



MINUTES

Council

Date:	Monday, 5 February 2018
Venue:	Lowther Pavilion, West Beach, Lytham.
Members Present:	Mayor (Councillor John Singleton JP) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Raymond Thomas) Councillors Ben Aitken, Christine Akeroyd, Frank Andrews, Peter Anthony, Tim Ashton, Jan Barker, Keith Beckett ISO, Brenda Blackshaw, Karen Buckley, Maxine Chew, Alan Clayton, Delma Collins, Peter Collins, Michael Cornah, David Donaldson, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Gail Goodman JP, Shirley Green, Peter Hardy, Neil Harvey, Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson, Angela Jacques, Cheryl Little, Roger Lloyd, Kiran Mulholland, Edward Nash, Graeme Neale, Jayne Nixon, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, Sandra Pitman, Richard Redcliffe, Louis Rigby, Vince Settle, Roger Small, Heather Speak, Thomas Threlfall, Viv Willder.
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Tracy Morrison, Ian Curtis, Simon Stott, Katharine McDonnell, Sharon Wadsworth, Lewis Middleton
Other Attendees:	Four members of the public were present.

Prayers

Prayers were offered by Reverend Peter Lillicrap.

A minute's silence was then held in respect of the late Councillor Barbara Nash. Following the silence, the Mayor offered some words of condolence to Councillor Ed Nash on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Ed Nash stood to offer his thanks for the support that everyone at the council had shown to he and his daughter over the last few weeks.

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.

There were none on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2017 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

3. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Sue Fazackerley, who had been honoured with an MBE in the New Year's Honours list.

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He advised that the Respect Awards evening would be held on Tuesday 10 April. Nomination forms had been sent to all schools in Fylde. The Mayor further advised that the nominations would be judged by a panel comprising the Mayor; Dr Judith Poole, Blackpool and the Fylde College; Mrs Ailsa Pemberton, Pemberton's Dairy and Captain Adam Diver of The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment. He advised that the awards were being sponsored by David Haythornthwaite of AFC Fylde.

Turning to some of his recent engagements, the Mayor advised that he and the Mayoress had been honoured to attend the Lions Swimathon where 500 swimmers had taken part to raise money for the Edward Dee Meningitis Fund.

He also spoke about the very enjoyable Blues Evening organised by the Deputy Mayor, held in January, to raise money for the Mayoral charities.

The Mayor reminded those present of the forthcoming charity events, a nautical themed evening to be held on 20 February called All at Sea; the Mayor's Ball on Friday 23 March at Woodlands Suite, Ribby Hall; and on 7 April a Sportsman's Dinner with Bill Beaumont, to be held at Fylde Rugby Club.

4. Chief Executive's Communications

There were no communications from the Chief Executive on this occasion.

5. Questions from Members of the Council

There were no questions from members of the Council.

6. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

Decision Items

7. Invitation to Accept Appointment as Mayor 2018/19

Councillor Heather Speak proposed that Councillor Peter Collins be invited to accept the appointment of Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the municipal year 2018/19.

Councillor Linda Nulty seconded the proposal, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to appoint Councillor Peter Collins as Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the municipal year 2018/19, at the next Annual Meeting.

The Mayor offered his congratulations to Councillor Collins on his appointment.

8. Invitation to Accept Appointment as Deputy Mayor 2018/19

Councillor Peter Collins proposed that Councillor Jan Barker be invited to accept the appointment of Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Liz Oades seconded the proposal and it was RESOLVED unanimously to appoint Councillor Jan Barker as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the municipal year 2018/19, at the next Annual Meeting.

The Mayor offered Councillor Barker his congratulations on her appointment.

9. Schedule of Meetings 2018/19

Councillor Susan Fazackerley presented the proposed schedule of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year 2018/19.

Councillor Karen Buckley seconded the proposal.

Following a show of hands in favour of the proposal, it was RESOLVED to approve the schedule of meetings for 2018/19, subject to any necessary amendments.

10. The Annual Pay Policy Statement 2018

Councillor Buckley presented the report that provided details of the Pay Policy Statement for Fylde Council which was required to be adopted annually. She advised the Policy Statement was in line with the Localism Act and guidance from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Councillor Roger Small seconded the proposal, and it was RESOLVED to approve the Pay Policy Statement 2018 for Fylde Council, included as an appendix 1 to the report, which included the required statement on Gender Pay Gap Information as the only significant change from the statement approved in 2017.

11. Financial Forecast Update 2017/18 to 2021/22 (position as at January 2018)

Councillor Karen Buckley introduced the Financial Forecast Update report, advising that it had been considered by the Finance and Democracy Committee on 22 January 2018. She advised that the update reflected the impact of the Local Government Finance Settlement. It also included the confirmation of the continuation of the Lancashire Business Rates Pool.

Councillor Buckley advised that the Government had confirmed there would be no change to the calculation methodology for New Homes Bonus, and there would only be modest changes to the retained Business Rate income as a result of changes to the reliefs and discounts.

She advised that the forecast assumed a 2.99% or £5 increase for Council Tax on a Band D property and the government had also confirmed that referendum principles would not be applied to Town and Parish Councils before 2021/22.

Councillor Buckley concluded by advising that the forecast assumed a 2% pay award for staff, although negotiations were still ongoing, and it also reflected the New Homes Bonus Distribution to Town and Parish Councils.

Councillor Roger Small seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED to note the implications of the updated financial forecast.

