



# MINUTES

## Council

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 8 May 2024
<b>Venue:</b>	Lowther Pavilion, Lytham St Annes.
<b>Members Present:</b>	Mayor (Councillor Cheryl Little) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Peter Anthony)  Councillors Frank Andrews, Liz Bickerstaffe, Julie Brickles, Damian Buckley, Karen Buckley, Edward Collins, Peter Collins, Chris Dixon, Martin Evans, Kelly Farrington, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Joanne Gardner, Gail Goodman JP, Noreen Griffiths, Gavin Harrison, Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson, John Kirkham, Jordan Ledger, Matthew Lee, Michelle Morris, Ed Nash, Jayne Nixon, Sandra Pitman, Richard Redcliffe, Andrew Redfearn, Vince Settle, William Taylor, Tommy Threlfall, Michael Withers.
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Allan Oldfield, Tracy Manning, Ian Curtis, Mark Evans, Ian Williamson, Charlie Richards, Jo Collins, Sharon Wadsworth, Maria Marcella, Anita Elliott, Katharine McDonnell, Colin Dockery, Alan Ranfield.
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Honorary Aldermen, invited guests and members of the public.

### Prayers

Prayers were offered by the Mayor's Chaplain, Peter Watson.

### Mayors Welcome

The Mayor (Councillor Cheryl Little) welcomed everyone to the annual meeting of the council. She commented that the occasion marked the 50th anniversary of the creation of Fylde Council.

The Mayor spoke about what an honour and privilege it had been to serve as the Mayor of Fylde, of the memories she had of her Mayoral year, and the wonderful community groups and volunteers she had met, who make Fylde such a special place to live.

She gave special thanks to her Deputies, Peter and Paul, the Civic Officer, Jo Collins, and to her family, particularly her husband and Mayoral Consort, Paul, for all his help and support.

The Mayor spoke of how proud she was to be able to make a considerable donation to her chosen charities, World Horse Welfare Penny Farm and Lytham Hall, and thanked everyone who had attended and contributed to her fundraising events. She advised that a smaller donation had also been made to Streetwise through the generosity of George's Garage.

The Deputy Mayor congratulated the Mayor and Mayor's Consort on their Mayoral year, and spoke warmly about the Mayor's year and his honour of serving as her Deputy Mayor. He thanked the Mayor for choosing Lytham Hall as one of her charities. In closing he thanked the Civic Officer, Jo Collins and the Mayoral Attendant, Colin Dockery for all their help and support throughout the year.

They both wished the incoming Mayoral team the best for their coming year.

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

Councillor Matthew Lee moved that Councillor Karen Henshaw be elected as Mayor for the ensuing municipal year, seconded by Councillor Peter Collins and it was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor Karen Henshaw 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 Karen Henshaw) thereupon occupied the chair.

(The Mayor also indicated that her appointee as Mayors' Consort was Mr Howard Henshaw).

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

It was moved by the Mayor, Councillor Karen Henshaw, seconded by Councillor Noreen Griffiths and RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor Joanne Gardner 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 Dan Gardner).

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council and residents of the borough, expressed her sincere thanks and congratulations to Councillor Cheryl Little for her successful year in office. She also thanked the Mayor's Consort, the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor's Consort for all their work and support during Councillor Little's mayoral year.

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor, presented to the immediate Past Mayor (Councillor Cheryl Little) an Illuminated Record containing the resolution of the Council electing her to the office of Mayor of the Borough for the year 2023/2024. She also presented Councillor Cheryl Little with her Past Mayor's badge and, to Mr Paul Little, his past Mayor's Consort badge.

The Mayor spoke of her aspirations for her coming year, including her desire to open up the Town Hall to residents of the borough, to celebrate the diversity of the many communities of Fylde, and to show appreciation to local businesses.

She announced that Reverend Antony Hodgson would be her Mayor's Chaplain for the forthcoming year, and that the Civic Sunday service would be held on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at St Margaret's Church, St Annes. The service would commence 10am followed by refreshments.

The chosen charities for the mayoral year would be Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Homestart, Lytham St Annes RNLI and Friends of Clifton Hospital.

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 18 March 2024, 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, extended a warm welcome to everyone present, gave congratulations to the new Mayor and expressed his thanks to the immediate past Mayor and her team for an enjoyable and successful year.

Decision Items

7. Confirmation of Committees and Allocation of Membership

Prior to the introduction of the item, Councillor Karen Buckley offered her congratulations to the new Mayor and wished her an enjoyable and successful year ahead and thanked the past mayoral team on their term of office.

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Councillor Buckley then introduced the item on confirmation of committees and allocation of membership in accordance with the principles of political balance under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Councillor Richard Redcliffe, congratulated the Mayor on her appointment and seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED:

1. To appoint the committees and joint committees set out in the appendix to the report for the municipal year 2024-2025, with the same terms of reference as previously agreed;
2. To allocate the committee seats in accordance with the principles of political balance as set out in the table below; and
3. To appoint all the Public Protection Committee members to the Licensing Committee, which is not required to be politically balanced.

