



Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on Tuesday 25th February 2020 At The North Euston Hotel, Fleetwood at 7.00 p.m.

- 3116 Opening of the meeting.** Chairman opened the meeting
Present: Cllrs: Armstrong, Beavers, Blair, Campbell, Craig, Crawford, Raynor, Shewan, Smith and Stirzaker (Chairman).
The Clerk
Members of the Public
- 3117 To accept apologies for absence.**
Accepted from Cllrs Cunningham, George and Stephenson.
- 3118 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.**
None disclosed
- 3119 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.**
Cllr Crawford declared a Personal Interest in **item 3127** but said that he would still vote on the item.
- 3120 To accept the minutes of the meetings of 28 January 2020 . Enclosed - *Chairman***
Accepted – unanimous
- 3121 To note written Ward reports, inclusive of Ambassador/Champion updates, where appropriate.**
Ward reports from Cllrs Crawford and Smith were submitted.
Cllr Crawford also submitted notes from the LALC Wyre Area Committee meeting, which he attended on 29 January 2020; also attached were 3 quarterly reports giving information with regard to the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) collected as part of the Pilot Enforcement Project.
All submitted reports were noted.

Councillors

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



3122 Adjournment to allow public participation. *Chairman*

(i) Neighbourhood police team report.

No attendee

Action Point – Clerk to contact Fleetwood Police to formally invite them and to share future meetings dates for 2020.

Roads in Fleetwood

MOP – concerned about the state of some of our roads – she mentioned she had seen and heard of a kit used by Blackpool Council which would speed up any refurb to the worst of our roads – she asked can we not have same and can Cllrs influence LCC & Wyre.

Cllr Beavers responded - LCC have this kit and have used it in Fwd. She then talked about the current refurb programme, which is looking at Oak, Elm and Percy, streets within a timescale of between 10-12 weeks.

There was lots of discussion on the state of other roads from MOP and Cllrs alike: Cllr Campbell mentioned Ullswater Ave (which is on a bus route) he was growing in concern as this road had been repaired previously but is now failing again; this sparked some heightened discussions among the MOP about 'quick fixes', 'surface water' and 'heavy usage roads' for in and out of the town, such as Dock Street and Queens Terrace; there was a strong feeling among the MOP that these such roads should be given priority. It was put to the council to arrange a meeting with Highways to talk about all of these issues.

Cllr Raynor responded by informing the meeting on roads that she has already reported on, such as Silverdale, Cartmel and others.

Cllr Beavers updated the meeting - she confirmed that she has already reported up Dock Street and that LCC Highways did a survey but came back to her saying that in their opinion it is not urgent – she had shared this on social media.

Cllr Craig commented that some of the sidewalks are also in poor state of repair.

Cllr Campbell expressed his disquiet that it seems roads in Cleveleys are given priority.

Cllr Beavers tried to assure MOP that she will continue to campaign for repairs to our roads.

MOP said he will be sending a complaint every week in order to also apply pressure.

Rose Garden in Memorial Park

MOP – feels that Fleetwood Memorial Park (FMP) should resurrect the Rose Garden by approaching community groups and reach out to residents of FWD to come together to donate rose bushes for planting – she would like FTC to support this. This prompted other MOP to speak out as a member of 'Friends of FMP' as they too support this; one MOP shared that he donated wire mesh for use in the park, but Wyre didn't want it, giving the reason of vandal damage.

MOP also mentioned the Duck Pond and the need for a staging area. MOP offered to put a staging area in, as he has experience of this, having put one in previously - he will speak to Daren Mooney to get Wyre involved in support of this – Cllrs showed their support, also.



Chairman asked that the MOP who put forward this idea for the Rose Garden, to attend the next FIB meeting, as this could be picked up as part of FIB 2020.

3123 To reconvene the meeting. Chairman.

Meeting was reconvened

3124 To note the budget monitoring sheet, Festive Lights summary and In-Bloom summary - Enclosed. Clerk

All 3 budget summary statements were noted.

3125 To approve the following invoices:

- **British Gas call-out charge £114.00 inc VAT (item 3114 from FCM 28/1/20 refers).**
- **Panther Press – Business Cards x 3 £79.20 inc VAT.**
- **Rabbit Patch Ltd – Training in editing Website £300 inc VAT**

Approved – unanimous.

3126 Grant Aid – Ruby Whelan - To consider and approve a grant for Ruby Whelan who has been chosen to represent Girl Guiding North West Lancashire on a worldwide Jamboree in Poland July 2020 – the cost is £1250 and all of this has to be achieved through fundraising, Ruby has raised £480 so far, £770 to go – she is looking for any amount from FTC. Completed GA form enclosed.

As no representative attended the meeting – resolve was to defer until next meeting – unanimous. **Action Point – Clerk to contact Ruby to let her know that it is Policy for a representative to be present and therefore the council voted to defer this item until next meeting on 24 March.**

3127 Grant Aid – Men’s Shed - To consider and approve a grant for £7336.00 for the purchase of commercial kitchen equipment, which is around 25% of the total cost for the whole works. Completed GA form enclosed.

