

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Town Council held on
17th December 2013 at 7pm

St. Margaret's Church Centre, St. Leonard's Road, St. Anne's on the Sea FY8 2NT.

Present:	Councillors	V Willder C Akeroyd T Ford G Goodman A Jacques C Lanyon C Little E Nash D Prestwich V Settle	Chairman
	Officers	S Taylor S Dunn H Kennedy	Town Clerk Community Development Manager Promotion and Event Officer
	Representing St Annes Chamber of Trade Mr A Smith		
	Members of the Public		11

423/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Henshaw and B Mackenzie.

424/13 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised that she attended an event on 1st November at the Town Hall to promote the charities of St Annes on the Sea Carnival Queen Zara Harris. There was an excellent turn out and she thanked Fylde Borough Council for hosting this community event.

On 10th November 2013 the Mayor attended the Remembrance Sunday service and parade. The service was very well attended being held in Ashton Gardens. This is where *"We remembered all the many people from St. Anne's on the Sea who gave their lives for us in the two world Wars and more poignantly in the recent and still on-going Afghanistan War"*. It was a moving and lovely service.

The Mayor opened ALDI on 21st November 2013. There were over 400 people who attended the opening, all who received golden envelopes awarding various prizes, ranging from a television to store vouchers. This event was a great start for ALDI. In addition the supermarket is located within an attractive building which greatly improved the quality of the street scene.

The Mayor had attended a fashion show (sponsored by Bonmarché) on 22nd November 2013 at St Margaret's Church Hall. This was arranged and hosted by St. Anne's on the Sea Carnival Queen, Zara Harris and her mother. The proceeds from the event would be split between two nominated charities; Home-Start Fylde and the Neo-Natal unit at Blackpool Victoria Hospital.

On the 1st December 2013 the Mayor had held the first Town Council Mayoral Ball. This was a very successful event with many raffle prizes donated by local shops, restaurants and hotels. She thanked everyone involved, which has raised a significant amount for the Mayors Charity Account. She informed the meeting that there would be more fund raising events organised by the Mayor in the near future.

The Mayor advised that on 6th December 2013 the Mayoral Carol Service was held at St. Thomas's Church. It was well attended with excellent carol singing.

On Sunday 8th December 2013 the Deputy Mayor attended a service at St. Anne's Parish Church in remembrance of 1886 'Mexico' disaster, one of the greatest lifeboat disasters when 27 lives were lost at sea, including the entire 13 crew of the St Anne's lifeboat, the 'Laura Janet'.

The Mayor attended a Christmas flower arranging and carol singing event in St. Thomas Church Hall, which was held on 11th December 2013. This was an enjoyable evening and very well attended.

The Mayor wished everyone a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

425/13 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED a) That the minutes of the Council Meeting of the Council held on the 12th November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed accordingly.

426/13 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Planning and Environment Committee 21st November 2013
Policy and Resources Committee 3rd December 2013
Leisure and Community Committee 9th December 2013

RESOLVED That the minutes of the above Committees be noted.

427/13 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

RESOLVED That the next full Council meeting be held on Tuesday 11th February 2014.

428/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public discussed the following items:

- The lack of a Sunday Service on the south Fylde line from Preston to Blackpool

South

- The Town Council for arranging the Christmas Light switch on event
- The Central Ward Pact meeting was not being well attended
- McCarthy and Stone development proposals for 35-41 South Promenade
- The further promotion of the town flag on car stickers and mugs
- A town jazz festival being separate from the music and arts festival
- Offering inducements to encourage more street representatives
- The poor distribution of the Town Council newsletter, with various streets not receiving the publication
- That the Town Council newsletter working group should meet as soon as possible
- That the newsletter could be used as a method for more people to become involved in and support the Town Council
- That a database be produced of individuals that would provide volunteer support specific events within the town

The meeting then re-convened.

429/13 ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED That the schedule of accounts for payment of sums of £15,181.25 be approved.

43013 ST. ANNE'S CAR PARKING PROVISION

Mr Smith, speaking on behalf of St. Anne's Chamber of Trade addressed the Council on similarities between the Council's and the Chamber's parking plans. He also clarified the Chamber of Trade parking proposals. A petition for a review of parking provision within the town was signed by 99.5% of the commercial sector and over 3000 residents. It was noted that that both parking plans were very similar in their aims.

Mr Smith highlighted the Chamber of Trade aims that included;

- increased footfall
- increased spending
- promotion of a car friendly town, including better signage and less punitive enforcement.

The Chamber of Trade had a two strand parking strategy, to maximise parking opportunities and make parking more attractive, i.e. cost to park and time permitted. Plan proposals included:

- Relocation of commuter parking
- Free residential parking zones
- Use of underused retail and commercial sites
- Use of private car parks not used at weekends
- Yellow line review

Mr Smith advised that parking was one of six identified priorities that needed addressing, these included high commercial rents, deterioration of the beach and lack of all weather protection in key shopping areas.

Councillor Prestwich informed the Council that the use of underused retail and commercial sites had been already been implemented and had not been successful.

