



Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on Tuesday 1 September 2020 Via Zoom at 7.00 p.m.

3174 Opening of the meeting. *Chairman*

The Chairman Mary Stirzaker opened the meeting. Those present:
Cllr Stirzaker (Chairman), Cllr Beavers, Cllr Raynor, Cllr Smith, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Blair, Cllr Campbell, Cllr George, Cllr Crawford.

3175 To accept Apologies for Absence. *Chairman*

Apologies received from Cllrs Craig and Shewan.
It was noted that Cllr Stephenson did not attend the meeting or forward his apologies, although at the previous meeting (25/8) he was struggling to access the meeting via Zoom.

3176 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*

3177 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*

Interests declared from Cllrs Stirzaker and Raynor for Item **3193** as they are both members of the planning group.

3178 To accept the minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 28 July and the Extra-ordinary Council Meeting of 25 August respectively (enclosed). *Chairman*

Minutes approved - unanimous

3179 Adjournment to allow public participation. *Chairman*

- MD spoke about item 3184 (Beach litter signs) and asked if we are working together with Wyre as they too are introducing similar litter signs; other points raised were :
Designs
Costs – expensive
Lack of consultation
Locations and how many

Councillors

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



3180 To reconvene the meeting. *Chairman*

3181 To approve the following invoices for payment:

- **C-a-solutions – Internal Auditor Services - £153.00**
- **HP Ink UK Ltd – Purchase of Laptop for CEDO as approved - £1,049.99**
- **Panther Press - Business Cards £66.00 +VAT; 2X Presentation Cheques on Form Board £37.00 +VAT.**
- **British Gas – Renewal of care Plan £165.59**

Minor spell revision required Plant to Plan (highlighted).

All Invoices approved for payment.

3182 Grant Aid – *Following further deferment of this motion, owing to there being no person present at previous meeting, this application is now re-tabled:-*

To consider and approve a grant of £7336.00 for the purchase of commercial kitchen equipment, which is around 25% of the total cost for the whole works. Completed Grant Aid form enclosed.

- Cllr Smith asked why there were quotes from the same company? AS replied that FH sourced the quotes but he is away on business. Further discussion from TO’N and DS who said the companies are based in different areas, one Rossendale and the other Cleveleys and they are separate quotes.
- Cllr Campbell said that it has still not been clarified how long the lease is. Response is that the lease is a ‘peppercorn’ lease and is in place for as long as the Men’s Shed exists.
- Cllr George asked for a walkthrough of the Finances. Cllr Stirzaker also - queried the money for the purchase of the van. It was confirmed by DS that the money paid the insurance. There was also a discussion with regards to money from Wyre – confirmed these were Covid-19 donations.
- Discussion took place with regard to warranty; refurb vs new; shopping around, current climate means ‘more for less money’ so could get some good deals on new appliances – all of these things were debated in full and Cllrs were asked to vote.
- Cllr Smith asked a final Q about expected completion – TO’N replied asap with upstairs being the initial phase.

Cllr Raynor and George suggest a round up to £8,000 for what is a fantastic community support group for the residents of Fleetwood.

Approved – unanimous.

3183 Grant Aid – Fleetwood Gym Football Club

To consider and approve a grant of £3000.00 for the provision of a second Football session that aims to support the youths of Fleetwood in physical activities. A comprehensive report is enclosed which covers:-

- **The Club Aim**
- **What is done already**
- **Project description**
- **Purpose of the Grant Application**



- **How money has been raised**
- **Finances, includes bank Statements**
- **Community Foundation**

No representative attended the meeting; however, it came to light that JS was trying to make contact for the link. Clerk tried also to contact him during the meeting but to no avail. It was agreed to defer to the next meeting.

Action Point – Clerk to contact JS to and to let him know the application has been deferred and inform him of the process.

3184 Beach & Litter Signs – To consider and approve the purchase of signs for Fleetwood Beach and the town, regarding litter - quotes and samples enclosed.

Discussions regarding the signs took place during the Public Participation session (see above item **3179** and, as there has been no Wyre meetings since lockdown, it was suggested we defer any decisions so that we can find out what signs Wyre are going to be erecting and where. Also need to re-visit maybe more quotes required owing to the costs.

Discussion took place with regard to the CEDO engaging with the Youth Council as they have offered to help create and some sign.

Action Point – Wyre Cllrs to clarify position of generic signs by Wyre and inform Clerk of next steps with regard to the sourcing of any additional signs, specifically for the Beach.

3185 Potholes – Jameson Road – To discuss and debate any possible solutions with regard to the Potholes on the access road to the FMNP. Cllr Beavers ‘ email refers (enclosed).

