



# Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 30 April 2024 at 7.00 pm at the North Euston Hotel Fleetwood

### Minutes

4043	<p><b>Opening of the meeting. <i>Chairman</i></b></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman Cllr Mary Belshaw opened the meeting at 7:00pm.</p> <p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Cllr M Belshaw, Cllr C Smith, Cllr L Beavers, Cllr M Moliner, Cllr A Craig, Cllr J Kuruvakadua, Cllr K Nicholson, Cllr M Blair, Cllr H Swatton, Cllr J Martin.</p> <p>Town Clerk: I Tonge Assistant to Clerk: S Munro</p>
4044	<p><b>To receive apologies for absence. <i>Chairman</i></b></p> <p>Cllr C Raynor, Cllr R Raynor and Cllr C Stephenson</p>
4045	<p><b>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></b></p> <p>Noted – None declared</p>
4046	<p><b>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>.</b></p> <p>Noted – None declared</p>
4047	<p><b>To accept the minutes of the meeting of 26 March 2024 and Chairman to sign them. <i>All/Chairman</i></b></p> <p>Approved by all and Vice-Chairman Cllr M Belshaw signed.</p>
4048	<p><b>To adjourn the meeting for a period (1) of public participation. Please note the Council cannot make any decision on any matter raised which has not already been included on the 'formal agenda' such items may be considered for future meetings. <i>Chairman</i>.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ It was noted that Fleetwood Area Police were not in attendance .</li><li>○ MOP – Do the council know the status of the bus routes, 74 and 75? Understood that they were being removed from public use.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Cllr L Beavers replied that LCC are currently out to tender in the hope of a new provider being in place soon. The buses will remain in situ, with no plans to remove the buses.</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MOP – brought the Attention of the meeting that the Boston Hotel has now been sold.</li> <li>○ MOP – How do the council feel about the new tarmac (black) that has been laid at The Mount? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A discussion took place around the work that had taken place but why would the work be carried out without any notice particularly since funding from the Lottery and the Doreen Lofthouse Fund had been awarded to keep a level of restoration in the paving tiles. Cllr Beavers will get onto it at Wyre but also suggested FTC also sends in a written response. Vice- Chair will also speak to Steven Smith who is the Director of Planning.</li> <li>○ <b>Action Clerk:</b> It was agreed that a letter would be sent from Fleetwood Council to Wyre regarding this.</li> <li><b>Action:</b> Cllr M Belshaw to speak to Steven Smith and report back the Clerk.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4049	<p><b>To reconvene the meeting. <i>Chairman</i></b> The meeting was reconvened.</p>
4050	<p><b>To Update re the purchase of the van from Poulton Van and Car Sales Ltd.</b> It was approved at the EOM (Item 4041 refers) – invoice enclosed in pack to be approved retrospectively.</p> <p>Approved and noted.</p>
4051	<p><b>To consider and approve Grant Aid.</b> Butterfly Effected CIC are seeking funds to help them facilitate street art workshops, here they would work with local schools in Fleetwood, inspiring and educating up to 200 children and young people by immersing them in the transformative power of street art.</p> <p>Deferred to next month’s meeting – May 28<sup>th</sup> or consider an EOM.</p>
4052	<p><b>Accounts</b> <b>To consider and approve:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Invoices for Payment</li> <li>● Salaries</li> <li>● Recurring payments/DDs</li> <li>● Credits</li> <li>● Charges</li> <li>● Income and Expenditure report</li> </ul> <p>All approved.</p>
4053	<p><b>To note the Bank reconciliation.</b></p> <p>Approved and noted.</p>
4054	<p><b>To note the GDPR / Data Protection renewal for 2024/25</b></p> <p>Approved and noted.</p>
4055	<p><b>To consider and approve a new Auditor following the retirement of existing one</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clerk gave overview on situation as to why a new Auditor was being sought. Appointment was approved and noted.</li> </ul>
4056	<p><b>To consider and approve if FTC would want to have a presence on the Flood Forum and if so, Cllrs are to put themselves forward.</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cllr Harry Swatton agreed to join forum. The forum meets every six weeks.</li> </ul>
4057	<p><b>To note the new portrait of King Charles, which is now on the wall in the office; this was a gift and a nil cost.</b></p> <p>Approved and noted</p>
4058	<p><b>To adjourn the meeting for a period of (2) of public participation. Please note the Council cannot make any decisions on any matter raised, which has not already been included on the formal agenda; such items may be considered for future meetings.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Has the new lengthsman been tasked with checking the regular flood areas in the Councillor Wards? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It was agreed, after a brief discussion that a link to ‘Cleaner Streets’ be made available on the website, to allow all MOPs to be able to report blockages. I was also discussed that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Action Shirleyanne Munro:</b> All councillors to send photographs of the affected areas in their respective Wards to Shirleyanne Munro, for passing onto Andy Binyon (Lengthsman) – Andy to be made aware of this rolling task.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4059	<p><b>To reconvene the meeting.</b></p> <p>The meeting was reconvened.</p>
4060	<p><b>To note the planning applications considered by members and agree any actions to be taken or response to the planning authority.</b></p> <p>Noted – no actions or responses required.</p>
4061	<p><b>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.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Business Cards</li> <li>○ Scribe (Accounting package for Allotments)</li> <li>○ Museum Payment</li> <li>○ Policies and Procedures</li> </ul>
4062	<p><b>To note the date and time of next FC meeting.</b></p> <p>It was approved that the next FC meeting will be on the <b>AGM on May 28th at 7pm in the NEH</b> and that the Chairman will be approached to consider if an EOM should be called for considerations/approval of the Grant Aid (<b>see item 4051</b>).</p>