Executive	Internal Affairs Scrutiny	Community Focus Scrutiny	Planning	Public Protection	Licensing *	Audit & Governance	Standards	Chief Officer Employment	Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Economic Prosperity Board *	JNC (Chief Executives) Independent Panel
Buckley, Karen	Fazackerley, Susan	Settle, Vince	Redcliffe, Richard	Pitman, Sandra	Pitman, Sandra	Withers, Michael	Fazackerley, Susan	Buckley, Karen	Buckley, Karen	Broughton, H*
Redcliffe, Richard	Kirkham, John	Andrews, Frank	Harrison, Gavin	Willder, Viv	Willder, Viv	Redfearn, Andrew	Collins, Peter			Horrocks, B*
Armit, Tim	Buckley, Damian	Anthony, Peter	Collins, Peter	Andrews, Frank	Andrews, Frank	Anthony, Peter	Gaunt, Ellie	Bickerstaffe, Liz		Clements, P*
Collins, Peter	Collins, Ed	Bickerstaffe, Liz	Farrington, Kelly	Bamforth, Mark	Bamforth, Mark	Bickerstaffe, Liz	Hayhurst, Paul	Fazackerley, Susan		
Dixon, Chris	Farrington, Kelly	Buckley, Damian	Dixon, Chris	Evans, Martin	Evans, Martin	Collins, Peter	Willder, Viv	Hayhurst, Paul		
Gaunt, Ellie	Gardner, Joanne	Collins, Ed	Evans, Martin	Fazackerley, Susan	Fazackerley, Susan	Gaunt, Ellie	Broughton, H*	Redcliffe, Richard		
Farrington, Kelly*	Little, Cheryl	Evans, Martin	Griffiths, Noreen	Goodman, Gail	Goodman, Gail	Hayhurst, Paul	Horrocks, B*	Withers, Michael		
Hodgson, Paul	Pitman, Sandra	Nash, Ed	Goodman, Gail	Griffiths, Noreen	Griffiths, Noreen	Kirkham, John	Clements, P*			
Lee, Matthew	Redcliffe, Richard	Harrison, Gavin	Ledger, Jordan	Harrison, Gavin	Harrison, Gavin	Nash, Ed				
Morris, Michelle	Redfearn, Andrew	Henshaw, Karen	Nixon, Jayne	Hodgson, Paul	Hodgson, Paul					
Nixon, Jayne	Taylor, William	Kirkham, John	Pitman, Sandra	Little, Cheryl	Little, Cheryl					
Threlfall, Tommy	Willder, Viv	Withers, Michael	Settle, Vince	Taylor, William	Taylor, William					
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			Andrews, Frank							
			Morris, Michelle							
			Willder, Viv							
			Anthony, Peter							
			Armit, Tim*							
			Buckley, Damian							
			Bickerstaffe, Liz							
			Collins, Ed							
			Gardner, Joanne**							
			Taylor, W							
Conservative: 7	Conservative: 7	Conservative: 7	Conservative: 7	Conservative: 7		Conservative: 5	Conservative: 3	Conservative: 4		* Statutory Independent Persons
Independent: 3	Independent: 3	Independent: 3	Independent: 3	Independent: 3		Independent: 3	Independent: 2	Independent: 2		
Labour: 0	Labour: 1	Labour: 0	Labour: 1	Labour: 1		Labour: 0	Labour: 0	Labour: 0		
Lib Dem: 1	Lib Dem: 1	Lib Dem: 1	Lib Dem: 0	Lib Dem: 0		Lib Dem: 0	Lib Dem: 0	Lib Dem: 0		
Non Aligned: 1	Non Aligned: 0	Non Aligned: 1	Non Aligned: 1	Non Aligned: 1		Non Aligned: 1	Non Aligned: 0	Non Aligned: 0		
*nominated by the Lib Dems			*to be confirmed at the next Planning meeting		* not required to be politically balanced		* Statutory Independent Persons		* not required to be politically balanced	
			**to be confirmed at next Planning meeting and nominated by the Independents							

8. Constitution change - Route to Scrutiny

Councillor Michael Withers congratulated the Mayor on her appointment and proposed an amendment to the constitution which would provide a pathway for members to ask the scrutiny committee to consider including a relevant matter in its work plan.

Councillor Redfearn seconded.

It was RESOVLED to amend the constitution to include the following paragraph;

*X.1 Any member of the council can refer a matter for request to be included in a scrutiny workplan.*

*X.2 Requests must be made in writing to the Deputy Chief Executive (or a member of the Scrutiny Team in their absence) and may include a supporting statement of no more than 100 words.*

*X.3 A request will be placed on the agenda of the relevant committee at its next available meeting, The “next available” meeting means the first meeting falling more than ten working days after the Deputy Chief Executive receives the request, unless it is practicable to include the request as an agenda item at an*

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*earlier meeting, in which case it means that earlier meeting. Any supporting statement will be included in the agenda along with the request.*

*X.4 The committee will deliberate and decide whether to include the requested matter in its workplan. If the committee decides against inclusion, it should set out a concise reason for its decision.*

9. Household Support Fund Round 5

Councillor Chris Dixon offered his congratulations to the Mayor on her appointment. He then proposed the approval for the drawdown of round 5 household support funding for the support of low-income families in the borough. He spoke about the excellent work of the officers in delivering the funding, and the impact the funding had for struggling families.

Councillor Jayne Nixon congratulated the Mayor and seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED to approve a fully funded revenue budget increase of £261,853 in 2024/25, fully funded from the government Household Support Fund grant.

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