

Minutes of the Town Council Virtual Meeting held on Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 7pm

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3231 Opening of the meeting. *Chairman*

The Chairman Mary Stirzaker opened the meeting.

Those present:

Cllrs Stirzaker (Chairman), Raynor (Vice-Chairman), Armstrong, Beavers, Blair, Crawford.

3232 To accept Apologies for Absence. *Chairman*

Apologies received from:

Cllrs Craig, Shewan and Smith.

It was noted that Cllr Stephenson did not attend the meeting or forward apologies.

3233 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*

None declared.

3234 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*

None declared.

3235 To accept the minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 27 October and to accept the amendments to the previous minutes of the 1 September (highlighted) and the minutes of the EOM of 29 October. *Chairman*

3236 To agree to adjourn to allow public participation. *Chairman*

Agreed - unanimous.

- No representations at this period

3237 To agree to reconvene the meeting. *Chairman*

Agreed - unanimous.

3238 Grant Aid Fleetwood Highbury Morris Dancers – (*this item was deferred from the meeting on 27 Oct 2020*).

To consider and approve a grant of £2,500 as a contribution toward their 'Dress Fund' and to assist them in their 1st season as a new troupe. A Comprehensive application and presentation are enclosed, covering:-

- Background
- Their approach during lockdown

- Opening day
- Their teams
- Fundraising
- How a grant can help

Resolved - 5 For; 1 Against

3239 To approve the following invoices for payment. *Chairman*

- Link Magazine - £1254.00
- Re-imburement to Clerk for the purchase of materials for Potholes - £45.78
- Fleetwood Trophies - £430.45

All invoices approved but only 2 approved for immediate payment. Owing to some issues with deliveries by Link-Mag, it was discussed and agreed that we defer payment for the Newsletter until we have evidence that the delivery has been successful.

Resolved – unanimous.

Action Point – Clerk to contact Link-Mag to explain a potential delay and obtain assurance of delivery before releasing payment.

3240 To consider and decide any requests for funding from COVID-19 fund during Nov/Dec. *Chairman*

Discussion took place in regard to the most effective way of administering funding requests so as not to delay essential donations. As the fund has previously been agreed (*item 3212 of FTC meeting 27 Oct 2020 refers*) it was further agreed that requests can be circulated by the Clerk via email for approval, provided they are clearly defined and the usual quorum is reached with a majority vote, funds can then be released immediately.

Resolved – 5 For; 1 Against

3241 To note the current budget monitoring document (*enclosed*). *Clerk*

Noted.

3242 To note the application for the Festive Lights grant has been submitted. *Clerk*

Noted.

3243 To note there is no scheduled FCM in December and to further note the Clerks proposal for meetings in 2021 for discussion and agreement (*enclosed*). *Clerk*

Noted and dates agreed – unanimous.

3244 To note the Precept Working Group will be meeting on Thursday 26 Nov to consider and set 2020-21 precept for Full Council approval during December (EOM will be called). *Chairman*

Noted.

3245 To update the meeting with regards to the fixing of the potholes on Jameson Road. *Cllr Beavers*

Cllr Beavers confirmed that the planned attempt to work on the potholes had to be abandoned owing to bad weather, including some flooding of the area. She said it looks likely now to be sometime in the new year before it can be done.

**3246 To note the objection letter put forward on behalf of FTC by the Clerk (*enclosed*).
*Clerk***

Noted.

3247 Owing to the current lockdown restrictions as well as illness/isolation by some members of FTC, the presentations in respect of the Community Awards and Grant Aids have had to be postponed. Councillors are asked to discuss and agree a timetable for these to take place. Clerk/CEDO.

Cllrs agreed the time and date and asked that the CEDO makes the necessary arrangements. **Action Point – Clerk to inform CEDO accordingly.**

3248 To agree to Adjourn to allow public participation.

Agreed – unanimous.

- MOP asked for confirmation of the 2021 meeting dates. Clerk confirmed they are being drafted and will be posted on the website shortly.
- MOP asked about a planning matter re the demolition of the GP practice on London Street. Chairman and Cllrs George spoke on this subject with regard to timing and the keenness to get it sorted as quickly as possible. Cllr Raynor mentioned that the Planning Committee have not been meeting as much and therefore there is a backlog. After some discussion Chairman said she would call it in.

3249 To agree to reconvene the meeting.

Agreed – unanimous.

3250 To note planning applications considered by members and agree any actions to be taken or responses to the planning authority (*enclosed*). *Chairman*

Noted – no actions or responses required.

3251 To agree accounts for payment, including November & December Salaries for Clerk and CEDO - see information sheet on Page 2 of meeting pack. *Chairman*

Agreed – unanimous.

3252 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. All

None received.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

**Irene Tonge
Clerk to Fleetwood Town Council**



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Councillors

M. Storzaker (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.