Fleetwood Town Council

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**Minutes of Full Town Council Meeting held**

**on Tuesday 22 April 2025 at 7.00pm**

 **at North Euston Hotel**

**Irene Tonge (Clerk and RFO) – Signature:**

**Minutes**

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| **4307** | **Opening of the meeting. Chairman**The Chairman Councillor Cheryl Raynor opened the meeting and welcomed all who were in attendance. The Chairman shared with all that an Election has been called as FTC have 2 vacancies; this election is scheduled to take place on 12th June. She went on to say it will be at a cost of between £16 and £18 thousand pounds! The vacancies are on Park Ward and Warren Ward and have come about because of Cllr Lorraine Beavers being successful in her promotion to MP and the recent resignation of Cllr Maureen Blair.Chairman also mentioned that the Jameson Road Tip was closed but has now been re-opened.Cllr Karen Nicholson gave a short update on the progress of the refurbishment of the Warrenhurst rooms, including the vision for its future. She also shared that herself and the Assistant Clerk are busy working on writing a bid for funds, which, if successful, will help to achieve the vision.  |
| **4308** | **To receive apologies for absence. Chairman**Apologies received by the clerk before the meeting from: Cllr’s Jayne Martin, Michelle Moliner, Andy Craig and Christine Smith. The Chairman had received an apology from Cllr Mary Belshaw. It was noted, after the meeting, that Cllr Carole Stephenson had sent her apology via email, however this wasn’t picked up until the following day.  |
| **4309** | **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**None declared. |
| **4310** | **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.**None declared.  |
| **4311** | **To consider and approve the minutes of the Meeting of the 25 March 2025 (enclosed) and Chairman to sign.**Cllr Harry Swatton proposed to approve the minutes, and this was seconded by Cllr Robbie Raynor; all councillors approved. Chair signed and returned them to the Clerk for filing. |
| **4312** | **To adjourn the meeting for a period (1) of public participation.** **Please note the Council cannot make any decision on any matter raised which has not already been included on the formal agenda; such items may be considered for future meetings. Chairman*.**** **Fleetwood Area Police - General update**

No representatives present. * **Members of the Public**

***Items discussed*** MOP asked why the second period of Public Participation has been removed from the Agenda. Following a short discussion, it was agreed for the clerk to reinstate this item.  |
| **4313** | **To reconvene the meeting. *Chairman***The meeting was reconvened. |
| **4314** | **To review and note the LCC Traffic order – Chairman**Reviewed and noted. |
| **4315** | ***At the start of the next four items (4315 to 4318) the Chairman addressed the public regarding the availability of finance this year; this is because of the rising number of requests for grants, coupled with other expenses such as the Election costs.*** **To consider the Grant Aid Application from Chaucer Primary School – Chairman.**Following an informative and detailed pitch by Leanne Soper, it was approved to donate half the amount requested (£5000) to the Astro Turf Resurfacing project. Cllr Karen Nicholson proposed and Cllr Jamila Kuruvacadua seconded the motion.  |
| **4316** | **To consider the Grant Aid Application from Festival of Transport, CIC – Chairman**Owing to the demands for Grants and following the pitch put to the Council, it was agreed to donate half the amount requested - £2220. |
| **4317** | **To consider the Grant Aid Application from Fleetwood Rotary – Chairman**Following the pitch put to the Council, it was agreed to give the full amount £4400 but over two payments – First payment of £3000 this month and the second payment in April 2026.   |
| **4318** | **To consider the Grant Aid Application from Fleetwood Carnival – Chairman**Owing to the demands for Grants and following the pitch put to the Council, it was agreed to give the full amount £4400 but over two payments. |
| **4319** | **To discuss, consider and agree the setting up of a Marketing Committee – Cllr Harry Swatton.** Cllr Swatton gave an overview of his vision, which was proposed by Cllr Robbie Raynor and seconded by Cllr Jimie Kuruvakadua; approved by all in attendance. This item will be discussed in detail at the AGM in May. |
| **4320** | **To review, discuss and amend (if applicable) a letter addressed to Lancashire CC regarding drainage issues – Cllr Harry Swatton.** This item was approved and will be discussed again at the AGM. |
| **4321** | **To consider and approve the monthly Finance Report for March 2025.**Approved by all. |
| **4322** | **To retrospectively approve the MOT, Oil change costs (including labour and parts), for the FTC Van – total costs £233.42, Chairman.**Approved by all. |
| **4323** | **To adjourn the meeting for the second period of public participation.**Topics discussed were:* MASTS – Do they have permission? Chairman mentioned a new law. MOP said that in Poulton one mast was removed.
* Cobbled wall – listed? – Karen Nicholson volunteered to investigate this and report back.
* Fleetwood Day and VE Day – updates were given.
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| **4324** | **To note the next full council meeting is the AGM, which will be held Tuesday 27th May at the North Euston Hotel at 7.00pm.**Noted. |