



# Minutes

## TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 10 September 2015
<b>Venue:</b>	Town Hall, St Annes.
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Councillor Cheryl Little (Chairman) Councillor Tim Ashton (Vice-Chairman)  Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Jan Barker, Brenda Blackshaw, Maxine Chew, Richard Fradley, Paul Hodgson, Sandra Pitman, Vince Settle, Raymond Thomas.
<b>Other Councillors Present:</b>	Councillors Susan Fazackerley, David Donaldson
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Paul Walker, Darren Bell, Paul Drinnan, Lyndsey Lacey
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Tim Lince, Roger McCann (Lowther Trust) 2 members of the public

### 1. 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.

Councillor Cheryl Little declared a personal interest in item 8 relating to the Annual Report - Lowther Gardens Trust in so far as she represents the Council as a Trustee in the management of Lowther Trust.

Councillor Brenda Blackshaw declared a personal interest in item 8 relating to the Annual Report - Lowther Gardens Trust in so far as she is involved in the Friends of Lowther Trust.

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Tourism and Leisure Committee held on 4 June 2015 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

### 3. Substitute members

There were no substitute members in attendance at the meeting.

### Decision Items

#### 4. Fairhaven Lake & Promenade Footways Capital Scheme 2015/16

Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) was invited to present a report on the proposed resurfacing works to Fairhaven lakeside path, Fairhaven coastal path and Lytham promenade.

Members were advised that the works would be funded from the annual capital budget for promenade footway improvements. Details with regard to this matter (including the cost breakdown of the scheme) was set out in the report.

A plan detailing the extent of the works proposed at Fairhaven Lake was circulated with the report.

It was RESOLVED: to approve the proposed works to Fairhaven lakeside path, Fairhaven coastal path and Lytham promenade as detailed in the report, with the works being funded from the approved 2015/16 capital programme total provision of £55,000 for Promenade Footways.

#### 5. Boat Replacement at Fairhaven Lake

The Chairman invited Paul Walker (Director of Development Services) to present the report on the proposed boat replacement at Fairhaven Lake.

In summary, the report provided a brief history of the boating service at Fairhaven Lake along with events that led to the early closure of the 2014 motorboat season and the subsequent review of service options.

Further to the above, the report set out the details of an addition to the Council's capital programme in December 2014 in the sum of £55,000 for boat replacement during 2014/2015 to be fully funded from the Capital Investment Reserve. It also referred to a subsequent report to Cabinet in December 2014 which described the tendering and procurement issues in relation to the replacement of the teak motorboats at Fairhaven Lake, with a new fleet of fibre glass electric craft.

This report outlined the difficulties encountered with the supply of the new boats to the required specifications and in the specified timeframe and the remedial actions that have been undertaken to ensure that Fylde Council could still provide a 'boating offer' at Fairhaven Lake through the 2015 summer season. In addition, it sets out details of the progress on delivery of the capital scheme to date and proposals for the delivery of the remainder of the scheme.

Following consideration of this matter, Committee RESOLVED:

1. To note the progress on delivery of the boat replacement scheme and the £19,167 spent to date in the purchase of 5 motorboats on Fairhaven Lake; and
2. To approve the delivery of the remainder of the boat replacement capital scheme by way of the replacement of the existing motorised boats at Fairhaven Lake with seven new motorboats, to be met from the balance of the sum within the approved capital programme for this purpose as detailed within this report.

#### Information Items

The following information items were received by the committee.

#### 6. Restoration of Fairhaven Lake and Gardens /Fylde Headlands Project Appraisal Report

This was an updated information report on the project to restore Fairhaven Lake's historic buildings, structures and landscapes in the light of an unsuccessful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The report also covered the replacement hard sea defences at Fairhaven Lake and Church Scar and the objective to create a high quality public realm.

#### 7. Memorandum of Understanding – The Open Golf Championship

This report provided an overview of the framework in place for planning any future Open Championship event in the borough and detailed the importance of the infrastructure and facilities surrounding the Royal Course that facilitate The Open.

8. Annual Report – Lowther Gardens Trust

This was an Annual Report for Lowther Gardens Trust summarising the performance over the previous year. Representatives from Lowther Gardens Trust attended the committee to present the key points arising from the report.

9. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2015/16 – Position as at 31 July 2015

This was an information report detailing the Council's General Fund (GF) Revenue Budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 with specific reference to those areas under the Committee's remit.

10. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2015/16 – Position as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015

This was an updated information report on the Council's approved Capital Programme as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 with specific reference to those schemes under the Committee's remit.

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