

## **St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council**

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Town Council held on  
25<sup>th</sup> June 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 A Jacques T Ford G Goodman K Henshaw C Lanyon C Little B Mackenzie E Nash D Prestwich	Chairman
	Officers	S Taylor S Dunn	Town Clerk Community Development Officer
	Members of the Public		7

### **204/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Settle.

### **205/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **206/13 YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of St. Anne's on the Sea Youth Council thanked the Council for facilitating and funding the organised trip to the House of Commons on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013. The Youth Council Chairman thanked Councillors Ford Lanyon and Little for their support on the day and all the work that was involved in the organisation of the visit.

To demonstrate their appreciation the Youth Council presented a box of chocolates to the Town Council.

### **207/13 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor reported that on the 1<sup>st</sup> June she attended Lytham Assembly Rooms and presented trophies and certificates to Lancashire Authors Association. The main winner won a cut glass bowl and £250.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June the Mayor and the Town Crier attended a "Jacobs Join" at the Jubilee Gardens Coronation Celebration. It was a lovely sunny day and many residents joined into help raise funds for "their" garden.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Town Crier on the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> June, greeted a train as part of the inauguration of the South Fylde Line Community Rail Partnership walks. This walk was based on the St. Anne's Town Trail and was designed to encourage visitors to the area.

The Deputy Mayor unveiled a Blue Plaque at the Parish Rooms, St. Anne's Parish Church, on the afternoon of the 5<sup>th</sup> June. The plaque was researched and nominated by Lytham St. Anne's Civic Society and purchased by the Town Council.

Later that evening the Deputy Mayor presented a grant cheque for £500 from the Town Council to Barbara McKenzie, as president of the Hoteliers Association of Lytham St. Anne's (HALSA).

Christ Church Wesham hosted their Civic Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June which was attended by both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. They also attended a special service at Blackburn Cathedral on the same day, meeting other Mayors and Civic Dignitaries from all over Lancashire

Both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor supported Lytham Club Day on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013; the Mayor as the Town's Representative, the Deputy Mayor as a steward, organising the procession and traffic control.

#### **208/13 COUNCIL MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of the Council Meeting of the Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed accordingly.

#### **209/13 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Planning and Environment Committee	6 <sup>th</sup> June 2013
Policy and Resources Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2013
Leisure and Community Committee	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2013

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of the above Committees be noted.
- b) That Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 resolutions 177/13, 178/13, 179/13, 183/13 and 188/13 were fully supported and approved by full Council.
- c) That item 178/13 of the Policy and Resources Committee should read "Public Offices Working Party."

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

#### **210/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public discussed the following items:

- The Help Direct representative Fylde & Wyre thanked the Council for the opportunity to meet the Youth Council representatives. This organisation provides a support and information service for the people of Lancashire
- The Planning and Environment Committee were thanked for their robust objections to the Kensington Housing proposal for Queensway
- The outstanding quality of the additional planting and flower beds for St. Anne's in Bloom
- The poor condition of the land located on the opposite side of the track at St. Anne's on the Sea Railway Station. It was noted that the land is in the ownership of a private individual
- The Town Council's Father Christmas reported that he was shaving his beard off to raise funds for the North West Air Ambulance Service Charity
- The Town Crier was a really asset to St. Anne's and that the public enjoyed seeing him around the town
- Councillor Ford be thanked for all his hard work in re-launching St. Anne's Town Trail, in conjunction with the Community Rail Network
- Secure cycle stands that were located at Lytham and St. Anne's on the Sea Railway Stations
- The Council were requested to explain the cost of the Mayoral Chain (see 211/13)

*The meeting then re-convened.*

## **211/13 ACCOUNTS**

In response to the query regarding the Mayoral Chain, the Town Clerk explained that the actual cost was £1000 plus VAT. It was in fact the Deputy Mayoral pendant that was purchased; this included an enamelled detailed centre piece that had to be specially commissioned. Due to the intricate detail of the pendant it was considered to be very good value. It was noted that there had not been a St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council Deputy Mayoral Pendant until this piece had been commissioned.

- RESOLVED**
- a) **That the schedule of accounts for payment of sums of £12,046.75 be approved.**
  - b) **That it be noted that voucher no 4 was for the pendant section of the Deputy Mayoral Chain.**

## **212/13 COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP REPORT**

The meeting was advised that discussion was ongoing for the promotion of a passing loop on the South Fylde Line. This had been raised due to the poor performance and lack of availability of trains within the timetable for this line. It was noted that trains ran once per hour which increased waiting time for passengers arriving at and using Preston Station as an interchange.

