



Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

**Full Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27th January 2026
at 7pm in the North Euston Hotel**

Cheryl Raynor, Chairman – Signature:

Minutes

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Opening of the meeting. *Chairman*

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and provided an update on various points, first:

- **Warrenhurst:** We're delighted to announce that we have been gifted a kitchen from a resident of Fleetwood who is moving to their new home in Preston and getting rid of the kitchen in the new home. SM & DM have been out and viewed the kitchen. The removal and delivery of kitchen will take place on Thursday 29th (this week), with a cost of £1400.00
- A new roof is urgently required, and we have a contractor on standby ready to start (as soon as the weather clears). They are a contractor that Harris & Co Solicitors use. The roof within the Treasurer's Office in the Banking Hub has fallen in, and there is water leaking in also, therefore we have to move very quickly on this, to prevent further damage, and further expenditure. (UPDATE as of 17th February, all roofing work quoted for has been completed. We have asked the same contractor to quote lowering the ceiling within the former banking hub space and installing two radiators. Quote to be received)
- **Civility and Respect Pledge:** Delighted that we have finally got this on the agenda, this sits in line with Wyre's Code of Conduct. This was emailed to Councillors on 13th November and 15th January
- **Apprenticeships:** We have now registered for all paperwork, and will start to look further into this process, as we hope to bring on two apprentices with FIB and Dan, generally across the Estates.
- **Fleetwood in Bloom / Dan:** Can I please, remind everyone again, that Dan does NOT work purely for FIB. FIB is indeed a very small part of Dan's job, and FIB should not feel as if they have the right to dictate what he does. As explained on occasions before, we are hoping to bring an apprentice on from Mysercough to assist FIB.
- **AGAR:** Shirleyanne's favourite time of year is fast approaching. This is purely for noting by the Council and MoP; AGAR is booked in for our Auditor and Town Clerk to commence work, first week in April

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fleetwood Police: who are on tonight's agenda regarding a funding request item 4449 have withdrawn. They hope to be able to attend, either March or April. <p>Present at Meeting: Chairman, Councillor Cheryl Raynor, Vice Chair Karen Nicholson, Councillors R Raynor, C Smith, M Moliner, M Belshaw, J Kurukuvadua, A Jones, D Shaw, J Martin and H Swatton</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Daniel Mathews, Wyre Borough Council</p> <p>Town Council Officer: Shirleyanne Munro, Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.</p>
4428	<p>To receive apologies for absence. <i>Chairman</i></p> <p>Apologies were received and noted for Councillors Craig and Stevenson</p>
4429	<p>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. <i>Chairman</i></p> <p>None recorded.</p>
4430	<p>To record Other (Personal or Prejudicial) Interests from members in any item to be discussed. Council members should state if they need to bar themselves from discussion and voting on any related matters. <i>Chairman.</i></p> <p>Councillor R Raynor recorded a non-pecuniary interest at item 4451</p>
4431	<p>To review and accept the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 25th November 2025 and Chairman to sign them. <i>Chairman</i></p> <p>Minutes were approved. One vote of abstention was received.</p> <p>Approved by Councillor R Raynor Seconded by Councillor M Belshaw</p>
4432	<p>To review and accept the minutes of the EOM on Monday 8th December 2025 and Chairman to sign them. <i>Chairman</i></p> <p>Minutes were approved by all Councillor's present</p> <p>Approved by Councillor D Shaw Seconded by Councillor R Raynor</p>
4433	<p>To receive an update on Planning Applications. <i>Councillor David Shaw, Planning Ambassador</i></p> <p>Update:</p> <p>Milton Street School – LCC have raised this. Cllr D Shaw has had several emails regarding this.</p> <p>HMO's – Lancashire County Council are looking to remove 800 properties across the county. Cllr Shaw has approached the Cabinet member to come and visit the area. An update will be given as and when.</p> <p>Rights of Way through Fleetwood – This will impact on the conservation areas around Fleetwood. No further information has been shared yet; however it should be noted it is</p>

