



## Council Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde on Thursday 7 September 2017.

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### Councillors present:

The Mayor, Councillor Collinson, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Robinson,  
Councillor I Amos                      Councillor Greenhough                      Councillor A Turner  
Councillor R Amos                      Councillor Henderson                      Councillor S Turner  
Councillor E Anderton                      Councillor Hodgkinson                      Councillor A Vincent  
Councillor M Anderton                      Councillor Ibison                      Councillor Matthew Vincent  
Councillor Ballard                      Councillor Ingham                      Councillor Michael Vincent  
Councillor Barrowclough                      Councillor Jones                      Councillor Walmsley  
Councillor Beavers                      Councillor Kay                      Councillor Wilson.  
Councillor Berry                      Councillor Lees  
Councillor B Birch                      Councillor McKay  
Councillor C Birch                      Councillor Moon  
Councillor Bowen                      Councillor Murphy  
Councillor Bridge                      Councillor Orme  
Councillor Catterall                      Councillor Ormrod  
Councillor Ellison                      Councillor Smith  
Councillor Fail                      Councillor B Stephenson  
Councillor Gibson                      Councillor E Stephenson

**Apologies:** Councillors Lady Atkins, Balmain, I Duffy, R Duffy, Holden, Pimbley, Shewan and Taylor and Mark Billington (Service Director People and Places).

### Officers present:

Garry Payne (Chief Executive)  
Marianne Hesketh (Service Director Performance and Innovation)  
Mark Broadhurst (Service Director Health and Wellbeing)  
David Thow (Head of Planning and Regeneration)  
Rea Psillidou (Planning Policy and Economic Development Manager)  
Rosie Green (Policy and Engagement Manager)  
Roy Saunders (Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager)  
Carole Leary (Democratic Services Officer).

**Also present:** Aldermen Bannister and McCann, 15 members of the public and a journalist from That's Lancashire TV.

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**Confirmation of Minutes**

Councillor A Vincent proposed and Cllr Bowen seconded a proposal that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

Councillor Beavers proposed and Cllr B Stephenson seconded an amendment to add words to the fourth bullet-point of the second paragraph of minute 24(d) (Executive Report of the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder), as follows:

*“and she suggested that Councillors Greenhough and Moon be removed from the Planning Committee”.*

The amendment was lost by 29 votes to 9.

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 July 2017, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a correct record (by 24 votes to 9).

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**Declarations of Interest**

1. The Mayor (Councillor Collinson) declared a “significant other interest” in agenda item 9 - Wyre Local Plan – because her daughter and son-in-law owned land within a site allocated in the proposed Plan for residential development. She said that there might, therefore, be a perception of a conflict of interest which was likely to prejudice her judgement on the issue. She said that the Deputy Mayor would take the Chair for that item and she would leave the chamber whilst that item was considered.
2. Councillor Ibison also declared a “significant other interest” in agenda item 9 – Wyre Local Plan – because he too had close family members and friends who owned land within sites allocated for development in the Plan and said that he would leave the chamber whilst the item was considered.
3. Councillor A Vincent declared a “personal, non-financial interest” in agenda item 11 – Alliance Agreement for the Development of the Fylde and Wyre Multi-Speciality Community Provider Model – because he was Chairman of Spiral Health, a community interest company which was one of the 28 signatory organisations to the proposed agreement. He said that his interest was not such that he considered that he needed to withdraw from the meeting whilst the item was discussed.

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**Announcements**

The Mayor made announcements about arrangements for forthcoming Civic and charity events, as follows:

- A casino cocktail night in the grounds of Gift Hall farm Winmarleigh on Saturday 21 October 2017;
- The Northern Festival of Remembrance concert, on Wednesday 8 November 2017;
- A raffle for a luxury 2 night break for two in the lake District in aid of the Mayor’s charities;
- A luncheon at Wyre Bank, on Friday 15 September 2017.

**COU. 29**      **Public Questions or Statements**

None.

**COU. 30**      **Questions “on notice” from Councillors**

None.

**COU. 32**      **Executive Reports**

(a)      **Leader of the Council**

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

There were no questions or comments from Councillors.

**RESOLVED**: that the report be noted.

(b)      **Resources Portfolio Holder**

The Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent) submitted a report. Councillor Vincent congratulated the Finance Team for their excellent work in finalising the Council’s Statement of Accounts for 2016/17 and the comments made by the External Auditor, as referred to in paragraph 2.2 of his report.

