

## Council Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday, 18 October 2018 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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### Councillors present:

The Mayor, Councillor Marge Anderton and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Michael Barrowclough.

Councillors Ian Amos, Rita Amos, Emma Anderton, Lady Dulcie M Atkins, Howard Ballard, Lorraine Beavers, Roger Berry, Lynne Bowen, Simon Bridge, Peter Cartridge, Sue Catterall, Alice Collinson, Ruth Duffy, Emma Ellison, Rob Fail, Peter Gibson, David Henderson, John Hodgkinson, Graham Holden, John Ibison, Tom Ingham, Kerry Jones, Andrea Kay, Terry Lees, Paul Moon, Phil Orme, Sue Pimbley, Cheryl Raynor, Julie Robinson, Ron Shewan, Brian Stephenson, Evelyn Stephenson, Ann Turner, Shaun Turner, Alan Vincent, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, Lynn Walmsley and Val Wilson.

**Apologies:** Councillors Balmain, B Birch, C Birch, I Duffy, Greenhough, McKay, Murphy, Ormrod and Smith.

### Officers present:

Garry Payne, Chief Executive  
Mark Broadhurst, Service Director Health and Wellbeing  
Mark Billington, Service Director People and Places  
Marianne Hesketh, Service Director Performance and Innovation  
Emma Lyons, Communications and Marketing Lead  
Roy Saunders, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager  
Peter Foulsham, Scrutiny Officer.

**Also present:** Aldermen Bannister and McCann and six members of the public.

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### 43 Confirmation of minutes

**Agreed** (by 28 votes to 8, with 5 abstentions) that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

**Agreed** (by 27 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions) that the minutes of the meeting of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 24 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **44           Declarations of Interest**

Cllr E Anderton and Cllr Ellison both declared a non-pecuniary interest in paragraph 3 of the Executive Report of the Resources Portfolio Holder relating to the introduction in Wyre of Universal Credit, because their main employer was the Department of Work and Pensions, although neither of them were directly involved in the administration of Universal Credit.

#### **45           Announcements**

1. The Mayor announced that the Northern Festival of Remembrance would be taking place at the Marine Hall on Tuesday 6 November 2018 at 7 pm.
2. The Mayor said that Members had been invited to attend two Christmas concerts at the Marine Hall being organised by BBC Radio Lancashire. The first was an 'Intimate Christmas Concert' to be held on Sunday 16th December at 1 pm and the second was the Lancashire Christmas Concert with The Band of the Kings Division to be held on Wednesday 19 December at 10.30 am.
3. The mayor announced that an Afternoon Tea was to be held at the Mount Hotel, Fleetwood on 20 October to raise funds for the Mayor's charities.
4. The Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder announced that Poulton New Cemetery had won a Gold Award at the Cemetery of the year Awards 2018. She presented a framed certificate to the Mayor.
5. The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder announced that Fleetwood Market had been a winner in the North of England category at the Best of Britain Business Awards 2018. He presented the trophy to the Mayor.

#### **46           Public questions or statements**

None received.

#### **47           Questions "On Notice" from councillors**

None received.

#### **48           Executive reports**

- (a)     Leader of the Council (Councillor Henderson)

The Leader of the Council (Cllr Henderson) submitted a report.

Cllr Henderson responded to questions and comments from Cllrs Fail,

E Anderton, Moon and Ballard.

Cllr Henderson said, in response to comments made by Cllr E Anderton, that he would make enquires about the possibility of the Government exempting the 'Tommy' silhouettes, referred to in paragraph 3.1 of his report, from VAT.

(The Chief Executive responded to comments made by Cllr Gibson about the Council's policies and practices for supporting councillors)

**Agreed** that the report be noted.

(b) Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent)

The Resources Portfolio Holder (Cllr A Vincent) submitted a report.

Cllr A Vincent responded to questions and comments from Cllrs R Duffy, B Stephenson, Beavers and Fail.

Cllr Vincent said he would send a written response to Cllr Fail's question whether, following the DWP's meeting with private landlords, a guarantee had been put in place so that no evictions would be made as a result of the introduction of Universal Credit and, if not, what actions the Council was taking to protect its residents.

**Agreed** that the report be noted.

(c) Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bridge)

The Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder (Cllr Bridge) submitted a report.

Cllr Bridge responded to questions and comments from Cllrs Kay, Orme, R Duffy, Lees, E Stephenson and Ellison.

**Agreed** that the report be noted.

(d) Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (Councillor Michael Vincent)

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (Cllr Michael Vincent) submitted a report.

Cllr Michael Vincent responded to questions and comments from Cllrs Ibison, Gibson, Hodgkinson, E Anderton, Lees and Ellison.

Cllr Vincent also said he would send a written response to Cllr Gibson on the cost of preparing and submitting the Local Plan and the cost of the appointment of the Inspector for the recent examination of the Plan.

Cllr Vincent said, in response to comments made by Cllr E Anderton, that he would speak to relevant officers about a scheme for the provision of beach wheelchairs.

**Agreed** that the report be noted.

- (e) Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (Councillor Berry)

The Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (Cllr Berry) submitted a report.

Cllr Berry informed members that the LANPAC Rural Crime Conference, referred to in paragraph 4.1 of his report, was now taking place from 9am to 4pm on Wednesday 7 November (not at 6pm on 14 November).

Cllr Berry responded to questions and comments from Cllrs Lees, R Duffy, Kay, Gibson, Walmsley, S Turner and Moon.

Cllr Berry said that he would attempt to find out why the ambulance responding to the accident referred to by Cllr Lees had been unable to access the beach because of a locked chain and seek to ensure that appropriate arrangements for emergency vehicles were in place for the future.

**Agreed** that the report be noted.

- (f) Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bowen)

The Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Cllr Bowen) submitted a report.

Cllr Bowen responded to questions and comments from Cllrs Ballard, Ellison, Lady Atkins, R Duffy, E Anderton, A Turner and Collinson.

**Agreed** that the report be noted.

## **49 Licensing Committee Periodic Report**

The Chairman of the Licensing Committee (Cllr Robinson) submitted a report on issues dealt with by the Licensing Committee and the Licensing team during the period from November 2017 to September 2018.

Cllr Robinson responded to questions and comments from Cllrs Lees, B Stephenson and Michael Vincent.

**Agreed** that the report be noted.

**50 Dispensation for non-attendance at Council meetings: Councillor Balmain**

The Leader of the Council (Cllr Henderson) and the Chief Executive submitted a report on continued non-attendance at meetings because of ill health of Cllr Balmain.

**Agreed** (unanimously) that a further dispensation be granted to Cllr Balmain to enable him to continue to act as a Councillor without attending meetings until 1 May 2019.

**51 Notices of Motion**

None.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.18 pm.

*NOTE. An audio recording of this meeting is available via the following link:*

<https://youtu.be/CfgqR1dJ124>