	<p>currently sitting at 'review'. This is another project initiated by LCC.</p> <p>HMO – Wyre Planning, will have to go straight to Wyre Planning from now on, unless there are 5 residents. Once Article 4 is up and running.</p> <p>D Shaw asked C Raynor to write to confirm this when it happens.</p> <p>AGREED</p>
4434	<p>Household Food Waste Collection – Daniel Mathews, Wyre Borough Council</p> <p>From April 2026, Food Waste Collections will be rolled out by Wyre Borough Council, this is stemming from the Environment Act 2021. This will be a weekly collection, and the food waste bin will go out alongside the relevant bin.</p> <p>Homes will receive lockable 23ltr bins, and a 5ltr kitchen caddy, with 2 rolls of liners to begin with. If you're running low on bags, you can tie a bag to your bin lid, and the bin operatives will know to replenish your bags.</p> <p>Government has a target of 65% of municipal waste, Wyre is currently at 42%.</p> <p>34% of general waste in Wyre is actual food waste.</p> <p>LCC will transfer the waste to Farrington (and eventually Thornton once repurposed)</p> <p>For more information, please visit Food Waste Collections Service 2026 – Wyre Council</p>
4435	<p>To ask full Council to agree and sign the Civility and Respect Pledge, in line with Wyre Borough Council Code of Conduct – Chairman / Town Clerk</p> <p>The pledge was overwhelmingly accepted and agreed by all Councillors, with all agreeing to sign.</p>
4436	<p>To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation. Please note the council cannot make any decisions on any matter raised, which has not already been included in the formal agenda. <i>Chairman</i></p> <p>MoP; Can I go back to Blakiston Street please and ask what the plan is? Cllr Shaw: This is something that won't happen or go away overnight, but as soon as I hear anything I'll let you know.</p> <p>MoP; In relation to 'Rights of Way' being reviewed in Fleetwood, I haven't seen anything yet Cllr Shaw: If I hear anything I will let you know</p> <p>MoP; In relation to item 4350, can members of the public sit on a committee, but not a working party. Chairman Cllr C Raynor: Working Parties are not constituted as committees, therefore legally they do not have the power to make decisions or spend money, instead they work in a purely advisory role. Members of the public are welcome to join committees, in fact, we have had, members of the public on Festive Lights.</p> <p>MoP; In relation to the agenda item, for the 'ratifying of members onto the Allotment Committee, it's illegal to use the word ratifying and it shouldn't be used. Chairman Cllr C Raynor: I'm sorry but you're wrong. In legal terms, it refers to the act of confirming, republishing, or redeclaring a decision or agreement. It is a crucial step in the legal process that signifies the approval and validation of a previously made decision or action. When something is ratified, it is legally recognised and binding.</p>

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4437	To reconvene the meeting - <i>Chairman</i>
4438	<p>Grant Aid Application – to review the application from Margaret Daniels, Fleetwood Civic Society</p> <p>Thanks were given to Margaret Daniels for getting her grant, in early, it is appreciated. It was agreed, if any money was left, it would be returned to Fleetwood Town Council, as before.</p> <p>A discussion took place around the costs of road closures, with LCC website, citing costs of around £800+. FTC, who have held recent events, have not gone to LCC with the road closure applications, but have submitted theirs to Wyre.</p> <p>It was agreed that the cost of road closures could be applied for at the next meeting, if needed; however, the full amount of grant aid application being requested this evening was agreed by all.</p> <p>Approved by Cllr Mary Belshaw Seconded by Cllr David Shaw</p>
4439	Fleetwood Police – Funding Request for Welcome Table Project – ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA
4440	<p>Allotment Committee – The council are asked to ratify the members of the proposed Allotment Committee – <i>Councillor Robbie Raynor, Allotment Chairman</i></p> <p>ITEM DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING UNTIL LIST OF POTENTIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AVAILABLE</p>
4441	<p>Warrenhurst Hall – To use Warrenhurst Hall for Free, to trial a 'Gaming Club' for Transwomen, Women and Non-Binary People – <i>Councillor Robbie Raynor</i></p> <p>Councillor Robbie Raynor gave an overview on his ask, and what it would involve, and the variety of games. We would like to host this on either Sunday morning, or afternoon. The gaming sessions would host players of an age of 18 upwards</p> <p>We would hope to start within the next month of hosting (permitting that the roofing work has been completed).</p> <p>The ask was approved by all Councillors present. Approved by Councillor Mary Belshaw Seconded by Councillor Harry Swatton</p>
4442	<p>To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation. Please note the council cannot make any decisions on any matter raised, which has not already been included in the formal agenda. <i>Chairman</i></p> <p>Councillor J Kurukuvdua; I'd like to formally acknowledge my thanks to the volunteers that come out and undertake litter picking. If the Council could acknowledge this also, that would be great. ACTION: S Munro to undertake this ask.</p> <p>Councillor J Kurukuvdua; to advise the Council and members of the public, that the Royal British Legion Fleetwood Branch, is now up and running.</p>

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	<p>Councillor Swatton gave an update on Fleetwood Museum.</p> <p>Finance:</p> <p>Not terrible as there is still some reserves but this year the museum lost money and requires continued support most especially from Lancashire and Wyre.</p> <p>Marketing:</p> <p>A general consensus was that the museum needs more promotion, hopefully from Wyre and Lancashire as this will allow them to promote the museum at both Fleetwood Library and at the Market.</p> <p>Business:</p> <p>The museum is in the midst of creating a new business plan with a new business consultant brought on in partnership with a company called AIM. This will give them a clearer idea of how-to better fund themselves financially and open up some funding options.</p> <p>AOB:</p> <p>Work needs to be done on the Boathouse and on No. 8 (their property next door). There will be a new exhibition coming in March and while this is not finalised, I was asked to briefly promote it.</p> <p>Finally, the boat The Judy is getting a specialised sail/tarp made to protect it from further degradation.</p>
4443	<p>To consider and approve the monthly Finance report for November and December 2025 – Chairman / Town Clerk</p> <p>DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING DUE TO FORMULATIC ERROR ON SPREADSHEET</p>
4444	<p>AOB: To seek the views of the members of public that are present, around the upgrade of the Facilities at Warrenhurst, which would allow for increase community and use – Vice Chair, Councillor Nicholson / Town Clerk – REMOVED DUE TO FUNDING APPLICATION NOT GOING AHEAD</p>
4445	<p>To note and consider the date and time of the next Full Council Meeting on Tuesday 24th February 2026 at 7pm – <i>Chairman</i></p>