



Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on Tuesday 28th January 2020 At The North Euston Hotel, Fleetwood at 7.00 p.m.

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- 3096 Opening of the meeting.** Chairman Stirzaker opened the meeting
Present: Cllrs Stirzaker, Armstrong, Beavers, Crawford, Craig, and Smith
The Clerk
Bob Long – Guest Speaker
Members of the Public
- 3097 To accept apologies for absence.**
Accepted from Cllrs Blair, Campbell, Cunningham, George, Raynor, Shewan and Stephenson.
- 3098 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
- 3099 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.**
None disclosed
- 3100 To accept the minutes of the meetings of 10 December 2019; EOM 6 January 2020; EOM 16 January 2020 - Enclosed. *Chairman***
All minutes accepted – unanimous
NB: Following the meeting it was noticed by the Clerk that the numbering of items was incorrect, which have been subsequently corrected and available from office or website, if required.
- 3101 To note written Ward reports, inclusive of Ambassador/Champion updates, where appropriate.**
Reports from Cllrs Smith, Craig, Armstrong, Cunningham and Crawford were noted. Chairman also made comment that, although not all have tabled a report, she is fully aware of how busy they are and she expressed how proud she is of their contributions.

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



3102 Adjournment to allow public participation (2). *Chairman*

(i) Neighbourhood police team report.

No attendee

(ii) Guest Speaker Bob Long from Cool Ideas – Bob wants to talk to FTC about the Tidal Barrage Project and hopes to share some optimistic progress with you all. He will be chatting about how FTC can effectively integrate with this project and also about an ice rink proposal that he feels has great potential for our town.

He would like also to touch upon his support and potential collaboration in the bid to reinstate a rail link into Fleetwood.

Bob gave a presentation on the Proposal of the Tidal Energy Gateway (TEG); he gave an outline of where the proposal is currently at, he spoke of the timeline and that Government have been fighting among themselves, which has led to delays.

There was a pictorial of the Gateway on screen.

With the announcement to open up the trainline to Fleetwood, Bob is hoping this will also open up further opportunities in support of the TEG project; one example he gave was to use night freights to move out dredged aggregate and the delivery of Liquid Hydrogen.

Bob spoke also about another proposal to build a solar-powered Ice Rink on the land along-side Affinity Retail Park; it is planned to be a Multi-purpose Entertainment Venue, which could extend into a Multi-national venue for events such as Ice-hockey. This would mean great potential for our town, increasing visitors, jobs and much more.

There was a lot of interest and interaction from the Councillors and members of the public, some points raised were around: -

Financing – Cost, income generation, grants, borrowing, profit & non-profit
Timescales – Planning and build (18mths and 24 months, respectively).
Trainline – how far it will come into Fleetwood? – links to trams, docks and the Gateway.

Other Barrage – Cllr Crawford has some experience with the one built in France and offered to meet with Bob to discuss further.



Cllr Beavers expressed her support for the Barrage project but her concern was around access road for emergencies – Bob said ideas are now beyond that first suggested; now thinking of a bus service linking Fleetwood and Knott-end.

MOP Ian Johnstone, who is a member of the Wyre Flood Forum asked that Bob should attend one of the conferences taking place and also there is a Tram Conference at the Imperial on 18 February 10.00 – 16.00.

Cllr Smith asked how the Ice Hockey would work - Bob explained how a multi-purpose venue could be converted from an ice surface into a floor surface and what appeal such a venue would have in terms of bringing in crowds; another example he gave was figure skating where schools could get involved all will lead to huge crowd and income generation.

Cllr Beavers made the point about the Docks and that a lot of Fleetwood people make their living on the docks.

MOP Ian Johnstone talked about the logistics and also asked about solar power – Bob answered by speaking about his company and Industrial Cooling and how they have developed Zero Carbon capacity, a thermal battery, which is solar.

Bob ended his presentation asking that the Cllrs and MOP get behind the project and continue to support it.

