Fleetwood Town Council

Onward to a Better Future

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting**

**27th August 2024, 7.00 pm at the North Euston Hotel**

**Councillor Cheryl Raynor (Chairman) – Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **4158** | Opening of the Meeting – ***Chairman***  *Present: Chairman Councillor Cheryl Raynor, Councillors Robbie Raynor, Jayne Martin, Harry Swatton, Andy Craig, Karen Nicholson, Michelle Moliner and Carole Stephenson* |
| **4159** | Update from Chairman – Councillor Cheryl Raynor   * The application for the Beach Chalet has fallen through, however, FTC will be putting in a bid for one of the wooden chalets. * Warrenhurst Community Centre has more or less, transferred over. We will be looking to set up a separate arm of the Council, ‘Friends of Warrenhurst’ Community Group. We’re looking to appoint a surveyor and will be calling an EOM to point. EOM papers will be going out on Wednesday 28th August, for the meeting to be held on Monday 2nd September. |
| **4160** | To receive apologies for absence – ***Chairman***  *Apologies were received and noted for; Councillors Maureen Blair, Christine Smith, Mary Belshaw, Lorraine Beavers MP and Irene Tonge (Clerk)* |
| **4161** | 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***  Noted with none declared. |
| **4162** | 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 - ***Chairman.***  Noted with none declared |
| **4163** | To accept the minutes of the Council meeting from 30th July 2024 – ***Chairman / All***  The minutes were accepted by the Council.  Approved by Councillor Harry Swatton Seconded by Councillor Andy Craig |
| **4164** | To accept the minutes of the Council EOM from 6th August 2024 – ***Chairman / All***  The minutes were accepted by the Council  Approved by Councillor Robbie Raynor  Seconded by Councillor Michelle Moliner |
| **4165** | 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 - ***Chairman***  **Fleetwood Area Police**  PCSO Matthew Brook was introduced to the meeting, in his newly appointed role.  Lancashire Police will be joining a host of other employers in attending the ‘Apprenticeship Week’ in February 2025.  Two Police Cadet Leaders have been contacted and asked to liaise with Assistant Clerk regarding helping to put the poppies up in town.  At previous meeting, a MoP had raised concerns about an advertising banner that had been tied to the fencing at the Mount Hotel & Pub. A check was carried out, but it wasn’t felt that it was obstructing vision for the junction. Either way, the banner has now been removed.  **Members of the Public**  MoP: Would the Council consider the area of Broadwater / near the tram stop getting a Christmas Tree?  FTC: We only have four Christmas trees, that go around the town, however, we could look arranging for planters etc to be installed there.  Councillor Jayne Martin advised that she would be happy to meet and discuss the requirements to see what can be done.  **ACTION**: J Martin to arrange meeting and update at next meeting |
| **4166** | To reconvene the meeting - ***Chairman*** |
| **4167** | Accounts:   * To approve table of retrospective payments, including salaries, direct debits, charges and credits (to be emailed to Cllrs) – **Approved by All** * To note the Bank reconciliation. To be emailed to Cllrs – **Due to staff sickness, this has not been sent** * To note the submission of the AGAR on Friday 23rd August – **Noted** |
| **4168** | LALC Conference, Saturday 7th September 9am until 330pm; To approve the cost for Clerk and Assistant Clerk to attend (£35 pp)– ***Clerk***  Also, to note if any Councillors wish to attend  It was agreed by the Council, that the Chair and Assistant Clerk would attend.  **ACTION**: Assistant Clerk to book and confirm attendance |
| **4169** | Statement of Work, Dan Munro – Lengthsman Report (For Review and Noting) – **Chairman / All**  Chairman Councillor Cheryl Raynor said she was incredibly impressed with the amount of work that Dan had undertaken and completed, to a very high standard, in such a short space of time within the office and in the town itself.  Cllr R Raynor asked that his thanks be recorded for the work that Dan had done on bringing the memorial benches ‘back to life’ around the town; saying the difference was remarkable.  Cllr J Martin commented that the help and approach he’s given towards the planters is very much appreciated; there’s a visible difference around with all the painting of the planters as well. |
