



MINUTES

Council

Date:	Wednesday, 7 May 2025
Venue:	Lowther Pavilion Theatre, Lytham.
Members Present:	Mayor (Councillor Karen Henshaw JP) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Joanne Gardner) Councillors Frank Andrews, Mark Bamforth, Liz Bickerstaffe, Karen Buckley, Peter Collins, Chris Dixon, Martin Evans, Kelly Farrington, Susan Fazackerley MBE, Gail Goodman JP, Paul Hodgson, Jordan Ledger, Matthew Lee, Ed Nash, Jayne Nixon, Sandra Pitman, Richard Redcliffe, Andrew Redfearn, Vince Settle, William Taylor, Tommy Threlfall, Viv Willder, Michael Withers.
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Tracy Manning, Ian Curtis, Gemma Broadley, Ian Williamson, Paul O'Donoghue, Dan Atkinson, Maria Marcella, Eva McCullough, Hannah Kirk, Jack Waters, Beth Roth, Sharon Wadsworth, Jo Collins and Katharine McDonnell.

Prayers

Prayers were offered by the Reverend Hodgson.

Mayors Welcome

The Mayor (Councillor Karen Henshaw) welcomed everyone to the annual meeting of the council.

The Mayor spoke about her eventful and memorable year, and the fantastic support she had had from her consort, Alderman Henshaw, from her deputies Councillor Jo Gardner and Mr Dan Gardner, the mayoral attendants, particularly Colin Dockery who had returned from retirement to attend the meeting, to the Civic Officer Jo Collins, and the Town Hall custodians. She gave special thanks to her Chaplain, Reverend Tony Hodgson and the Harris family for their support with the charity events, particularly the African night. She also thanked all the Honorary Alderman, Councillors, friends and members of the public who had supported the charity events.

The Mayor talked of how proud she was that she had been able to give an equal share of over £23,000 to her three chosen charities, Home-Start Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre; Friends of Clifton Hospital and Lytham St Annes RNLI.

The Mayor expressed her enjoyment in meeting numerous volunteers across the borough and her appreciation for the diverse organisations they supported, which significantly enriched the community. She hoped the council would continue to present certificates of appreciation to family businesses and hold multi-faith gatherings. She concluded by stating how honoured she had been to represent Fylde over the past year and extended her best wishes to the incoming Mayoral team for the coming year.

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

Councillor Gail Goodman moved that Councillor Frank Andrews be elected as Mayor for the ensuing municipal year, seconded by Councillor Vince Settle and it was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor Frank Andrews be appointed Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the ensuing municipal year.

After making the Declaration of the Acceptance of Office, as required by Statute, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Andrews) thereupon occupied the chair.

(The Mayor also indicated that his appointee as Mayoress was Mrs Ann Andrews).

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

It was moved by the Mayor, Councillor Frank Andrews, seconded by Councillor Sue Fazackerley and RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor Cheryl Little 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 indicated that her appointee as Deputy Mayor's Consort was Mr Paul Little).

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council and residents of the borough, expressed his thanks and congratulations to Councillor Karen Henshaw for her successful year in office.

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor, presented to the immediate Past Mayor (Councillor Karen Henshaw) an Illuminated Record containing the resolution of the Council electing her to the office of Mayor of the Borough for the year 2024/2025. He also presented Councillor Karen Henshaw with her Past Mayor's badge and, to Alderman Howard Henshaw, his past Mayor's Consort badge.

The Mayor announced that Reverend Philip Chew would be his Mayor's Chaplain for the forthcoming year, and that the Civic Sunday service would be held on Sunday, 15th June 2025 at St Nicholas's Church, Wrea Green. The service would commence 10am followed by refreshments.

The chosen charities for the mayoral year would be Trinity Hospice, Release International, and the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA).

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 meetings, held on 31 March 2025, as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

5. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor had no further announcements.

6. Chief Executive's Communications

On behalf of all staff Mr Oldfield, Chief Executive, thanked everyone present for attending, gave congratulations to the new Mayor and expressed his thanks to the immediate past Mayor and her team for an enjoyable and successful year.

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