



COUNCIL MEETING
26 JULY, 2012

AGENDA ITEM 8 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS OR PETITIONS**

The following questions have been received from members of the public under Procedure Rule 9 by the deadline of 12.00 noon on Friday 20 July, 2012.

1. Question from Norah Stuchfield, (Chair of Fleetwood Paddling Pool Action Group) to Councillor Lynne Bowen, Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder

“Why was there no consultation with the community as required by WBC Constitution?”

2. Question from Paul Wright, ‘A Concerned Chalet User’ to Councillor Lynne Bowen, Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder

“Please could you explain and show evidence of how the £12,000 a year running cost figure was arrived at and then in the article in the Gazette on Wednesday 4th July with regards to the area being turned in to a disabled play area it was stated by Alan Vincent that the pool wasn’t really used outside the 6 weeks holiday and it costs £1,000 a week. Is this not closer to £6,000?”

3. Question from Tom Norton, Vice Chairman Fleetwood Development Partnership to Councillor Lynne Bowen, Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder

“Why have Wyre Borough Council ignored the guidelines contained in the Government Green Paper ‘Every Child Matters’ regarding the closure of Fleetwood Paddling Pool?”

4. Question from Margaret Daniels, Chairman, Fleetwood Civic Society to Councillor Lynne Bowen, Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder

“Please can you tell us if any research was done into the usage of the pool during the school holidays, before the decision was made to close it, and if so what form did it take?”

5. Question from David C Shaw, to Councillor Lynne Bowen, Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder

I refer to the decision taken by yourself as the Leisure & Culture Portfolio holder on the 29 March 2012 to close the Fleetwood Paddling Pool forthwith, without

even seeking the opinions of the Ward Councillors or Fleetwood Town Council. Following an outcry from the people of Fleetwood and representations made to Wyre Council by Fleetwood Town Council, it has been agreed to re-open the paddling pool for the School summer holidays this year.

What are your plans for the future of the paddling pool and are you going to consult with the Ward Councillors and the people of Fleetwood this time?"

6. Question from Councillors Alan Marsh (chair) and Stephen Clarke (vice-chair) of Fleetwood Town Council for Cllr Bowen Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder

"Can the Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder please confirm our understanding that at our meeting of 9 July 2012 with the Council's Head of Operations and herself, the following was agreed?"

1 That following repairs and the availability of a lifeguard presence, the paddling pool - weather permitting - will be filled during the school holidays.

2 That a consultant's report will be produced for the paddling pool area, and following completion, the report will be issued for public viewing and consultation. This report will embrace the feasibility, cost and usage of the paddling pool area, together with a recommendation on design.

Our many thanks for a very constructive meeting. Fleetwood Town Council looks forward to working with Wyre Council on this project."

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