



MINUTES

Community Focus Scrutiny Committee

Date:	Thursday, 12 October 2023
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Vince Settle (Chairman) Councillor Frank Andrews (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Damian Buckley, Peter Collins, Martin Evans, Gail Goodman JP, Gavin Harrison, John Kirkham, Cheryl Little
Other Councillors Present:	Councillor Chris Dixon - Lead Member for Social Wellbeing Councillor Ellie Gaunt - Lead Member for Finance and Resources
Officers Present:	Paul Walker, Ian Curtis, Mark Wilde, Ian Williamson, Tim Dixon, Alex Scrivens, Lyndsey Lacey- Simone
Other Attendees:	Tim Lince, Chief Executive, Lowther Trust (Lytham) Teresa Mallabone, Chair, Lowther Trust (Lytham)
Members of the Public:	5 Members of the public attended the meeting

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. No interests were declared on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Community Focus Committee meeting held on 22 June 2023 as correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 23 (c):

Councillor Cheryl Little substituted for Councillor Peter Anthony.

Councillor Peter Collins substituted for Councillor Edward Collins.

4. Lowther Trust - Annual Report

The Chairman invited Tim Dixon (Tourism and Cultural Services Manager) to introduce the report.

By way of introduction, Mr Dixon advised members that the Council currently supports the Lowther Trust through a funded three-year Service Level Agreement (SLA) which expires in March 2025. Mr Dixon explained that as part of the agreement, the Trust is required to provide a report to the Committee each year, summarising the performance over the previous year.

The Chairman advised that Councillor Jayne Nixon was now Fylde's representative on Lowther Trust.

A copy of the 2022/2023 Annual Report was included as an appendix to the covering report.

The Chairman then went on to invite Tim Lince, Chief Executive, Lowther Gardens (Lytham) Trust to present the Trust's 2022/23 Annual Report. In doing so, Mr Lince provided members with a summary of the performance over the previous year together with details of various challenges and achievements and other key points of interest arising from the report. In conclusion, Mr Lince thanked the Council for its ongoing support, help and advice and stated that in the face of adversity Lowther believes that it has laid the groundwork for a very exciting future in providing cultural activities for all generations.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman invited questions from members of the Committee. Clarification was sought various matters including: the impact on local residents regarding the use of the Padel Tennis Courts; the ongoing availability of the original tennis court; future plans for the proposed rooftop restaurant and the screening of movies to care homes. These questions were addressed in turn by Mr Lince.

At this juncture the Chairman varied the business on the agenda.

5. Community Governance Review of Lytham & Ansdell

Further to the resolution of Council on 12 October 2022, Paul Walker (Interim Scrutiny Manger) presented the report which sought to consider a proposal to advise the Executive Committee as to how further and more extensive consultation should be undertaken in relation to proposals to establish parish councils for Ansdell and Lytham.

Ian Curtis (Head of Governance) was invited by the Chairman to further expand on the details contained in the report.

Clarification was sought about the timeline for this review. This was addressed by the Chairman.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. A Task and Finish Group be established comprising Councillors Peter Anthony, Chris Dixon, Martin Evans, Gail Goodman, Gavin Harrison and Vince Settle to undertake a spotlight review to look at how further and more extensive consultation should be undertaken in relation to community governance proposals to establish new parish councils for Ansdell and Lytham.
2. That the Task and Finish Group make recommendations direct to the Executive Committee regarding the nature and extent of such public consultation.

6. Annual Overview - Fylde Community Safety Partnership 2022-23

Ian Williamson (Head of Environmental Health and Housing Service) was invited by the Chairman to present the report. The report provided information on the performance of the Fylde Community Safety Partnership (CSP), its statutory responsibilities under various Acts together with details of the funding position.

Mr Williamson explained that the chairmanship of the CSP is a rotating arrangement between agencies and this year, Fylde Council chairs the partnership with Councillor Chris Dixon acting as Chairman.

Following an invitation from the Chairman, Councillor Chris Dixon further expanded on the work of the CSP.

A copy of the Fylde Community Safety Partnership overview for 2022/23 was included as an appendix to the report.

An update was sought on the operation of the existing Public Protection Orders and the small funding bid recently submitted. These points were addressed by Mr Williamson.

The committee RESOLVED to accept the Annual Overview of the Fylde Community Safety Partnership 2022-2023.

7. Adult Weight Management Funding

Alex Scrivens (Corporate Performance & Engagement Manager) was invited to present the report. In doing so, he advised that Fylde Council had been allocated a further £47,981 from September 2023 to March 2024 onwards for a tier 2 weight management programme as part of the government funding for the future delivery of Healthy Weight Services. Mr Scrivens advised that this would be a collaborative agreement for a minimum of 5 years. He added that there would be a right to extend the agreement by a further 3 years, thereby making the overall term up to and including a maximum of 8 years.

Further details about the 'Change' Programme including statistical information were included in the report.

Included as appendices were: (i) A copy of the Fylde Healthy Weight Annual Report 22-23 and (ii) a copy of the Weight Management Service Evaluation.

Clarification was sought on various aspects contained in the report including the take up of the Change Programme by male and females; GP referrals; advertisement/signposting of the Programme; comparisons with work undertaken by neighbouring authorities; ongoing follow ups/after care after the 8-week programme and matters associated with future funding arrangements. These were addressed in turn by Mr Scrivens. Mr Scrivens also agreed to provide members with an update by way of email on matters associated with the follow up/aftercare programme.

The Committee RESOLVED:

1. To note the performance and accept this report.
2. To note the extension of the service delivery in place and recommend to the Executive Committee the acceptance of the allocated funding.
8. Community Focus Scrutiny Committee - In Depth Reviews 2023/24

Further to a workshop of the Community Focus Scrutiny Committee held on 19 September 2023, members were invited to agree the in-depth scrutiny reviews for Community Focus Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year. Details regarding this matter were set out in the report.

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that:

1. An in-depth review of LCC's approach to repairing roads in Fylde Borough be established and commenced in the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year and that a Task and Finish Group be established to undertake this.
2. That the Task and Finish group comprise the following members: Councillors Damian Buckley, John Kirkham, Martin Evans, Gavin Harrison, Vince Settle and Michael Withers.
3. The scope and objectives of the review be agreed by members of the Task and Finish Group.
4. That members note the approach as outlined in section 10 of the report in relation to the remaining four review topics.
9. Ongoing Scrutiny Workplans 2023/24

The Committee was provided with an update on the current work programme of the two scrutiny committees. Members were advised that going forward, this would be a standing item on the scrutiny agendas.

The ongoing daily changes to the workplan were highlighted. It was further reported that since the publication of the agenda, Council at its meeting held on 3 October recommended that an item relating to swimming provision be included on the workplan. In this regard, the Chairman read out a statement as follows:

"In light of the Notice of Motion at council on Monday last week, I understand that senior members are working with officers, and the YMCA, to bring forward a Disposal Plan for Kirkham Baths. Once the Disposal Plan has been submitted, the Council has 28 days to accept or reject the plan. This will be considered by the Executive Committee in the first instance. The Disposal Plan prepared by the YMCA which sets out how the premises are to be disposed of, along with the anticipated proceeds of the disposal and the anticipated timescale. Officers are also working with Active Lancashire to assess swimming provision within Fylde Borough. Once this work has occurred, options for public swim provision will come forward to this committee for consideration."

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to note the report and make the amendments to the workplan as outlined at the meeting.

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