



MINUTES

Council

Date:	Monday, 16 October 2017
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Members Present:	Mayor (Councillor John Singleton JP) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Raymond Thomas) Councillors Frank Andrews, Peter Anthony, Tim Ashton, Karen Buckley, Maxine Chew, Alan Clayton, Delma Collins, Peter Collins, Michael Cornah, David Eaves, Sue Fazackerley, Tony Ford JP, Richard Fradley, Shirley Green, Peter Hardy, Neil Harvey, Paul Hayhurst, Paul Hodgson, John Kirkham, Cheryl Little, Roger Lloyd, Barbara Nash, Edward Nash, Graeme Neale, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, Sandra Pitman, Richard Redcliffe, Louis Rigby, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood, Roger Small, Heather Speak, Thomas Threlfall, Viv Willder.
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Tracy Morrison, Ian Curtis, Ross McKelvie, Katharine McDonnell, Sharon Wadsworth, Lewis Middleton
Other Attendees:	Two members of the public were present.

Prayers

Prayers were offered by Reverend Peter Lillicrap.

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 no declarations on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2017 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

3. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that he attended 119 engagements since becoming Mayor. He thanked everyone for supporting the Mayoral Charity events held so far and announced a number of forthcoming events including a Blues Night to be held in January 2018 and a Sportsman Dinner, featuring Bill Beaumont.

He spoke about a series of visits he had been making to primary schools in Fylde. It involved giving a talk regarding the role of the Mayor and holding question and answer session, which had raised some interesting and amusing questions.

The Mayor concluded by advising that a Respect Champions' event for schools and colleges had been launched. Pupils and students would be invited to apply for a role as a Respect Champion.

4. Chief Executive's Communications

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

5. Questions from Members of the Council

The following question had been submitted by Councillor Peter Collins;

"As income and expenditure on the Green Bin Service is not shown as a separate item in the budget book and published in the accounts, how can this Council be sure that charges for this service will be sufficient to cover costs?"

Councillor David Eaves responded by saying that charges for the green waste service were introduced in order to achieve the stated priority in the council's Corporate Plan, that was to "mitigate the impact of the loss of the Lancashire County Council waste subsidy", not to cover the cost of the service.

He advised that over 17,000 residents had subscribed to the service. He further advised however, that the income generated had only gone some way towards mitigating the £763,000 that would be lost when the County Council withdrew the subsidy.

Councillor Collins asked a supplementary question, "As income and expenditure on the Green Bin Service is not shown as a separate item in the budget book and published in the accounts, how can this Council be sure that it is not charging too much for the Green Bin service?"

Councillor Eaves advised again that the income was only contributing to the funding gap and was in no way bridging that gap. Since it was announced that the subsidy from Lancashire County Council would be removed, the purpose of a charge for the Green Bin service had been discussed many times at Operational Management Committee and at Budget Council.

6. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions on this occasion.

Decision Items

7. Constitution Amendments

Councillor Ed Nash proposed the recommendations of the Audit and Standards Committee to make constitutional amendments to the Rules of Procedure. In doing so he outlined the changes recommended by the Audit and Standards Committee, namely that amendments to motions must be made in writing and that challenges to the accuracy of the minutes must be submitted to the Monitoring Officer within five working days following the publication of the minutes.

Councillor Karen Buckley seconded the proposal.

Councillor Liz Oades proposed an amendment to recommendation 3, "any challenge to the previous Council minutes must be submitted to the Monitoring Officer within 10 working days of the Council meeting."

Councillor Linda Nulty seconded the amendment.

A vote was taken by way of a show of hands and the motion was LOST.

Discussion turned back to the original motion, with comment regarding the proposed change to the challenge to the accuracy of the minutes, particularly the process for challenging the minutes.

With no further speakers, a vote was taken by way of a show of hands and it was RESOLVED

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1. To amend paragraph 13.7 to include an additional new paragraph which would read “All amendments should be submitted in writing and given to officers prior to the [Council] meeting. If this is not possible, a written copy will be accepted during the meeting so that officers can read it aloud, thus providing clarity, to all members.”;
2. To amend the second sentence of paragraph 13.2, for clarity, to read “Unless it is a notice of motion under rule 12.1, the Mayor *will* require the proposal to be written down and handed to him before it is discussed, *consistent with paragraph 13.7(b) below.*”;
3. To amend paragraph 16 with the additional wording, “Any challenge to the previous Council Minutes must be submitted to the Monitoring Officer within five working days of the formal publication of the Minutes. Verbal challenges during the meeting will not be accepted.” This wording to follow the sentence “The only matter which may be discussed is the accuracy of the minutes.”

(Councillors Oades, P Collins, Chew, Speak, Silverwood, Nulty, Hodgson and Lloyd requested that their vote against the motion be recorded).

(Councillor Hayhurst entered the meeting partway through the consideration of the item)

8. Fully Funded Addition to Capital Programme 2017/18 – Refurbishment of 93 St Albans Road, St Annes

Councillor Viv Willder proposed a fully funded addition to the Capital Programme for the refurbishment of 93 St Albans Road, St Annes and the approval of ForViva Housing Association as the Registered Provider. She explained that the matter had recently been considered by the Environment, Health and Housing Committee.

Councillor Shirley Green seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED

1. To approve ForViva Housing Association as the Registered Provider that the Council will transfer the Order Land of 93 St Albans to, for conversion into 2 or 3 self-contained flats, which ForViva Housing Association will operate; and
2. To approve an addition to the Capital Programme 2017/18 in the sum of £147,890 in respect of the St Albans Road scheme, to be met from S106 developer contributions held by the Council for affordable housing in the sum of £112,794 and a contribution from ForViva Housing Association for £35,096.

9. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Councillor Sue Fazackerley proposed the recommendations of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee and the Tourism and Leisure Committee to appoint Councillors to the outside bodies.

She advised that Councillor Viv Willder had been nominated to the Fylde and Wyre Health and Wellbeing Partnership to replace Councillor Delma Collins. She further advised that the Tourism and Leisure Committee had nominated the Chairman of Tourism and Leisure committee to the newly formed Fairhaven Lake Heritage Lottery Project Board.

Councillor Karen Buckley seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED to;

1. Approve the nomination of Councillor Viv Willder, by the Environment, Health and Housing Committee, to represent the Council at the Fylde and Wyre Health and Wellbeing Board; and
2. Approve the nomination, by the Tourism and Leisure Committee, of the Chairman of Tourism and Leisure Committee, Councillor Cheryl Little to represent the Council on the Fairhaven Heritage Lottery Project Board.

10. Revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2017-2020

Councillor Barbara Nash introduced the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2017-2020. She advised the policy had originally been approved in 2006 and had been reviewed on a regular basis since that time. However following recent high profile cases nationally and changes to best practice, the policy had undergone a wide ranging rewrite and had been consulted upon. The Public Protection Committee having considered it at a recent meeting recommended it to Council for approval.

Councillor Frank Andrews seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED to approve the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy document.

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