12. Committee Membership Nominations

Councillor Sue Fazackerley advised that due to the untimely death of Councillor Barbara Nash, the position of Vice Chairman of Public Protection Committee and also Licensing Committee were vacant. She advised that it was proposed to nominate Councillor Neil Harvey to both those positions.

Councillor Fazackerley further advised there were currently two vacancies on the Member Development Steering Group and it was proposed to appoint Councillor Ray Thomas and Councillor Peter Hardy to those vacancies.

Councillor Angela Jacques seconded the proposals.

It was RESOLVED

1. To appoint Councillor Neil Harvey as Vice Chairman to Public Protection Committee and to Licensing Committee; and
2. To appoint Councillors Peter Hardy and Ray Thomas to the Member Development Steering Group.

13. Constitution Amendments – Public Speaking

Councillor David Donaldson introduced a report proposing amendments to the Constitution. He explained that presently public speaking arrangements were not clearly set out in the Constitution. The Audit and Standards Committee had considered the issue and were recommending the provision of a new Article to draw together all the arrangements into one place. The new Article would also enshrine in the Constitution the public speaking arrangements at Planning Committee, as the arrangements were not currently in the Constitution.

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Councillor Donaldson concluded by advising there were no changes proposed to the current public speaking arrangements.

Councillor Roger Small seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED to approve the adoption of Article 15 – Public Speaking at Meetings of the Council and its Committees, as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report, and to make the necessary changes to the Constitution to reflect the adoption.

14. A Lancashire Combined Authority

Councillor Sue Fazackerley introduced a report proposing the withdrawal of Fylde Council as a constituent member of the Lancashire Combined Authority (CA), in its current format and in doing so, she set out the background to the Lancashire CA.

She advised the Council of some of the issues and difficulties the Shadow CA had had to contend with since its inception. These included the issue of an elected mayor, an additional layer of government with the added financial burden on taxpayers, and the potential of conflicting priorities for its constituent members which could have resulted in votes along party political lines.

These concerns and the difficulties with resolving them had resulted in the leading group to advise the Shadow CA, through the Leader, that Fylde Council was unlikely to support the CA in its present format.

Councillor Fazackerley advised that constituent members of the CA had attended the September 2017 meeting anticipating the news that the CA would not be progressing. However the Chairman of Shadow CA had been assured by the then Minister that it could be possible to form a CA without an elected Mayor. The prospect of an elected mayor had been a stumbling block for a number of members of the CA. There followed a period of flux due to different interpretations of the Minister's advice and the way forward.

She advised that around the same time the press became aware Fylde's position to withdraw from the Shadow CA. Councillor Fazackerley stressed that the Shadow CA were aware this was the view of the leading group at Fylde and not the will of the Council and therefore the official position was to remain in the Shadow CA.

However, she advised that it had become clear that there were no tangible benefits for Fylde to remain as part of the Shadow CA, as there had been no application to the Secretary of State or was there presently any potential for a devolution deal, which was the purpose of the recommendations before the Council for consideration.

She concluded by advising that Fylde was not alone in this view with Ribble Valley, Wyre and the County Councils also not supportive of the Shadow Combined Authority.

Councillor Karen Buckley seconded the proposal.

Councillor Liz Oades stated that more information was required about alternative options to a Combined Authority. She advised that she did not support another layer of government, but neither did she wish to have an unelected quango in place, as the LEP had been previously. Councillor Oades stated that to succeed Lancashire needed some means of competing with Liverpool and Manchester, to attract additional government funding. She stated that Fylde needed to part of those vital conversations.

Councillor Oades went on to say that under the Constitution, the Leader of the Council had no power to act without the express permission of the Council. She therefore proposed the following additional recommendation;

"That a mechanism be put in place to ensure that in future any decisions that need to be made in conjunction with Lancashire colleagues and relating to alternative arrangements for strategic regional issues be reported to full council before decisions are made".

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Linda Nulty.

A vote on the amendment was taken, by way of a show of hands. The amendment was LOST.

Following a short debate, a vote was then taken on the substantive motion. It was therefore RESOLVED to

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1. Fylde Council no longer agrees to be a constituent member of the Lancashire Combined Authority in its current form or be part of the Shadow Combined Authority.

2. That after over two years of planning the Combined Authority model has failed to gain the necessary unanimous support amongst all Lancashire Authorities and is unlikely to do so; and
3. That Fylde Council continues to work with all Lancashire authorities to establish alternative options for working together on strategic regional initiatives

15. Revocation of Dog Byelaws

Councillor Sandra Pitman introduced a report outlining the necessary procedural steps required to revoke the Council's existing byelaws that had previously dealt with the control of dogs. She advised that the recent introduction of nine public space protection orders, was driven partly by the view that byelaws were an ineffective and archaic way of enforcing dog control. However if the PSPOs lapsed, the by-laws would come back into force and, it was inconceivable that there could be a wish to revert to the byelaws. She advised it was necessary to make a new by-law to revoke the old by-laws.

Having considered the matter the Operational Management Committee recommended that the Council approve steps that would lead to the revocation of the relevant byelaws.

Councillor Jayne Nixon seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED to

1. Adopt the attached draft byelaw, together with the assessment set out in paragraphs 8 to 10, as the council's scheme to make a byelaw revoking the dog control byelaws listed in the draft;
2. Publicise the proposal to make the byelaw in accordance with statutory requirements; and
3. Subject to no representation being received in response to the consultation, make the byelaw, thereby revoking the byelaws listed in it.

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