| **4170** | Items for General Discussion – ***Chairman / Clerk / All***   * To approve the attendance and cost, for Lengthsman to attend PAT Testing Course (Cost is £234.00 incl VAT, which can be claimed back) – ***Clerk***   The course was discussed by the Council, and it was agreed overwhelmingly, that the cost of the course would be substantially less than appointing an electrician, plus it would be extremely beneficial to the Council by having the Lengthsman trained. The Council noted that equipment would need to be purchased, however, in the long run (still), particularly with the move to Warrenhurst moving closer, this would still be of benefit to the Council.  Approved by Councillor Robbie Raynor  Seconded by Councillor Harry Swatton  **ACTION**: Assistant Clerk to confirm and book space. |
| **4171** | To *note* any / the planning applications considered by members and agree any actions to be taken or response to the planning authority – ***Chairman / All***   * Planning Application – Teviot Avenue, Fleetwood (Comments to be received by 4th Sept) * Planning Application – Shakespeare Monofilament (Comments to be received by 9th Sept) * Planning Application – Fleetwood Radar Station (Comments to be received by 11th Sept)   A discussion took place around all three planning applications with concern raised and noted relating to Fleetwood Radar Station. Chairman, Councillor Cheryl Raynor suggested to all that they make their unhappiness felt by submitting an objection, no later than September 11th.  The meeting was asked to note, that Chairman Councillor Cheryl Raynor and Councillor Harry Swatton did not take part in any discussions as they are members of the Planning Committee at Wyre.  Councillor M Moliner advised that she had already submitted an objection. |
| **4172** | To adjourn the meeting for a period (2) of public participation – ***Chairman***  MoP: Payback Team have done a good job tidying the allotments up, however the weeds and rubbish they removed have been dumped at the turning point, and the weeds are now amalgamating together causing more weeds to grow and the rubbish has been left. Can the Council do anything?  FTC: Chairman, Councillor Cheryl Raynor advised that Dan Munro, Lengthsman, will go up and have a look to see as to what can be cleared away.  **ACTION**: FTC Lengthsman to visit allotments and carry out rubbish / weed’s inspection  Cllr Robbie Raynor suggested that he meet up with Dan, to discuss a skip being delivered and the rubbish being cleared.  **ACTION**: Assistant Clerk to arrange for Cllr R Raynor and Lengthsman to visit  MoP: Fleetwood Civic Society Blue Plaque project is about to award its first 10 plaques. Invitations have been issued to Councillors and we’re still awaiting responses, if you haven’t already done so, then please respond.  MoP: Is there any update on the Community Park, which we’ve been granted funding for, does anyone on the Council know what’s happening?  FTC: Councillor Jayne Martin advised that she had emailed them looking for an update but has yet to get a response  Chairman, Councillor Cheryl Raynor updated the meeting in relation to a meeting that she had with Gordon Smith, with regards to the build of 3 new wind turbines, which are being built close to the Isle of Man (and will be approximately 3 times the height of Blackpool Tower). Continuing, the meeting heard that this would be a great opportunity for Fleetwood, as it would bring much needed employment, money and importantly and an industry back.  Cllr H Swatton said that the amount of energy that the new turbines will produce is 2.4GB  Chairman, Councillor Cheryl Raynor advised that the next step would be for Fleetwood Town Council to have a meeting with Ed Miliband MP and the office of Deputy Prime Minister, Angela Raynor MP where we would advise that a case study needs to be carried out and identify the benefits it would bring to Fleetwood.  MoP: Benches and seats have been removed from Carr Road and Mount by Wyre Council. We’ve been advised that they are not being replaced, unless it’s for a memorial bench. FTC: This is the first we’ve heard of it. Please contact Councillor Ruth Duffy at Wyre Borough Council and let her know of this. |
| **4173** | 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 – ***Chairman / All***  No items were received |
| **4174** | The meeting was advised, prior to closure that an EOM would be held on Monday 2nd September, in the office at 122 Poulton Road, regarding the appointment of a Surveyor for Warrenhurst  To note the date and time of next full council meeting is 29th October 2024 (there are no Council meetings in September) at North Euston Hotel, 7pm |