual Community Firework Event.**
The Application was presented by Richard Newson. Richard also told the meeting that the Rotary Club this year has linked in with Preesall and will be working with students from there to bring the two communities together.
Grant Approved - Unanimous
- 3004 To consider a proposal "In Principle" to create a Fleetwood Youth Partnership Group – see enclosed draft Constitution as provided by Cllr Crawford and his other supporting document. *Cllr Crawford***
Cllr Crawford went through his supporting papers (enclosed) to include a resume of his past experience, he also pointed out that we are in a rapidly developing technological age, which brings a greater need to keep things current and adopt changes in approaches accordingly. There was lots of discussion and support for engaging with Youths but the majority felt there are already many groups out there doing excellent work. Cllr Raynor passed round an Activities Sheet for the Councillors to be reminded of the ongoing work and Cllr Beavers also reminded the meeting of others such as Healthier Fleetwood; GuyGo; FTFC and Brian Wood (Youth Club – Milton Street).
It was agreed to 'Defer and Leave on Table'
- 3005 To consider a proposal to appoint an Armed Forces Champion. If agreed, to nominate and approve the Champion. *Chairman***
Proposal agreed and the only nomination was Cllr Crawford. Resolved to appoint Cllr Crawford as the Armed Forces Champion – Unanimous
- 3006 To agree "In Principle" to seek costings and investigate future maintenance requirements to bring the WCs at the Boating Lake back into operation. Photos attached. *Cllr Crawford***
Cllr Crawford talked through his report, which he had drafted following a series of local meetings on this issue; the last being a public meeting held on 13 September, where a formal 'Friends Group' was established. This Friends Group have now looked at the requirements to get the toilets re-opened and the **associated costings**, therefore, resolution for this item is no longer required. However, there was a lot of discussion on this subject, and although there was empathy and support for the idea, there was an overwhelming resound from the Cllrs that FTC shouldn't deflect from WBC responsibilities, nor set a precedence.
Agreement that a decision to seek costing no longer required but for the 'further investigation' – the agreement was to defer and 'leave on the table'.



3007 To re-consider and agree, in light of the cheaper quote and with the offer of sponsorship totalling £1,206.42, the purchase of Pocket Ashtrays under to Cleaner Fleetwood initiative. *Chairman*

Approved the Product Reference quote **PT6105-B** - Unanimous

3008 To consider the provision of a Welcome to Fleetwood Boundary Sign, to include administration, the making and erection of the sign and a maintenance fee. Quotation and photos attached. *Chairman*

Approved - Unanimous

3009 To consider and approve 3 quotes from 2 suppliers :-

- To supply and fit prison mesh panels to the existing gate;
- To supply and fit prison mesh fencing to the existing gate and renew damaged fencing with prison mesh;
- To supply and fit a new slightly wider prison mesh gate and renew damaged fencing with prison mesh.

Council to note a 3rd supplier was contacted but at this time is unable to provide a quote (too busy).

Approved SHS Fencing Ltd to carry out the work in accordance with **Quote Number QU – 1004** - Unanimous

3010 To consider and approve the payment method to be used to support the successful Lancashire Environmental Fund (LEF) grant for the Fleetwood Nature Park. Document enclosed – Page 2, paras 2,3 & 4 refer.

- **Option 1 (*the preferred option*)** - to use FTC Reserves to pay for the works as the project progresses and claim the money back from the Fund when the project is completed.
- **Option 2** – To apply for a 25% advanced payment of the grant and then to draw down by using interim grant claims.

A decision is required on the option to be adopted.

Discussion took place and options were considered and a vote taken on the preferred option:

Approved – 7

Against – 1

Abstained – 5

Option 1 approved

3011 Adjournment to allow public participation (2).

Questions and comments from Members of the Public:

MOP – a request to council to consider additional SPIDS for the town. Discussion took place, Cllr Raynor outlined the new process and Cllr Beavers asked the MOP to contact her direct by email.



MOP – reference was made to the appearance of ‘white lines’ down Warrenhurst Road and asked if anyone could explain these – councillors were unaware, Ward councillors to look into this.

MOP spoke about the work of the ‘Flood Forum’, in particular Surface water flooding and the Estuary; they requested that a regular presence from FTC be considered – It was suggested the Action Group to take the lead and follow through. MOP commented that LCC are considering the introduction of Pay & Display in the area where the Mobile Homes are parking on the Promenade, which prompted some discussion around the area in question and other ideas for consideration.

3012 The meeting was reconvened.

3013 To note planning applications considered by members and agree any action to be taken or response to the planning authority.

The planning ambassador Cllr Shewan provided the members and attendees with a summary of any issues he thought relevant to the applications listed in the pack. Cllr Shewan also had some later Planning Applications but as they were not listed on the Agenda, it was agreed these will be picked up in the next meeting.

3014 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.

- *CCTV in the Memorial Park - Cllr George*
- *Revised Business Card – Cllr Raynor*

3015 To approve the removal of the General Power of Competence (GPC) as per the enclosed guidance from the Localism Act 2011. Any current projects approved under the GPC can be finalised, however no new ones can be started under this power until the qualifying criteria is met again.

Approved - Unanimous

3016 To agree Accounts for Payment, including August (retrospective) and September salaries – see enclosed information sheet

Approved – Unanimous

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th September at the North Euston Hotel at 7pm

.....

Mary Stirzaker

Chairman, Fleetwood Town Council



IN CONFIDENCE

3017 Decision re a staffing issue.

Approved

3018 Decision re a staffing issue.

Resignation from CDO - approved

Option for extended period – not approved

3019 Consideration of an Allotment issue.

Considered - Agreement and approach reached

APPENDIX A – Ward Reports

Reports received from Cllrs: Crawford (Warren Ward), Campbell (Rossall Ward) and George (Pharos Ward)

APPENDIX B – Disability Report

Report received from Cllr George

APPENDIX C – Presentation

Received from Andrea Wallace – Economic Development Officer

APPENDIX D – Dissertation

By Emily Brooks received from Andrea Wallace – Economic Development Officer