



MINUTES

Council

Date:	Monday, 15 July 2019
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Members Present:	Mayor (Councillor Angela Jacques) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Richard Redcliffe) Councillors Ben Aitken, Frank Andrews, Peter Anthony, Tim Armit, Mark Bamforth (via remote access), Brenda Blackshaw, Paula Brearley, Julie Brickles, Karen Buckley, Alan Clayton, Delma Collins, Peter Collins, Chris Dixon, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Ellie Gaunt, Brian Gill, Shirley Green, Noreen Griffiths, Will Harris, Gavin Harrison, Paul Hayhurst, Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson, John Kirkham, Matthew Lee, Cheryl Little, Roger Lloyd, Michelle Morris, Kiran Mulholland, Ed Nash, Sally Nash, Jayne Nixon, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, David O'Rourke, Bobby Rigby, Michael Sayward, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood, John Singleton JP, Roger Small, Heather Speak, Ray Thomas, Tommy Threlfall, Stan Trudgill, Viv Willder, Michael Withers.
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Tracy Manning, Ian Curtis, Tara Walsh, Alastair Woodhouse, Sharon Wadsworth, Kassie Navarasi, Katharine McDonnell, Colin Dockery.
Other Attendees:	Six members of the public were present.

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 Lee declared a personal interest in item 11, Singleton Parish Council as he was currently Chairman of Singleton Parish Council.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 May 2019 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

3. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that her first two months in office had flown by and she had already attended 45 events all over the borough. She was thoroughly enjoying being Mayor and gave thanks to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Redcliffe for his support in attending those events she had not been able to attend.

The Mayor gave notice of a number of forthcoming charity events. 'Pimms, Prosecco and Puddings' on 6th August, the Tombolo tent and second-hand bookstall at the 1940s weekend, and finally Lancashire Day Coffee morning on 27 November.

Finally she welcomed Councillors to attend Civic Sunday on 21st July at 10am, at St Thomas' Church, St Annes.

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

Two questions had been received from members of the public. The first from Mr Rogachevsky of Lytham. His question was;

"Mr. Mike Kirby, Director of Strategy and Performance for Lancashire County Council, has indicated that the county council "have not been asked to remain within the premises" of the Lytham Institute by Fylde Council for the purpose of returning the Lytham library to the Institute. How does this lack of effort on the part of Fylde Council square with its responsibilities to the people of Lytham, who have expressed their clear wish to see the library back at the Institute, as well as its responsibilities as charity trustee of the Institute to secure the building for the benefit of the community?"

Councillor Susan Fazackerley responded advising that Mr Kirby had been contacted to clarify his comments. He had advised that the quote was taken from a lengthy response to correspondence and had been taken out of context. Councillor Fazackerley further advised that the decision to close the library had been a matter for Lancashire County Council, but had the decision been to retain or reopen the library in the Institute, it would have been fully supported by Fylde Borough Council. In regards to the trust status, that was a matter subject to legal correspondence and it would be inappropriate to comment until that was resolved.

Mr Rogachevsky asked a supplementary question, wishing to know as a Trustee why the Council had not sought to retain the library in order to properly maintain the Institute.

Councillor Susan Fazackerley responded stating that she refuted the idea the Council had not properly maintained the Institute, and the question of the legal status of the Institute had not yet been determined.

The second question was received from Mr Marshall of St Annes. His question was;

"In light of the IPCC report on Global Warming, what steps are Fylde Council taking to mitigate the impacts of climate change and ensuring that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030?"

Councillor Ben Aitken responded stating that the Council was committed to carbon reduction and put in place a number of measures to mitigate the impact of climate change, such as increased tree planting across the borough, reducing single-use plastics; and the introduction of electric car charging for taxis. These existing strategies would be further developed in the new four year Corporate Plan, and the Council would look to introduce new measures in line with the IPCC report that would embed carbon reduction throughout its service provision.

Mr Marshall asked a supplementary question, wishing to know if Fylde Council would join the 104 Councils nationally in declaring a climate crisis.

Cllr Aitken responded, advising the matter would be given serious consideration.

Decision Items

7. Appointment to Committees

Councillor Susan Fazackerley proposed changes to the membership of committees. She explained that the allocations were made at the Annual Council meeting, however since then, there had been some changes to the political balance and as a result there needed to be some changes to some committee seats.

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Adjustments had been made to the allocations and the proposed changes were outlined in the report.

Councillor Karen Buckley seconded the proposal.

Councillor Collins proposed the following amendment;

“In the interests of good governance and in order to follow best practice as recommended by CIPFA that the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of Audit and Standards be offered to Councillors for opposition groups.”

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Mulholland.

Following a debate, a vote was taken and the motion was lost.

Without further debate, it was RESOLVED to:

1. Adjust the allocations of committee seats to reflect the changed political balance of the council by reallocating one seat on the Tourism and Leisure Committee from the Independent group to a non-aligned Councillor;
2. Appoint Councillor Mulholland as a member of the Tourism and Leisure Committee in place of Councillor Lloyd.
3. Appoint Councillor Mulholland as a member of the Audit and Standards Committee in place of Councillor Hayhurst;
4. Appoint Councillor Hardy as a member of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee in place of Councillor Hayhurst; and
5. Appoint Councillors Hardy, Sayward and O'Rourke to the Member Development Steering Group.

8. Appointment to Outside Bodies

Councillor Susan Fazackerley introduced the report. She advised that the council made a number of appointments to outside bodies, following nominations from committees, which were confirmed each year by the council.

