



Minutes

COUNCIL

Date:	Monday, 12 October 2015
Venue:	United Reformed Church, St Georges Road, St Annes.
Members:	Mayor (Councillor Peter Hardy) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Heather Speak) Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Frank Andrews, Timothy Ashton, Mark Bamforth, Jan Barker, Keith Beckett ISO, Brenda Blackshaw, Karen Buckley, Maxine Chew, Delma Collins, Peter Collins, David Donaldson, David Eaves, Susan Fazackerley, Trevor Fiddler, Tony Ford JP, Richard Fradley, Gail Goodman, Neil Harvey, Paul Hayhurst, Paul Hodgson, Angela Jacques, Cheryl Little, Roger Lloyd, Barbara Nash, Edward Nash, Graeme Neale, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Albert Pounder, Richard Redcliffe, Louis Rigby, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood, John Singleton JP, Roger Small, Heather Speak, Thomas Raymond, Thomas Threlfall, Vivienne Willder.
Officers Present:	Tracy Morrison, Paul Walker, Ian Curtis, Ross McKelvie, David Oxley and Katharine McDonnell
Other Attendees:	Approximately 15 members of the public

Prayers

Prayers were offered by Mr Ian Curtis, Head of Governance.

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 Little declared a personal interest in agenda item 10, Request for Use of S106 Developer Contribution for Proposed Affordable Housing Scheme, the nature of the interest being that she was Fylde Borough Council's representative on the YMCA Board.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 July 2015 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

3. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor advised that just prior to the meeting a draw had taken place for those Councillors wishing to be Mayor on the basis of seniority. He advised Councillor Akeroyd would be nominated to be Mayor for 2016/17, Councillor Pounder for 2017/18, Councillor Peter Collins for 2018/19 and, following the borough elections in May 2019, Councillor Chew would be Mayor for 2019/20.

The Mayor spoke about a recent engagement he had enjoyed with the newly renamed Blackpool and Fylde Submariners Club, and had been presented with a shield for display in the Mayor's Parlour.

He invited Councillors to attend the forthcoming coffee morning on 29 October 2015 in the Town Hall; the cocktail and canape evenings on 15 and 16 December 2015; and the Mayoral Ball on 11 March 2016 at Ribby Hall. All the events were in aid of the Mayor's charities.

4. Chief Executive's Communications

Ms Tracy Morrison, Director of Resources, on behalf of the Chief Executive, advised that agenda item 8, Notice of Motion – Local Government Decision Making, had been withdrawn by Councillor Oades.

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 on this occasion.

Decision Items

7. Notice of Motion – Water Contamination

Following notice given under rule 12 of the Council Procedure Rules, the following Motion was proposed by Councillor Elizabeth Oades.

"That this Council is concerned by the recent Cryptosporidium contamination to our water supply and the measures taken to deal with it."

Councillor Linda Nulty moved an amendment to add the following words, which was seconded by Councillor Elaine Silverwood;

"We would therefore request that Fylde Borough Council instructs the Chief Executive write to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Minister for Energy and Climate Change, drawing their attention to the inadequacy of regulation in major industries, particularly in the light of the fourteenth round of onshore oil and gas licence awards covering much of England. We also request that central government puts in place rigorous, independent, regulatory and inspection regimes for all industries which affect public health above all improved purification of domestic water supplies and the treatment and disposal of contaminated waste water."

Following the amendment, Councillor Heather Speak declared a personal and prejudicial interest, the nature of the interest related to shale gas. She left the room for the remainder of the item.

Councillors Fiddler and Threfall declared personal interests, the nature of the interest related to shale gas.

Following a discussion, Councillor Susan Fazackerley moved that the motion be deferred to the next Council meeting to allowed proper consideration, the deferral was seconded by Councillor Karen Buckley.

Following a vote by a show of hands it was AGREED to defer the notice of motion to the next meeting of the Council.

8. Notice of Motion – Local Government Decision Making

This item was withdrawn by Councillor Oades.

9. Notice of Motion – Honorary Alderman

Following notice given under rule 12 of the Council Procedure Rules, the following Motion was proposed by Councillor Paul Hayhurst and seconded by Councillor Richard Redcliffe

“That the Council practice of inviting retiring members who have completed 20 years of service or more to become Honorary Aldermen, be extended to include retiring members with less than 20 years service but who have previously served as Mayor of the Borough.”

Following a discussion an amendment was moved by Councillor Ed Nash and seconded by Councillor Neil Harvey;

“That the motion be referred to the appropriate committee for further discussion and determination, and return to this Council, as necessary.”

Following a vote by a show of hands the amendment was CARRIED.

The substantive motion, amended as set out, was then CARRIED by a show of hands

10. Request for use of S106 Developer Contribution for Proposed Affordable Housing Scheme

Councillor Trevor Fiddler introduced the report. He advised that a request had been received from the YMCA for a contribution to help deliver an affordable housing scheme in St Annes for 18-25 year olds.

Councillor Fiddler explained that the fully-funded budget increase, if approved, would come from the Section 106 developer contributions for affordable housing. The sum requested was £562,697 from a budget of £2.4m.

In addition he put forward a second resolution that he advised would safeguard the Council's contribution to the scheme.

Councillor Ed Nash seconded the proposal.

After a brief discussion it was RESOLVED

1. that the Council approve a fully-funded revenue budget increase for 2016/17 in the sum of £562,697, to be met from a portion of the balance of S106 developer contributions for affordable housing currently held by the Council for this purpose in the total sum of £2.4m, in respect of the proposed development of 11 self-contained flats in St Annes by the YMCA. £562,697 was a 50% contribution towards the total scheme costs; and
2. That a condition of the grant is that an agreement is put in place with the YMCA to:
 - (a) Ensure ongoing provision of the affordable housing units, as set out in the funding request; and
 - (b) That a restriction is placed on the registered title of the site to prevent disposal without the written consent of Fylde Borough Council to protect the council's investment.

11. Capital Strategy

Councillor Karen Buckley introduced the revised capital strategy which she advised had been revised to take account of the governance changes made in May 2015. She advised the strategy explained how capital schemes were identified through the budget process.

Councillor Small seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the revised Capital Strategy with effect from the 2016/17 budget cycle.

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