

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 5th March 2013 at 7pm at St. Margaret's Church Centre, St. Leonard's Road, St. Anne's.

Present:	Councillors	A Jacques C Akeroyd T Ford G Goodman K Henshaw C Lanyon C Little B Mackenzie E Nash D Prestwich V Settle V Willder	Chairman
	Officers	P Jackson S Taylor	Town Clerk Town Clerk Designate
	Others	Borough Councillor B Nash	
	Members of the Public	3	
	Press	0	

63/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

64/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

65/13 DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

66/13 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor said she had attended the following events since the last meeting:

Blackburn Cathedral – Epiphany to Candlemas Service.
St Anne's Carnival Queen's Music Concert at Church of St Thomas when she was raising money for her chosen charities.

67/13 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 29th January 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed accordingly.

68/13 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Planning and Environment Committee	14 th February 2013
Policy and Resources Committee	19 th February 2013
Leisure and Community Committee	25 th February 2013

- RESOLVED**
- i) That the minutes of the above Committees be noted.
 - ii) That the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee to appoint Mrs Sally Ann Taylor to the position of Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer starting at Point 35 of the Scale 35 - 38 be approved.

The meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes to allow for questions from the public.

69/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Arnold Sumner from the Chamber of Trade gave thanks to the retiring Town Clerk for the work he had done to support St Anne's and to the In Bloom volunteers for helping to make a difference to the appearance of the Town.

He reported that Sky TV were looking to do a programme on town centre traders.

He reported that notices put on lampposts by the County Council were still there even though the relevance of the notices was months ago.

David Woods asked that publicity be given to the 20mph limit outside schools and that there were no notices relating to the Lytham St Annes Express offices in Avroe Crescent.

The meeting then re-convened.

70/13 FUTURE OF SOUTH FYLDE LINE

Mr Vernon Smith from the Blackpool and Fylde Rail Users Association (B.A.F.R.U.A.) attended the meeting and expanded on the following scenarios which had been under consideration regarding the future use and development of the South Fylde Line.

Scenario 1 Trams run onto the South Fylde Line to a terminus at St Annes or Lytham. Heavy rail then goes onto Preston (some trains in the south of Blackpool may be lost)

Scenario 2 Tram/train hybrid vehicles run to Preston and move directly from heavy rail to street/urban tram tracks in Blackpool.

Scenario 3 Heavy rail operates as now from Blackpool South to Preston (or south to Kirkham shuttle)

Mr Smith explained in detail the issues surrounding each option and referred to the forthcoming new rail franchise for this line which was planned to start in April next year.

He answered Members questions and was thanked for his insight into the potential future of transport on the South Fylde Line.

71/13 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR ELECT

RESOLVED That Councillor Willder be appointed Mayor Elect for the 2013 -2014 Municipal Year.

72/13 IN BLOOM FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

Councillor Ford urged Members to approach occupiers of properties worthy of entering into the competition for this year's Best Front Garden competition.

73/13 THE VICTORIA PUBLIC HOUSE

The Town Clerk said that he had received the following information from the Borough Solicitor detailing the procedure to follow when listing any building etc as an Asset of Community Value.

- i) A description of the nominated land including its proposed boundaries. These boundaries do not have to be the same as ownership boundaries, for instance as shown on the Land Registry plan if the land is registered; nor is it necessary for all parts of the nominated site to be in the same ownership.
- ii) Any information the nominator has about the freeholders, leaseholders and current occupants of the site.
- iii) The reasons for nominating the asset, explaining why the nominator believes the asset meets the definition in the Act.
- iv) The nominator's eligibility to make the nomination.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk be instructed to make an application for the Victoria Public House to be listed as an Asset of Community Value.

74/13 ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED That the schedule of accounts for payment in the sum of £18,622.66 be approved

75/13 INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Town Clerk reported that the Zurich Insurance who had won the new Contract last year had offered a discount for a three or five year long term agreement.

RESOLVED That a three year long term agreement be approved.

76/13 MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Nash referred to the number of veterans nationally including those with permanent injuries many of whom were unaware of the veteran care pathway which was designed to ensure that they were looked after properly. He asked if Members were aware of any veterans living in the area could they please let him know.

Councillor Settle referred to a meeting he had attended at County Hall, accompanied by the Town Clerk when they had met officers from the Environment Department to discuss the possible involvement of the Town Council in the footpath network in the Town. Councillor Settle said he was due to walk the footpaths with an officer from the County Council prior to further discussion as to how the Town Council could be involved in improvements to the network.

Councillor Ford said he would circulate notes to Members from a recent Community Rail Partnership meeting.

Councillor Settle said that the Council were awaiting approval for the siting of two flagpoles one in Clifton Drive South outside Seafarers and the other in the grassed area outside the West Lodge Offices.

77/13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Council Meeting would be held at St Margaret's Church Centre, St Leonard's Road West, St Anne's on the Sea on Tuesday, 9th April 2013 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting which would commence at 6.30pm.

78/13 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.

79/13 APPOINTMENT OF NEW TOWN CLERK – HANDOVER ARRANGEMENTS

Members discussed the arrangements for the handover of responsibilities. Mrs Taylor indicated that she would be available to start work for the Town Council on the 2nd April 2013.

RESOLVED i) That the contract of the existing Town Clerk be extended from the 30th April 2013 until the 14th May 2013.

ii) That Mrs Taylor be appointed Town Clerk Designate on the agreed salary from the 2nd April 2013 until the 15th May 2013.

Signed

Chairman

9th April 2013

St Annes on The Sea Town Council
DRAFT PAYMENTS LIST: Vouchers 254 to 278

Vchr.	Cheque	Cde.	Name	Description	Amount
254	1028	8	S Dunn refund	Office Supplies	5.99
255-6	1028-9	1	Staff	January Salaries	2,533.37
257	1029	2	P Jackson	Travelling Expenses	16.25
258	DDebit	1	Lancashire County Council	Superannuation Jan	295.49
259	1030	62	A D Joy	Town Plan Consultant Fee	682.36
260	1031	33	Lowther Gardens (Lytham)	Christmas Lights Grant	600.00
261	1032	35	PS Public Service	Town Clerk - Job Advertisement	305.00
262	1033	35	Johnston Publishing Ltd	Job Advert - Town Clerk	617.04
263	DDebit	138	United Utilities	Water Charges - Blundell Rd Allotments	34.16
264	1034	31	Gordon Ellis & Co	Street Planters etc In Bloom	2,514.00
265	1034	15	St Margarets Church P.C.C.	Hall Hire	35.00
266	1036	23	B.A.F.R.U.A	Membership Renewal	5.00
267	1037	23	Lancashire Association of Local	Membership Renewal	1,881.05
268	1038	36	DeliveredNW	Newsletter Delivery	652.50
269	1039	41	Shepherd Road Allotment Society	Members Subscriptions	231.50
270	1040	39	Sign of the Times	Purchase Noticeboard	2,508.87
271	1041	31	Home Start Fylde	Grant	500.00
272	1041	97	Home Start Fylde	Christmas Carol Collection	190.50
273	1042	62	A D Joy	Town Plan Consultant Fee	682.36
274	1043-4	1	Staff	February Salaries	2,533.17
276	1044	8	S Dunn refund	Supplies	3.56
277	DDebit	1	Lancashire County Council	Superannuation Feb	295.49
278	1045	6	Fylde Borough Council	Office Rent	1,500.00
TOTAL					18,622.66

Signed

Chairman

5th March 2013