Councillor Ford stated that a town centre manager could address parking as part of their role. The Town Council had made two match funding bids of £26,000 and £30,000 for a town centre manager to the Fylde High Street Innovation Fund, both had been unsuccessful. Without this role the Town Council did not have the resources to lead and resolve identified parking issues. However the Council whilst not having direct responsibility for parking would continue to lobby both Fylde Borough Council and Lancashire County Council for solutions to parking problems within the town.

Councillor Ford detailed how the Town Council had attempted to be proactive by forming a town team; however the response had been very disappointing. Mr Smith said that traders had become disheartened on resolution of issues; however attendance had recently improved at the Chamber of Trade meetings.

The Chairman thanked Mr Smith for his presentation on car parking proposals from the Chamber of Trade.

431/13 MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Settle reported that further promotion of the town flag would be considered in 2014, however the delay in stickers had been due to the progression of the town app. The flag was an integral part of the branding of St. Anne's on the Sea.

The improvement of the Public Rights of Way was a Town Council key project that had started very well. Councillor Settle thanked St. Anne's in Bloom for their help in clearing the bridleway that ran parallel to Wildings Lane.

Councillor Lanyon informed the Blundell Road Community Allotments had been overall winners of the Lancashire Green Awards 2013. This was for the 'Best Recycling scheme' sponsored by Remsol. On the night representatives from Blundell Road had been presented with a cut glass trophy at the event venue Blackpool Tower. The full event was sponsored by Lancashire Evening Post and the Blackpool Gazette, with the Blundell Road Allotments and the Town Council receiving substantial publicity. An additional highlight had been the tower had being lit up in green lights on the evening of the award ceremony. Councillor Lanyon presented all Town Councillors and staff with individual bottles of beetroot grown at Blundell Road, in honour of this award.

Councillor Ford advised that the Town Council CCTV camera approved at the last meeting had been purchased and was been tested at the Council's offices. The camera had been purchased due to the problems with people throwing full dog bags onto the railway line at St. Leonards Road bridge. This was despite there being a bin located in the middle of the bridge.

Councillor Nash informed the meeting that two veterans had now found employment working in St. Anne's, one was now working at the Clockhouse Cafe.

Councillor Willder advised that the Heyhouses PACT meeting had been moved to the new Scout Building to improve attendance.

Councillor Little informed the meeting that Councillors could request their local PACT meeting to be held in different places across the town. If the Police were asked they would hold a PACT meeting in the community bus. It was noted that the Police were very keen to vary venues and use the community bus, which was stocked with many helpful information leaflets.

432/13 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 11th February 2014 at 7.00 pm.**

The meeting finished at 8.12pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
11th February 2014

5 December 2013 (2013-2014)

St Annes on The Sea Town Council
PAYMENTS LIST: VOUCHERS 233 to 269

Voucher	Cheque No	Code	Name	Description	Total
233	1245	30	Fylde Borough Council	Office Rent	1,500.00
234	1246	152	DR Design	Shepherd Rd Signs	72.00
235	1247	92	Fylde Borough Council	Poppy Wreath	20.00
236-239	1248	10	Salaries	Salaries	4,172.15
240	1252	10	HM Revenue	Tax and NI - November	1,177.51
241	1253	152	Smiths Equipment Hire Ltd	Tool Hire - PROW	42.96
242	1254	154	SB Waste Management	Shepherd Road - Ground	100.00
243	1255	131	P Walmsley	Newsletter Delivery	362.50
244	1256	131	Moulton Printing	Newsletter Printing	1,522.00
245	1257	40	St Margarets Church P.C.C.	Room Hire	35.00
246	1258	123	C Stringfellow	MAF - Balloons	15.50
247	1259	63	Arrow Flexible Packaging Ltd	Dog Waste Bags	483.27
248	D/Debit	10	Lancashire County Council	Superannuation - November	882.53
249	1260	110	St Margarets PCC	Grant	1,000.00
250	1261	110	Just Good Friends	Grant	500.00
251	1262	110	The Breverton Group	Grant	1,000.00
252	1263	110	D Troop Lancashire Hussars	Grant	500.00
253	1264	131	Laser Design	Newsletter Design	90.00
254	1265	12	S Taylor	Travelling Expenses	32.36
255	1265	34	S Taylor (refund)	Telephone protector	20.82
256	1265	35	S Taylor refund	Stamps	50.00
257	1235	130	S Taylor (refund)	Supplies	9.79
258	1266	124	Laser Design	Printing for Christmas Cards	125.00
259	1267	12	S Dunn	Travelling Expenses	3.25
260	1267	12	S Dunn	Expenses - subsistence	2.00
261	1267	32	S Dunn refund	Batteries	0.83
262	1267	32	S Dunn refund	Washing up liquid and hand soap	0.99
263	D/Debit	34	O2	Telephone Rental and Calls	35.79
264	1268	97	L Hills	Carol Concert Organist	80.00
265	D/Debit	34	British Telecom	Internet Line	58.90
266	D/Debit	34	British Telecom	Telephone Rental and Calls	240.16
267	1269	12	Fresh Cafe	Expenses - staff switch on	45.94
268	1269	112	Fresh Cafe	Fresh Cafe (recharge to Lowther)	39.61
269	1270	112	Lowther Gardens (Lytham) Management Ltd	Christmas Switch On Contribution	960.39
Total					15,181.25

Signed.....

Chairman
11th February 2014