Councillor Roger Small seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED that the following Councillors be appointed to the following outside bodies;

Outside bodies / partnerships	Appointed councillor
Arts Partnership for Fylde	Councillor Jayne Nixon
Arts Working Group	Councillor Vince Settle
Blackpool Airport and Hillhouse Enterprise Zone Project Board	Chairman of Finance and Democracy
Children's Partnership Board	Councillor Will Harris
Community Projects Fund	The Mayor (2019/20 Councillor Angela Jacques)
Community Safety Partnership	Councillor Ben Aitken
Council for Voluntary Services, BWF	Councillor Gavin Harrison
Duty to Cooperate	Chairman and Vice Chairman of Planning Committee
East Lytham Working Group	Councillor Roger Lloyd
Education Liaison Committee (Planning)	Councillors Richard Redcliffe and Linda Nulty
YMCA Housing (Face to Face)	Councillor Viv Willder
Fairhaven and Church Scar Coastal Defence Project Board	Councillors Tommy Threlfall
Fairhaven Lake & Gardens Restoration Project Board	Councillor Cheryl Little
Fylde Arts Association	Councillor Jayne Nixon
Fylde Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillors Linda Nulty, Noreen Griffiths and John Singleton
Fylde Coast LGBT Strategic Partnership	Councillor Shirley Green
Fylde Coast Women's Aid	Councillor Viv Willder
Fylde Coast YMCA Partnership Board	Councillor Gavin Harrison
Fylde & Wyre Health & Wellbeing	Councillor Viv Willder

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Partnership	
Fylde Peninsular Water Management Group	Councillor Ben Aitken
Just Good Friends	Councillor Viv Willder
Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board	Councillor Viv Willder
Lancashire Waste Partnership	Chairman of Operational Management Committee
LCC Health & Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Viv Willder
Local Liaison Committee Springfield Works	Councillors Roger Lloyd and Ben Aitken
Lowther Trust	Councillor Roger Small
Lytham Hall Partnership	Councillor Shirley Green
MATAC	Councillor Roger Lloyd
North West Employers Organisation	Chairman of Finance and Democracy Committee (named substitute Councillor Vince Settle)
North West of England & the Isle of Man Reserve Forces & Cadets Association	Councillor Ed Nash
One Fylde (formerly Ormerod Trust)	Councillor Angela Jacques
PATROL	Councillor John Kirkham
Registered Providers (RSO) Partnership (formerly Registered Social Landlords (RSL))	Councillor Ben Aitken
Sintropher Working Group	Councillor John Kirkham
St George's Day Festival Committee	Councillor Cheryl Little

9. Invitation to Accept Appointment as Mayor 2020/21

Councillor Susan Fazackerley proposed that Councillor Cheryl Little be invited to accept the appointment of Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the municipal year 2020/21.

Councillor John Singleton seconded the proposal, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to appoint Councillor Cheryl Little as Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the municipal year 2020/21, at the next Annual Meeting.

10. Extension of the Term of Office – Independent Persons

Councillor John Singleton introduced the report proposing an extension to the term of office for the Council's three Independent Persons. Councillor Singleton advised that it was a requirement under the Localism Act for local authorities to appoint at least one Independent Person for a period of three years. Fylde Borough Council and Blackpool Council share three Independent Persons and had appointed them in April 2016, for a term of three years, until the end of September 2019.

He advised, however, in January 2019 a review of the Standards Framework was undertaken by the Committee for Standards in Public Life. The Committee had made a series of recommendations to the Government. If the recommendations were accepted, it would mean significant changes to the standards regime. The response from the Government was not yet known. It was recommended it would be prudent therefore to extend the term of the existing Independent Persons for one year, by which time it was hoped there would be more clarity regarding any proposed changes. Blackpool Council had made a similar decision at its meeting in June 2019.

Councillor Ed Nash seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED:

1. That Mr Mozley, Mr Horrocks and Mrs Broughton, the three Independent Persons pursuant to Section 28 (7) of the Localism Act 2011, be appointed for a further twelve months from 30 September 2019 until 30 September 2020.

11. Singleton Parish Council: Appointment of Parish Councillors

Councillor Karen Buckley advised that Singleton Parish Council currently had insufficient members to be quorate, and it was proposed that Fylde, as the principal council, temporarily appoint members to the Parish Council, as permitted by the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Vince Settle seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED to authorise the Director of Resources to make an order under section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 to appoint Christopher Bailey and Michael Andrew Smith as members of Singleton Parish Council.

12. Corporate Plan 2016-2020 Progress Update

Councillor Susan Fazackerley, Leader of the Council, introduced an update report regarding progress to date of Corporate Plan actions which were due to be delivered or progressed between April 2018 and March 2019. Appendix 2 noted that 12 actions were completed and the rest, with the exception of the M55 Link Road, were on track for completion by the end of the Plan.

Councillor Karen Buckley seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED that the Council approves the progress made against the Corporate Plan actions outlined in Appendix 2 of the report for the period April 2018 to March 2019.

13. Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) Policy

Councillor John Singleton introduced the updated Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) Policy. He advised that the policy was required to be reviewed, updated and readopted annually and as such had been considered by the Audit and Standards committee. Councillor Singleton provided a brief overview of the application of the RIPA provisions. He proposed the considered policy be endorsed by Council.

Councillor Ed Nash seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED to endorse the RIPA policy as updated.

(Councillor Bamforth, accessing the meeting via remote means, did not participate in the vote on any matter, pursuant to Schedule 12, Part VI 39(1) of the Local Government Act 1972)

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