



# Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 at 7.00 pm at the North Euston Hotel Fleetwood

### Minutes

4209	<p>Opening of the Meeting – Chairman</p> <p>Present: Cllrs Cheryl Raynor, Cllr M Belshaw, Cllr R Raynor, Cllr C Smith, Cllr M Moliner, Cllr A Craig, Cllr H Swatton, Cllr J Martin and Cllr K Nicholson</p> <p>Chairman Update:</p> <p>There have been 15 lampposts damaged at the weekend, ahead of the lantern parade. It's an adult that has done this, as the damage that occurred could not possibly have been carried out by a child. The tree at Marine Hall has also been damaged.</p> <p>If anyone sees anything, please do call the office and advise Shirleyanne of this.</p>
4210	<p>To receive apologies for absence – Chairman</p> <p>Apologies were noted and recorded for, Cllr J Kuruvakdua, Cllr C Stephenson, Cllr M Belshaw and Lorraine Beavers MP</p>
4211	<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 - Chairman</p> <p>Noted. None recorded.</p>
4212	<p>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. <i>Chairman</i>.</p>
4213	<p>To accept the minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and Chairman to sign them. All/Chairman</p> <p>The minutes were agreed.</p> <p>Approved by Councillor Robbie Raynor Seconded by Councillor Harry Swatton</p>
4214	<p>To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation. Please note that the council cannot make any decisions on any matter raised which has not already been included in the 'formal' agenda:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MoP: Radar Station has received another planning submission, with the incorrect dates provided. He's also looking to attach another leg to the structure. Chairman: I've been advised that even if planning permission is approved, I doubt he will be able to change anything. My understanding is that you cannot make any external, visible changes to a listed building.</li> <li>MoP: Christmas Tree at Broadwater, what is the requirements for areas to get one. We're thinking of one at the old tram stop, not of a major height. Chairman: We require an electric hook up, doesn't cause an obstruction (visually or physical), and doesn't cause any interference to tram lines. Blackpool Transport are very awkward with us as to the maximum height we can use.</li> <li>MoP: How does the sponsorship work for trees? If we opted to use battery operated lights, could we, do it?</li> <li>Chairman: We've founded the four main trees for years within Fleetwood, with banners from businesses who have sponsored trees (an amount of £200). For lights, if you can find batteries / battery packs that would do the job, then yes, that would be ok.</li> </ul> <p style="color: red;">Carried Forward to Agenda for January</p>
4215	The meeting was called to order and reconvened
4216	<p>Accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Precept: This is a big year, as the Council are taking on more day-to-day jobs that Wyre are not carrying out. We're proposing that we increase the budget by 45.27%, which includes £66K which we collect on behalf of Fleetwood Museum, we also have £21.4K which goes to YMCA Fleetwood, for free swimming to all children that live in FY7</li> <li>The budget for this year, 2024 – 2025 did not include the roles of Assistant Clerk and Lengthsman. The CEDO was included but budgeted for 22 hours per week. This role, along with the Assistant Clerk is Full Time. We are aiming to have our Lengthsman working full time hours. We also have the Council van that requires maintenance and fuel</li> <li>We also have an additional building now in Warrenhurst, which like Poulton Road, has utilities, therefore it's double the cost.</li> <li>MoP: Have the Council thought of perhaps doing a newsletter, bringing residents up to speed on what the Council are doing? Chairman: We are trying to move away from printing / paper due to the costs, and use social media more, however, we recognise that not everyone uses social media. We use our noticeboards regularly for updates.</li> </ul> <p>The Precept for 2025 – 2026 was agreed by all Councillors present.</p> <p>Approved by Councillor Maureen Blair Seconded by Councillor Andy Craig</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table of Retrospective Payments – This was noted by all Councillors</li> <li>SLCC National Pay Award – This was noted by all Councillors present</li> </ul>
4217	<p>Quotes for Van Signage – Councillors present discussed the three quotes that had been submitted. The Council noted that Andrew Signs Ltd undertook the artwork for Wyre Council Vans.</p> <p>After a short discussion, the majority of the Council approved the quote. Approved by Councillor Harry Swatton Seconded by Councillor Maureen Blair</p> <p>There was one abstention of vote recorded.</p>
4218	<p>To review, note and discuss the cost the Microsoft Excel Course for beginners for Lauren Harrison.</p> <p>S Munro advised that this is a key part of Lauren's development, which will allow her to plan</p>

	<p>and manage spreadsheet data. This should have been arranged at the start of Lauren's employment with the Council, but as Covid hit, everything was put on the back burner. S Munro is working with Lauren around her development, and this is the start of it. S Munro / C Raynor advised those present, that we were also looking to get Lauren onto a bid writing course / event, project management course also.</p> <p>The course and cost were agreed by all</p> <p>Approved by Councillor Robbie Raynor Seconded by Councillor Andy Craig</p>
4219	Planning Application 24/00938/FUL – The Council discussed the planning application,
4220	<p>To adjourn the meeting for a second period of public participation. Please note that the council cannot make any decisions on any matter raised which has not already been included in the 'formal' agenda</p> <p>MoP: It was asked why, when trying to get something done in the area, Councillors are met with silence, however, thanks must be given to Councillor Jayne Martin, for the work that she's carried out and implemented at Broadwater. We now have the planters around the area, on the railings at the tram stop, and it looks great. MoP presented Cllr Martin with a trophy for her help in getting work done around the area of Broadwater, including planters.</p> <p>MoP: Is it right that an HMO property can install an additional window, without permission? Chairman: No, absolutely not. Permission is required as you are changing the listing of the HMO. If this has happened, then it has to be reported straight away.</p>
4221	The meeting was called to order and reconvened.
4222	To note the office closure for the Christmas holiday. The office will close on Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December and reopen on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January.
4223	To note the date and time of the next full council meeting, Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm in North Euston Hotel