**Fleetwood Town Council**

**Onward to a Better Future**

**You are summoned to attend a Full Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 29th July 2025**

**at 7pm in the North Euston Hotel**

**Shirleyanne Munro (Assist Clerk) – Signature:**

Minutes

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| **4356** | Opening of the meeting*. Chairman*  Fleetwood in Bloom judging on Thursday 24th, and the team of volunteers; big thanks go to Vice Chair, Councillor Karen Nicholson, and all the volunteers of ‘Bloom, including Carol Vance, Marjorie Brown, and our very own Lengthsman, Dan Munro.  Present; Chairman Councillor Cheryl Raynor, Vice Chair Councillor Karen Nicholson, Councillors Shaw, Moliner, Stephenson, R Raynor, Smith and Jones |
| **4357** | To receive apologies for absence. *Chairman*  Apologies were recorded and received for; Councillors Kuruvakadua, Swatton, Martin and Belshaw  Not Present: Councillor Andy Craig |
| **4358** | To record Disclosable Pecuniary Interests from members (including their spouses, civil partners, or partners) in any item to be discussed. Committee members MUST NOT make representations or vote on the matter therein. *Chairman*  **NOTED** |
| **4359** | To record Other (Personal or Prejudicial) Interests from members in any item to be discussed. Committee members should state if they need to bar themselves from discussion and voting on any related matters. *Chairman.*  **NOTED** |
| **4360** | To review and accept the minutes of the meeting on 24th June 2025 and Chairman to sign them. *Chairman*  The minutes were agreed by those present.  Approved; Councillor R Raynor Seconded; Councillor K Nicholson |
| **4361** | To review and accept the amended minutes of the AGM on 3rd June 2025, with Chairman to sign. *Chairman*  The minutes were agreed by those present  Approved; Councillor R Raynor  Seconded; Councillor C Smith  One vote of abstention was recorded |
| **4362** | ‘**Our Future Coast’** Presentation by Nicola Parkinson will present an overview of the project that is being carried out at Jubilee Quay, supported by DEFRA – Chairman  Colleagues of Nicola opened the presentation. There are two schemes that we are looking at in Fleetwood, with one being at Jubilee Quay, looking at developing the saltmarsh, using nature-based solutions. Further down the estuary, we’re looking at making the path work better where the salt marsh is.  There are some vessels that still go into that area, but most of it is made up shopping trolleys. We aim to tidy it up and turn it into a full salt marsh.  Ideally, we would like to open the port up, ftbut we know this is going to be a big project.  Q; How is the news about Jubilee Quay going down as people think it’s going to be closed.  A; We want to work with communities, we have an extensive engagement plan. We have a leaflet that we can share and send round. We’re aware that we must change the perception that people have around climate change.  Continuing, **Our Future Coast** advised that they had recently carried out a survey, with a mailshot drop to all residents of Fleetwood (all 450 responses from a mailshot in Fleetwood (26,000 circa population)  We want to use that data that is collected to engage with people across the country.  We need the communities to engage with us.  Q: DS, Coastal Community Councillor Jones, is on it and aware of it.  Q: Have you engaged with English River Board; project funded by DEFRA.  Wyre Borough Council has the coastal responsibility. We also attend the strategic meetings at Wyre.  Have you approached the Flood Committee at Wyre, do they know about this? I chair the Flood Committee (Carl Green)  QLB: We have a vision of the docks working again, with flat bottomed boats, there will be new homes taking ownership soon. This could be an absolute disaster for Fleetwood; I’ve got real concerns about this. Natural England has come in and ruined our beaches. We don’t have a lot of docks left, and this is concerning.  DS: As a party, we completely support you and your views, and we will work together to stop this, as much as we can.  **Our Future Coast:** We estimate that there is one million pound plus of dredging to be done in the sea to clear the residual stuff that has been dropped there.  Will salt marsh corner at Jubilee Quay get bigger over time, as the fishing men don’t pay any fees, currently.  We can keep the docks, if we can get someone to keep it going; yes.  MoP: Question re key findings, why have you got climate change in this document what are you planning to do?  **Our Future Coast:** Climate and coastal change are intricately linked, and we need to understand what people are thinking, and if they believe that climate change is happening.  Documentation to be sent to S Munro, who will circulate around Councillors, and have paper copies available for residents that may wish to read them. |