Councillor A Vincent responded to comments and questions from Councillor B Stephenson and E Stephenson about the future sale of Council assets and, in doing so, reiterated that there were currently no plans to sell any Council owned land on the seaward side of the Fleetwood Promenade.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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

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

Councillor Henderson responded to comments and questions from:

- Councillor Barrowclough about signs on the beach;
- Councillor Hodgkinson about action taken to resolve a parking problem in Ellerbeck Road.

Councillor Henderson also agreed:

- to arrange for Councillor E Anderton to be provided with information on the analysis of responses to the consultation on new dog control orders when available;
- to pass on wishes for a speedy recovery expressed by Cllr Beavers to the recycling operative who had been hit by a vehicle.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

(d) Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (Councillor Murphy) submitted a report.

Cllr Murphy responded to comments and questions from:

- Councillor E Anderton about access to the planning applications portal system via the Council's web site;
- Councillor Barrowclough about the proposals for a fish processing plant at Fleetwood;
- Councillor Fail about comments in the local press relating to the planning application for housing development at Lambs Road, Thornton;
- Councillor S Turner, about the benefits brought to the borough by Myerscough College.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

(e) Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder

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

Cllr Berry responded to comments and questions from:

- Councillor Lees, about the potential danger to pedestrians from speeding cyclists on the promenade;
- Councillor A Turner about action taken to improve pedestrian access for residents living in the vicinity of the shops at Marsh Mill;
- Councillor Beavers about possible action to prevent anti-social behaviour taking place in the evenings at Memorial Park, Fleetwood.

Councillor Berry also said that he would arrange for information to be sent to Cllr Barrowclough about the number of complaints received about damage to nearby properties caused by work on the sea defenses.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

(f) Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder Report

The Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bowen) submitted a report.

Councillor Bowen said, in response to a question, that she would arrange for Councillor Smith to be informed which local schools, in addition to Larkholme Primary School, had been invited to participate in the Grassland Project.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

(g) Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder

The Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Councillor Taylor) submitted a report. In the absence of Councillor Taylor, the report was introduced by the Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson).

The Resources Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor A Vincent) stated, in response to a question from Councillor Barrowclough, that all the costs incurred by Wyre Council in clearing up the recent oil spillage on the beach would be reimbursed. He said he would arrange for Councillor Barrowclough to be informed of the sums involved when they were known.

Councillor A Vincent said that he would arrange for comments made by Councillor E Anderton about the potential dangers to the water supplies of Wyre residents caused by the fracking site at Preston New Road in Fylde, including a request to write to the Prime Minister, to be passed to Councillor V Taylor.

Councillor A Vincent also responded to questions and comments from Councillor B Stephenson and Councillor Bridge about nuisance caused by seagulls.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

(h) Comments and questions from Cabinet members

None

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**Wyre Local Plan 2011 – 2031**

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (Councillor Murphy) and the Chief Executive submitted a report seeking approval for the publication of the Local Plan for public consultation and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State for examination.

Councillor Murphy proposed the recommendations in the report, which were seconded by Councillor Henderson.

Councillor Fail proposed and Councillor Barrowclough seconded an amendment to delete recommendations 3.1 to 3.5 and insert the following recommendations instead:

*Defer the consultation in order that the new housing allocations for Thornton Cleveleys and Fleetwood in Para 4.1.18 of Appendix A are removed as a consequence of:-*

- 1. the lack of a strategy within or outside of the Local Plan that has been signed up to showing how the Public Open Space under provision is to be resolved.*
- 2. the lack of a strategy within or outside of the Local Plan to specifically reduce road congestion in Thornton Cleveleys and Fleetwood (Accepting that the current A585 bypass is at least 5 years away from fruition and reduced congestion in Thornton Cleveleys is not a specific outcome of the scheme in any case).*
- 3. the lack of a strategy within or outside of the Local Plan that has been signed up to showing how the rail line from Poulton to Fleetwood will be re-instated.*

A recorded vote was requested by 4 Councillors under Procedure Rule 19.4.

Councillors E Anderton, M Anderton, Barrowclough, Beavers, Fail, Lees, Smith, B Stephenson and E Stephenson voted for the amendment.

Councillors I Amos, R Amos, Ballard, Berry, B Birch, C Birch, Bowen, Bridge, Catterall, Ellison, Gibson, Greenhough, Henderson, Hodgkinson, Ingham, Jones, Kay McKay, Moon, Murphy, Orme, Ormrod, Robinson, A Turner, S Turner, A Vincent, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, Walmsley and Wilson voted against the amendment.

The amendment was therefore lost by 9 votes to 30.

