



MINUTES

Council

Date:	Wednesday, 11 May 2022
Venue:	Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
Members Present:	Mayor (Councillor Elaine Silverwood) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Cheryl Little) Councillors Ben Aitken, Frank Andrews, Brenda Blackshaw, Karen Buckley, Alan Clayton, Delma Collins, Peter Collins, Chris Dixon, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Shirley Green, Peter Hardy, Gavin Harrison, Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson, Angela Jacques, John Kirkham, Matthew Lee, Roger Lloyd, Michelle Morris, Ed Nash, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, David O'Rourke, Richard Redcliffe, Bobby Rigby, Michael Sayward, Roger Small, Heather Speak, Ray Thomas, Tommy Threlfall, Stan Trudgill, Viv Willder.
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Tracy Manning, Paul O'Donoghue, Ian Curtis, Jo Collins, Sharon Wadsworth, Hannah Kirk, Maria Marcella, Anita Elliott, Carly Smith, Kerry Tonner, Eva McCullough, Howard Dawson, Colin Dockery.
Other Attendees:	Honorary Aldermen, invited guests and members of the public.

Prayers

Prayers were offered by Ian Curtis, Head of Governance.

Mayors Welcome

The Mayor (Councillor Elaine Silverwood) welcomed everyone to the annual meeting of the council.

The Mayor spoke about what an honour and privilege it had been to serve as the Mayor of Fylde, special thanks were given to her attendants, Howard Dawson and Colin Dockery; Robert and John for their generous time and superb food that ensured all proceeds from events were able to go to her charities and to Jo Collins and the mayoral team for ensuring that an enjoyable year was had.

The Mayor was delighted to have raised a phenomenal £22,287.64 for her chosen charities, the Linden Centre, Fylde Coast Women's Aid and Kirkham and Wesham Club Day, as well as raising their profiles.

Councillor Silverwood offered best wishes and luck for the forthcoming year to the Mayor-Elect.

1. To elect a Mayor for the Borough of Fylde for the ensuing Municipal Year

In support of Councillor Ben Aitken, it was moved by Councillor Roger Small, and seconded by Councillor Cheryl Little and;

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that Councillor Ben Aitken be appointed Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the ensuing municipal year.

(The Mayor also indicated that his appointee as Mayoress was Ms Bernadette Nolan).

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After making the Declaration of the Acceptance of Office, as required by Statute, the Mayor thereupon occupied the chair.

2. To appoint Deputy Mayor for the Borough of Fylde for the ensuing Municipal Year

It was moved by the Mayor, Councillor Ben Aitken, seconded by Councillor Linda Nulty and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that Councillor Alan Clayton be appointed Deputy Mayor of Fylde for the ensuing municipal year.

The Deputy Mayor thereupon made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by Statute.

(The Deputy Mayor also indicated that his appointee as Deputy Mayoress was Mrs Helen Ementon).

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, expressed his sincere thanks and congratulations to Councillor Elaine Silverwood on her successful year in office.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, presented to the immediate Past Mayor (Councillor Elaine Silverwood) an Illuminated Record containing the resolution of the Council electing her to the office of Mayor of the Borough for the year 2021/2022.

The Mayor also presented Councillor Elaine Silverwood her Past Mayor's Badge and to Councillor Liz Oades, her past Mayoress's Badge.

The Mayor spoke of his desire to promote all that was special about the borough and its residents, including those that were less fortunate. He was keen to promote equal opportunities with his chosen theme for his term as Mayor being working together across the Borough. He spoke about his chosen charities, which were Trinity Hospice – in memory of Councillor Clayton's late wife Marilyn; Fylde Citizens Advice Bureau – for more opportunities and support in the community; 1st Lytham St Annes (St Cuthbert's) Sea Scout Group – for providing valuable unique life skills to young people.

The Mayor concluded by announcing that that Father Philip Newbold would be his Mayor's Chaplain for the forthcoming year that the Civic Sunday service would be held on Sunday, 29th May 2022 at St Cuthbert's Church, Ansdell. The service would commence 10 am followed by refreshments.

3. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 April 2022 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

5. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and he also thanked the outgoing mayoral team for a great year and for setting the standard on which his team would endeavour to follow.

6. Chief Executive's Communications

Mr Oldfield expressed his thanks to the immediate Past Mayor and her team for a fantastic job in a difficult year and circumstances and welcomed the new Mayor, Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress.

At this juncture, Mr Oldfield invited Councillor Karen Buckley, Leader of the Council, to speak. Councillor Buckley congratulated the new Mayor and offered her thanks to the outgoing Mayor for an excellent job in chairing the Council meetings and her superb results from her fundraising events.

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