Tony O’Neil and Amanda Slavin attended in support of the application.

Cllrs asked questions with regards to permission from owner of building; quotes for the equipment; why buying second hand; warranty; plans / architect report; other ways they are raising money.

Tony spoke about the wider refurbishment and also about the many aspirations the group has for the future of Men’s Shed; Councillors expressed their support for the Group in general.

Cllrs resolved to defer for 8 weeks in order for more information to be included:

- **Additional quotes**
- **Permission from owner**
- **Architect report**
- **Application form to be updated and signed**

3128 To consider whether to keep the tree at the Marine Hall or have it removed and invest in the Mount Pavilion (MP).



There was lots of discussion with regard to this item: Vandalism; call-outs/repairs and the associated costs; children's expectations; the switch on and how it will affect the Parade; the light up options for the MP.

Councillors voted: -

Seven votes to remove tree and invest in MP

Two votes to keep the Tree at the Marine Hall Gardens

One abstained.

Resolve - to remove tree and invest in Mount Pavilion.

3129 To give feedback from the meeting with Fleetwood Museum Board members and to discuss, as an alternative to having an FTC Observer role, a written reporting system; FTC attendees were Cllr Stirzaker, Irene Tonge (Clerk) and Lauren Harrison (CEDO).

Chairman

Cllr Stirzaker updated the meeting re the visit to Fleetwood Museum and the suggestion for the production of a report instead of a councillor taking up the role of 'Observer' at their Board Meetings.

Cllr Armstrong said that FTC wanted to have an Observer so they can feedback what happens at the meetings, in addition to reports and account information. Cllr Beavers also commented that Councillors have to be accountable to, and for the Fleetwood residents and therefore a place on the Board is preferred.

Resolve - Cllr Blair to be invited to attend as an Observer to future Board meetings.

Action Point – Cllr Blair to make contact with Keith and Sue Porter to make the necessary arrangements.

3130 To discuss and agree the next steps with regard to the FMNP – MOU enclosed.

Enclosed also in the packs: Initial paper from LCC dated 26/4/17; copy of the minutes & map of the site from EOM meeting dated 3/10/17; Draft TOR dated August 17; Annual Maintenance Programme and Costs.

There was lots of discussion with regard to this item, from dog walking & bird watching to a feeling that there isn't much FTC can contribute – some points discussed were:

access – access is mainly by way of Jameson Road, which is becoming more of an issue with the state of the potholes, this won't help when trying to promote community events for schools, children and older people.

Responsibilities - some councillors felt the accountability is too great for the Council.

resources - impact too great for councillors to sustain.

H&S - Access and other site dangers, particularly when promoting and conducting community events.

Resolve – To decline the offer of a 125 lease from LCC.

Action Point – Clerk to inform Tim Blythe of Council decision and agree way forward with the Environmental Fund Grant.



3131 Adjournment to allow public participation (2).

MOP – mentioned that the Mount was lit (2 trees on the balcony) and expressed that he thinks it should be the responsibility of Wyre. He asked if the infrastructure for lighting is being put in as part of the refurbishment – the flagpole was mentioned also as it seems rumour has it that it isn't going to be put back up; Cllrs not aware so MOP asked that the Q is referred to Wyre.

MOP – suggested strings of lights along the promenade.

Cllr Smith said that FLC are now working with Blackpool Illuminations so these things can be looked into.

MOP – mentioned the Boat House Planning for the Kids

MOP commented that if Wyre provided good quality LEDs, Festive Lights could put funds toward extras, the trees would be relatively cheap to run.

MOP brought to the meeting the issue around the huge boulder stones along the new part of the promenade ; he was concerned as some of the stones have very clearly shifted and even spoke of rocks that have been lifted by the sea and dropped when weather was particular bad with high winds. Concern expressed that children and animals could be hurt or even trapped. Another MOP said that he has heard 500 more of the larger boulders have been ordered. There was also some discussion about a consultation and one MOP expressed the best sea defence would be a raised Beach; They were all of the opinion that FTC should be putting signs up to warn people.

Reference made to visit Wyre's FB page – Rock & Coping Movement.

3132 To Reconvene the meeting.

Chairman reconvened the meeting

3133 To note planning applications considered by members and agree any actions to be taken or responses to the planning authority – Enclosed.

The list of Planning Applications since last meeting were noted – no comments made.

3134 To agree Accounts for Payment including January Salaries for Clerk and CEDO - see enclosed information sheet.

Approved - unanimous

3135 To consider and resolve to exclude the public and press under the Public Bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and the data Protection Act 1999, to hear a confidential matter.

The payment of travelling expenses was put to the council for approval

2 abstentions

8 Cllrs approved the payment.

Action Point – Clerk to arrange for the bank transfer.



The next meeting will be 24 March 2020 at the North Euston Hotel at 7.00pm

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Irene Tonge
Clerk to Fleetwood Town Council