Councillor Fail then proposed and Councillor Barrowclough seconded another amendment, as follows:

*That recommendation 3.1 be amended to read “That the ‘Publication’ draft Wyre Local Plan, labelled as Appendix 1 to this report, be approved for public consultation and that a report of the consultation results together with a revised Local Plan are brought back to Full Council for approval prior to submission to the Secretary of State for examination.”*

*That recommendation 3.3 be amended to read “That the approach to consultation as outlined in paragraphs 5.39 – 5.41 of this report be approved subject to amendment of the paragraphs to reflect that a consultation report and revised Local Plan will be brought back to Full Council for approval prior to submission to the Secretary of State for examination.”*

*That recommendations 3.4 & 3.5 be removed.*

A recorded vote was again requested by four Councillors under Procedure Rule 19.4.

Councillors E Anderton, M Anderton, Barrowclough, Beavers, Fail, Lees, Smith, B Stephenson and E Stephenson voted for the amendment.

Councillors I Amos, R Amos, Ballard, Berry, B Birch, C Birch, Bowen, Bridge, Catterall, Ellison, Gibson, Greenhough, Henderson, Hodgkinson, Ingham, Jones, Kay McKay, Moon, Murphy, Orme, Ormrod, Robinson, A Turner, S Turner, A Vincent, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, Walmsley and Wilson voted against the amendment.

The amendment was therefore lost by 9 votes to 30.

A recorded vote was then requested under Procedure Rule 19.4 on the original proposal that the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

Councillors I Amos, R Amos, Ballard, Berry, B Birch, C Birch, Bowen, Bridge, Catterall, Ellison, Gibson, Greenhough, Henderson, Hodgkinson, Ingham, Jones, Kay McKay, Moon, Murphy, Orme, Ormrod, Robinson, A Turner, S Turner, A Vincent, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, Walmsley and Wilson voted for the proposal. Councillors E Anderton, M Anderton, Barrowclough, Beavers, Fail, Lees, Smith, B Stephenson and E Stephenson voted against the proposal, which was therefore carried by 30 votes to 9.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the 'Publication' draft Wyre Local Plan, labelled as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for public consultation and thereafter submission to the Secretary of State for examination, provided the public consultation does not raise issues which require substantive alterations to the draft Wyre Local Plan.
2. That the Sustainability Appraisal Report accompanying the 'Publication' draft Wyre Local Plan, labelled as Appendix 2 to the report, be approved for public consultation.
3. That the approach to consultation outlined in paragraphs 5.39 – 5.41 of this report be approved.
4. That powers be delegated to the Head of Planning Services and, in his absence to the Chief Executive, to make amendments to the 'Publication' draft Wyre Local Plan in consultation with the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder, before it is published or submitted for examination - Such amendments could include (but not limited to) improvements to the clarity of the document, factual and typing errors and necessary updates to take account of Development Management decisions from August 2017 onwards and final recommendations from the Viability Assessment, Habitat Regulation Assessment and 2017 Strategic Housing Market Assessment Addendum III.
5. That the 'Publication' draft Wyre Local Plan be approved for Development Management purposes, replacing the Core Strategy Preferred Options in the Development Management process from the date of publication.

**Audit Committee: Periodic Report**

The Chairman of the Audit Committee (Councillor McKay) submitted a report setting out the current position on issues being dealt with by the Committee.

Cllr McKay, when introducing her report, echoed comments made earlier in the meeting by the Resources Portfolio Holder praising the Finance Team for submitting the Council's final accounts for 2016/17 so promptly and for obtaining an unqualified report from the external auditor. Those comments were endorsed by Cllr E Anderton.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**COU. 35**      **Alliance Agreement for the Development of the Fylde and Wyre Multi-Speciality Community Provider Model**

The Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Cllr Taylor) and the Service Director Health and Wellbeing submitted a report on a proposed agreement for the development of a new model for the provision of health and social care services in Fylde and Wyre. In the absence of Cllr Taylor, the report was introduced by Cllr A Vincent.

Councillor Beavers proposed and Councillor Fail seconded an amendment proposing that a decision on the recommendation be deferred until a paper copy of the Alliance Agreement, listed as Appendix 1 to the report and published on the Council's web site, had been submitted to and considered by the full Council. The amendment was lost by 9 votes to 32.

**RESOLVED** (by 30 votes to 9) that Wyre Council would be a signatory to the Alliance Agreement for the Development of the Fylde and Wyre Multi-Speciality Community Provider Model.

**COU. 36**      **Notices of Motion**

None.

The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 9.09pm.

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