3103 To reconvene the meeting. *Chairman*

Meeting was reconvened

3104 To note the budget monitoring sheet, Festive Lights summary and In-Bloom summary - Enclosed. *Clerk*

All 3 budget summary statements were noted

3105 To approve (retrospectively), the additional amount of £5,657 added to the Precept for 2019 Election costs – (this was only brought to the attention of the Clerk after the FCM in December).

Approved – unanimous.

3106 To approve (retrospectively) £40.00 for Webinar Training Invoice enclosed. *Clerk*

Approved - unanimous

3107 To discuss and approve obtaining costings for 6 plaques to be created for the town FIB boats with the names of Fishing Boats from our Heritage Fishing Industry of Fleetwood. *CEDO*

Approved – unanimous.



It was agreed to source some quotes for 6 new plaques and to table at Februarys FCM – **Action Point for CEDO**

- 3108 To agree to consider options to extend the contract for the Payback Team – current contract for 6 months Apr through to Sept – would prefer April to January (10 months). If council agree, Clerk will source a quote for approval in February.**

Approved – unanimous

It was agreed to contact Roger Scanlon for a revised contract and new cost and to table and Februarys FCM – **Action Point for Clerk**

- 3109 To agree to place an order for Business Cards for Cllr George as her email has now changed.**

Approved – unanimous

Action Point - Clerk

- 3110 To discuss and approve some office improvements: 1. To have shelves built in the back office, to create much needed space, 2. To purchase and have erected a display cabinet for trophies and other awards.**

Cllr Beavers asked that any display cabinet would need to be in the downstairs office – Chairman agreed this is where it will be placed.

Approved – unanimous

Action Point - Clerk

- 3111 Adjournment to allow public participation (2).**

MOP Ian Johnstone: –

1. Gave a short talk on the Wyre Beach Management Scheme and in particular the consultation events currently taking place, next one Wed 29th Rossall Prom 10.00 am – 3.00pm and others on Thurs 30th at Morrisons car park 10.00 -3.00; Friday 31st Cleveleys Plaza 10.00 – 3.00 and Sat 1st Feb Derby Road car park 10.00 – 2.00.
2. He asked for some regular representation from FTC at the Flood Forum meetings, next meeting 12th March. He talked about surface flooding and the need to keep on to LCC and therefore how important it is for FTC to be represented on the forum.
3. Memorial Park – Fundraiser by Friends of the Memorial Park have a quiz night coming up on 13th February specifically to raise money for new play equipment.

MOP William D? :-

1. Talked about Fleetwood Market – he asked if Cllrs could put some pressure on Wyre to provide a smoking shelter on Adelaide Street and perhaps one other. He said that smokers are tending to congregate around the entrances.

Action Point to speak to Michael Vincent – Chairman

- 3112 To Reconvene the meeting.**

Meeting was reconvened



3113 To note planning applications considered by members and agree any actions to be taken or responses to the planning authority – Enclosed.

Application Ref 19/00817/FUL was discussed; Cllr Armstrong confirmed that he had called this in and it is tabled on Wyre Councils Agenda on 5th February – Cllr Beavers will be attending and has said she will speak on this issue.

Action Point – to provide feedback – Cllr Beavers

3114 To receive items for information only 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.

For Information only or for inclusion in the next Agenda

- Cllrs to note Clerk used emergency powers to Purchase 3 electric heaters as boiler had broken down on Thursday 16 January, at a cost of £38.97, in addition, clerk raised a call-out for British Gas to attend the following day – Boiler was fixed within the first hour at a cost of £114.00 – invoice awaited – will include for approval at next FCM.

Noted

- Councillors to note Tim Blythe would like you to consider the long-term future of the FMNP in terms of our involvement; a lease ownership approach was discussed at an earlier FCM (2017) and a pilot shared approach has been in operation since then. I will be issuing a MOU document for Councillors consideration (in the next few weeks), which will then be tabled for a decision at the next FCM.

Noted

3115 To agree Accounts for Payment including January Salaries for Clerk and CEDO - see enclosed information sheet.

Approved - unanimous

The next meeting will be 25 February 2020 at the North Euston Hotel at 7.00pm

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Irene Tonge
Clerk to Fleetwood Town Council