Cllr Beavers opened up with regard to seeking volunteers to help her to fill in the Potholes, as suggested in her email; this sparked some debate:

- There was definite empathy with her suggestion but also some caution with regard to legalities and safety.
- The initial question was asked again ‘who owns the road’? discussion took place with respect to the road being an ‘unadopted road’, however, Cllr Crawford recalled a time, approx 2 years ago, where LCC and James Parr came together and carried out some repairs – would this not make them liable?.
- Cllr Smith asked that if Cllrs were to do this, does this then make FTC liable for the upkeep? Cllr Smith also made the point that whilst she has empathy with Cllr Beavers’ passion and agrees that something needs to be done, she is concerned about the H&S issues.
- Cllr Stirzaker said she would be willing to help provided permissions could be sort and mitigating safety precautions put in place, such as the wearing of safety clothing.
- The debate kept coming back around to Accountability for the people (Fleetwood residents in the main) and their safety.
- Also mentioned was the regular Fly Tipping and the H&S issues that brings.
- Cllr Campbell expressed his disquiet that no council is actually taking responsibility for it! He said he is qualified to undertake risk assessments and would help but, he would like to be sure it would be without any comeback.



- Cllr George said Cllrs Beavers and Stirzaker to lobby on this with Wyre and LCC.
- Cllr Beavers went back to Cllr George and asked, given she is a Law Student, could she advise the Council as what is within law and what may not be. Cllr George responded saying she is not qualified as yet and therefore, anything she adds to the debate is strictly 'unqualified advice'.
- The debate ended with Cllrs asking that the Clerk approach LALC for any help/advice.
- Cllr Beavers suggested that in addition to the action on the Clerk, could Cllrs agree to the sourcing and subsequent purchase of materials, upto the Clerks delegated limit of £300, to enable the job to be done at the earliest.

Approved - Unanimous

Action Point – Clerk to approach LALC and to source materials; CEDO & Cllr Beavers to organise the necessary work.

- 3186 Allotments – To provide approval for the Clerk to formally invite the next person(s) on the waiting list to take up tenancy of the one vacant Plot (22); this will be available from October, which fits in with the renewal of the Annual Tenancy Agreement and the collection of the Annual rents. Ms Jones & Mr Davies have been contacted to check they still wish to become tenants, given they applied in 2008 – they are delighted - extract of waiting last enclosed.**

Approved – Unanimous

- 3187 Xmas Tree Anchors – To consider and agree the installation of ground anchors for the Xmas Tree at Ash Street – quote from Barton Grange enclosed.**

Discussed and it was agreed this is a one-off unique job and is very much needed for the stability of the tree going forward – approved, unanimous.

- 3188 To consider and approve to commission the start of the renovations that were approved at the last meeting (item 3156 refers) – quotes enclosed for the painting and decorating of the offices to include the enclosure for the Boiler. It is noted that only 2 quotes have been successfully received, however, I have had confirmation that during these unprecedented times owing to Covid-19, the requirement can be relaxed.**

Approval to proceed was given – unanimous.

- 3189 To further the possibility of introducing CCTV and to consider and approve the offer of a free trial, see enclosed email.**

Discussion took place there were mixed views as there are overheads associated to CCTV and unless the system and the policing of it is in place. There was also discussion around where to put the CCTV.

It was agreed to obtain further information before a decision is made.

Action Point – Clerk to obtain further information and table at a future meeting.

- 3190 To consider and approve the renewal of the Ofcom licence for ShopWatch – see enclosed.**

Votes taken– 7 votes for; 1 vote against – Carried



Action Point – Clerk to contact Tracey Finlayson (Police) to ask her to ensure Cllrs George and Raynor are invited to any meetings.

3191 Adjournment to allow public participation (2).

- MD asked if the Xmas Tree could be relocated, as where it is doesn't show it off as well as it could be. Cllr Stirzaker said she has looked into this herself and was told it can't be done without digging up a large section of Fisherman's Walk, however, she will look into it for next year.
- Some discussion with regard to Quad Bikes on Promenade and Beach areas and whether it is legal. Cllr George said they can be ridden on the sand but would need to look into the access side to it. Cllr Campbell asked if there is a Bylaw, Cllr George said there is. Cllr Stirzaker said she will bring it up at the Wyre meeting – it was suggested Gary Payne to create a Bylaw for the Promenade – Cllr Stirzaker to check this out.-

Action Points – Mary Stirzaker

3192 To Reconvene the meeting.

3193 To note planning applications considered by members and agree any actions to be taken or responses to the planning authority.

All Planning Applications noted – no discussion took place.

3194 To agree accounts for payment, including August and September Salaries for Clerk and CEDO - see enclosed information sheet on Page 2 of the pack.

Accounts and Salaries noted and approved.

3195 To note the resignation of Rosemary Cunningham as Councillor and to advise if replacement is to be advertised. *Chairman*

Chairman formally announced the resignation of Rosemary Cunningham and made tribute to her by saying she was a wonderful person and an excellent Cllr for Rossall Ward who will be sorely missed by her colleagues and residents. All Cllrs joined to say a huge thankyou to Rose and to wish her all the absolute best for her future.

3196 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.

Cllr George gave an update on the environmental health issue regarding the land adjacent to the Pink Wellie Farm – the enforcement was made and the area was cleared ; the group will continue to monitor the area going forward

The next meeting will be Tuesday 27 October 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom

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Irene Tonge - Clerk to Fleetwood Town Council



Minutes Approved

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Cllr Mary Stirzaker - Chairman