



Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

Minutes of the Fleetwood Town Council AGM Held on Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7pm, at the North Euston Hotel

Cheryl Raynor, Signature:

4494	Opening of the meeting – Chairman Chairman welcomed all and asked the Town Clerk to give an update on Warrenhurst and the work that is being carried out on what will be the new Council office (Poulton Road will be sold). Vice-Chair, Karen Nicholson updated on the next phase for Warrenhurst, which is the kitchen. As the Council is aware, we were very kindly donated a kitchen. The Whalney Fund have approved a grant of £25K for these works. The next phase for Warrenhurst will be the foyer. The ladies' toilets will be updated by the current contractors as a continuation of the Council office. We aim to have the office and Operations Team in situ by the end of July at the very latest. Continuing Chairman Cheryl Raynor said that she will be going to Wyre to collect the Mayoral chains and signing for them, whilst handing them over to the Town Council. The Town Clerk will be signing for the Beach Hut on Thursday 28th May. We're hopeful that work will commence shortly, in time for the summer holidays Present; Chairman Councillor Cheryl Chairman; Councillor Jayne Martin, Councillor Jimi Kurukuvadua, D Shaw, R Raynor, H Swatton, K Nicholson, A Jones, C Smith and M Belshaw Apologies; Councillors A Craig, M Moliner
4495	To elect a Chairman of the Council – Councillor Cheryl Raynor was overwhelmingly voted in for the year ahead
4496	To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office – S Munro, Town Clerk, asked the Chair to duly sign. Noted and Approved
4497	To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Council – Councillors K Nicholson put herself forward for re-election as Vice Chair; Councillor M Belshaw put herself forward also. Both candidates were asked to leave the room. An anonymous vote took place, which was counted and confirmed by the Town Clerk. The Assistant Clerk then verified the outcome in which Councillor Karen Nicholson was duly re-elected.

	Noted and Approved
4498	To receive the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office – S Munro, Town Clerk, asked the Chair to duly sign. Noted and Approved
4499	To receive apologies for absence and to note any Councillor not in attendance – Chairman Apologies: Councillor Michelle Moliner, Not Present: Councillors A Craig and C Stephenson
4500	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 - Chairman NOTED
4501	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 – Chairman NOTED
4502	To accept the minutes of the last full Council meeting on 30 th March 2026 – Chairman Proposed; Councillor Harry Swatton Seconded; Councillor Christine Smith Approved by all present
4503	To accept the minutes of the EOM on 12 th May 2026 – Chairman Proposed; – M Belshaw Seconded; – H Swatton One abstention vote was recorded Approved by others that were present
4504	To accept the minutes of the Green Paper Agenda, held after 12 th May EOM – Chairman Proposed by Councillor Robbie Raynor Seconded by Councillor Harry Swatton Approved by all present
4505	To introduce members from 'Onward Events' to the Council, and to briefly discuss upcoming events planned for the rest of the year – Chairman, Onward Events Members Due to no representatives being available this item was deferred until the next meeting.

	Noted and agreed by all.
4506	To note that there will only be one period of public participation (due to AGM business and other matters of business) – Chairman Land opposite Sea Cadets are the council able to advise what is happening with it? – Chairman C Raynor replied that Wyre have gone back to contractors; not happy with condition it was left it. Not happy for it to be signed back over until the field is a better condition. Councillor Shaw advised the meeting that he has put in for the roads to be fixed. Councillor Shaw was asked about Blakiston Street; haven't heard a thing, it's all gone very quiet. Continuing Councillor Shaw said, in reference to the minute at the meeting on <i>January 27th, minute reference 4433, he asked that a correction be made in relation to the wording HMO used at the start of the paragraph, relating to LCC buildings, and this be removed.</i> Councillor Shaw also asked, <i>that within the same paragraph, the line that starts HMO – Wyre Planning the wording 'unless there are 5 residents' is removed.</i> Councillor Shaw introduced Tom Hutton recently appointed Chief Executive Fleetwood Community Trust. Tom advised that he had recently met with Councillor Kuruvakadua and Jones, about future working. Continuing Tom said that collaboration and joint working is key; how the Community Trust are passionate about supporting young people and would welcome the chance to have further conversations with Fleetwood Town Council. Planning Update – LCC have been talking about pulling together a Civic Pride Action Plan DS would like, over the next few months, is to organise a joint working meeting. The plan will be sent to all Councillors for reading and noting. Chairman Raynor advised that with the Annual Town Meetings restarting, would be a good opportunity for the Civic Pride Action Plan to be discussed.
4507	To reconvene the meeting- Chairman APPROVED
4508	To appoint representatives to Fleetwood Town Council Committees and Sub-Committees – Chairman a) Fleetwood in Bloom – x 4 Councillors Nicholson, Kuruvakadua, Jones and Martin b) Allotments – x 4 Councillors R Raynor, Swatton, C Raynor and Belshaw Noted and approved
4509	To appoint representatives to Fleetwood Town Council Working Parties (WP) and to consider and approve if any should be changed to become a committee. It should be noted that the Clerk (and / or Assistant Clerk) should attend all meetings of WPs – Chairman a) Employment Working Group – x 4 Councillors Shaw, Nicholson, Smith and Belshaw

	b) Grievance Panel – x 4 Councillors Smith, Swatton, Belshaw and Kuruvakadua c) Grievance Appeal Panel – x 4 Councillors Nicholson, Shaw and R Raynor d) Media Working Party – x 3 Councillors Swatton, R Raynor and Jones e) Precept Working Party (<i>1 Councillor from each ward plus the Chairman and the Town Clerk</i>) Noted and approved
4510	To appoint representatives from Fleetwood Town Council to outside public bodies; a) Mental Health Champion – x 1 – Councillor Robbie Raynor b) Disability Champion – x 1 – Councillor Mary Belshaw c) Armed Forces Champion – x 1 – Councillor Jimi Kuruvakadua d) Fleetwood Museum Trustee – x 1- Councillor Harry Swatton e) Healthier Fleetwood Trustee – x 2 – Councillor Harry Swatton and Councillor Jimi Kuruvakadua f) Planning Ambassador – x 1 – Councillor David Shaw Noted and approved
4511	The Council were presented with the amended and updated Allotments Committee Policy for 2026. The policy includes an eligibility criterion for being on the Committee, along with an indication of what the Councillors responsibilities are. Assistant Clerk, R Hove took questions around what expectations are the plot holders expected to meet before becoming a Committee Member, and how often that this would be reviewed. Councillor H Swatton proposed Councillor M Belshaw seconded Approved by all present.
4512	To ask the Council to note and approve the ratification of the new members of the Allotment Committee – Assistant Clerk R Hove, Allotment Chairman (at 19/05/26) The below plot holders were voted onto the committee: S Jinx C Owen W Taylor Councillor Kuruvakadua proposed Councillor M Belshaw seconded Approved by all present
4513	To note and consider the date and time of the next Full Council Meeting, which will indeed be the Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday 30th June at 7pm – Chairman