| **4363** | To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation. Please note the council cannot make any decisions on any matter raised, which has not already been included in the formal agenda, *Chairman*   * Fleetwood Area Police – Not present   MoP; What’s the policy on minuting questions from members of the public?  MoP: Why can’t Fleetwood Town Council be asked to participate in the ‘joined up approach’. SM to email  MoP: Firstly, I want to advise people that there is a scam relating to Winter Fuel Payments circulating, please be alert and aware. My question is, is the CEDO role going or is it being kept? There’s no presence from her at the allotments, plots are lying empty, the allotments have never been in a worse state, and it needs to be rectified.  **CR**; I can’t disclose what’s happening with staffing at the moment, I will update members, all going well at our next full council meeting. However, in the meantime if there are issues with the allotments, please do either speak to our Lengthsman Dan Munro, or our Assist Clerk, Shirleyanne Munro. Please note we also have the Allotment Committee, where Councillor R Raynor is the Chair.  MoP: We’ve been asked to attend by J Edgar, Fleetwood Town Gym tonight regarding our Grant Aid application as to why it’s not on the agenda. We attended a meeting but were advised that not all the papers had been received, and we haven’t heard anything since.  **CR**: Currently, I can’t explain in a public forum as it’s confidential and I can’t say anything but please do call into the office next week and see our Assistant Clerk, Shirleyanne Munro who will be happy to help.  **DS**: Just a reminder to all about the meeting at Warrenhurst on Friday night, is 530pm re Jamieson Landfill. |
| **4364** | To reconvene the meeting - *Chairman* |
| **4365** | To consider the Grant Aid Application (enclosed) to be presented by;   * Larkholme Primary School, represented by Rebecca Sims, Deputy Head Teacher - To purchase a polytunnel to allow us to grow food all year round and also so we can grow our own bedding plants for maintaining our garden areas. The amount of Grant Aid requested is £2021.45   We were delighted to take part in Fleetwood in Bloom; the children absolutely loved it; thank you for inviting us to be part. Looking to expand on what we’re doing, the polytunnel would help us adjust our growing year; planning on working with local nurseries, help the kids understand where it’s came from.  We have a whole curriculum built around this, and it’s allowing the children to learn a skillset as well. To date, we’ve raised £700.00  Councillor Robbie Raynor proposed the full requested amount of money be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Carole Stephenson.  All Councillors present agreed. |
| **4366** | To consider and appoint a Trustee for Fleetwood Museum. *Chairman*  Councillor Swatton, although not present, has provided a written interest in being the Trustee for the Museum.  This was agreed by all Councillors present.  **ACTION**: SM to notify Councillor H Swatton |
| **4367** | To consider and appoint the following roles;   * Mental Health Ambassador – Councillor Robbie Raynor (Approved by Councillor C Smith, and Seconded by Vice Chair, Councillor Karen Nicholson) * Planning Ambassador – Councillor David Shaw (Approved by Chairman, Councillor Cheryl Raynor and Seconded by Councillor Robbie Raynor) * Armed Forces Ambassador – Councillor Jimi Kuruvakadua (Approved by Councillor Alice Jones and Seconded by Councillor Michelle Moliner) * Disability Ambassador – *Deferred to next meeting.* |
| **4368** | To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation. Please note the council cannot make any decisions on any matter raised, which has not already been included in the formal agenda. *Chairman*  MoP: Re Planning Ambassador, spent time researching localism act; Wyre Borough Council have no right to refuse Fleetwood Town Council (designated forum) regarding a town plan.  Can you, form some kind of a forum, where the general public can ask you to meet the Community?  **CR**: We’ve held town forums recently, as far back as last year, regarding the Boston Hotel. We’re more than happy to hold meetings, if we feel there is a general contentious interest and want for it. |
| **4369** | To consider and approve the monthly Finance report for June 2025. *Chairman*  DS: ‘Amount including VAT, amount of VAT – Tweak the wording around the top heading’  The Councillors present agreed the Finance report for June.  Approved by Councillor C Stephenson Seconded by Councillor D Shaw |
| **4370** | To review, consider and approve the I.T. Policy, drafted and submitted by Shirleyanne Munro (RFO). Each Councillor is required to sign the policy, indicating that they have read and will adhere to it. Copies will be available to sign – *Chairman*  CR – I spoke with SM today in detail, with regards to a Social Media policy, Councillor Shaw I know you have provided some suggestions around this also; and we will be adapting and working on the social media policy that Wyre Borough Council have agreed.  SM – All going well, I will bring this to the August meeting for review and sign off.  The draft policy was agreed by all present  Approved by Councillor R Raynor Seconded by Councillor D Shaw |
| **4370** | To note and consider the date and time of the next Full Council Meeting on Tuesday 26th August at 7pm – *Chairman*  The meeting was advised that the next meeting will take place in the community hall at Warrenhurst. |
| **4371** | **IN CONFIDENCE – PUBLIC AND PRESS EXCLUDED**  **To consider and resolve to exclude the Public and Press under the Public Bodies (administration to Meetings) Act 1960 and Data Protection Act 1999 to hear an item as confidential.** |