The South Fylde Line Community Rail Partnership and the Local Strategic Partnership had funded the Railway Line Walks; these were proving popular as both historical and visitor attractions. Blackpool North Railway Station had agreed to promote and support the St. Anne's Town Trail.

**213/13 PRESERVING ST. ANNE'S ARCHIVE – SAVING THE FILM ARCHIVES OF THE LATE PETER WILSON**

The meeting were reminded that the Town Council had agreed in principal to support the preservation of Peter Wilson's archive 16mm films of St. Anne's from the 1950's. The estimate for the cost of transferring the films to DVD's was £500.

The Town Council fully supported this proposal.

**RESOLVED**            **That £500 be allocated from the grants budget towards the cost of preserving the film archives of Peter Wilson from 16mm film to DVD format.**

**214/13 GRANT TOWARDS IMPROVEMENTS AT RAILWAY STATION**

Councillor Ford, on behalf of St. Anne's in Bloom, reported that the organisation had taken on the St. Anne's Railway Station site as part of a larger project within North West in Bloom. The opportunity to be involved in this project and been too good an opportunity to miss, however work that had been involved had been far more than anticipated. To complete the work on the Railway site St. Anne's in Bloom required an additional £200.

The Town Council noted that they had already given a grant of £1500 to St. Anne's in Bloom, however because they wished to support the excellent work already undertaken by this voluntary organisation, agreed to the request for additional funding.

**RESOLVED**            **That £200 be allocated from the project budget to St. Anne's in Bloom, to support the Railway Station improvements project.**

**215/13 FYLDE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Councillor Henshaw informed the meeting that Fylde Citizen's Advice Bureau (FCAB) whilst very appreciative of the Town Council's offer of resourcing additional drop in sessions, could not at this time pursue this offer. They currently undertook advice sessions in St. Annes; for fairness if additional services were provided they should be in locations that currently received no FCAB support.

In light of recent changes in the benefit rules, FCAB were providing a Tenancy Support Project to all Fylde residents. This was a service that gave completely confidential and non-judgemental free advice on all housing issues due to changes in benefits received. Dedicated appointments would be made and home visits arranged for residents that needed these.

The Town Clerk advised that negotiations were currently being undertaken with Fylde Borough Council for the use of the downstairs of West Lodge. Once agreement had been reached, there may be a facility to provide a meeting room on an ad hoc basis to FCAB.

### **216/13 THE HISTORY AND ROLE OF TOWN CRIER**

The Town Crier, Mr Ballard gave a history of Town Criers, this can be found on the Town Council's website at <http://www.stannesonthesea-tc.gov.uk/about-town-council/town-crier-colin-ballard/>.

The Town Crier explained that he had recently launched a Charity to raise money for Kai Hodgkinson, a young child who was born with diaphragmatic spastic cerebral palsy. The purpose of the Charity was to raise £60,000 to fly Kai to America for life saving surgery.

Further debate was undertaken within the meeting, discussing how the Town Crier could be supported and his role developed. It was agreed that Mr Ballard was an asset to the parish and had a successful partnership with the Town Council. However it was noted that further research was required into how to support this role more effectively.

- RESOLVED**
- a) That the Town Clerk forward a list of official Town Council events for the Town Crier to attend.
  - b) That the Town Council produce a future proposal for further development and support of the Town Crier position.

### **217/13 LYTHAM ST. ANNE'S CIVIC SOCIETY PROPOSAL FOR A HERITAGE OFFICER**

The meeting fully endorsed the proposal for the appointment of a Heritage Officer, hosted and facilitated by the Town Council, whilst funded by Lytham St. Anne's Civic Society.

- RESOLVED**
- a) To support the proposal for a Heritage Officer.
  - b) That the Town Clerk discuss with Lytham St. Anne's Civic Society in further detail the proposal for a Heritage Officer.
  - c) That a report on this item be brought at the earliest opportunity to the Policy and Resources Committee.

### **218/13 ALTERATION TO LEISURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DATE**

- RESOLVED** That the Leisure and Community Committee scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> September, now to be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013, 2.00pm, at West Lodge, 5 St Georges Road, St Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire FY8 2AE.

### **219/13 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

The Christmas light switch on was to take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013. This would give the businesses four weekends of trading during the light display before Christmas.

Councillor Little explained that there was an open meeting to be held at Lowther Pavilion on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7pm, open to everyone who wanted to be involved in this event, including residents, businesses, employers, community groups. A press release would be produced publicising this event.

The reason for the event being held at Lowther Pavilion, was because it was being provided free of charge and the venue was of sufficient size to accommodate many people.

## **220/13 MEMBERS REPORTS**

Councillor Little reported that a Fylde Together information event was being held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 2-4 pm at St. Anne's United Reform Church, St George's Road, St. Anne's on the Sea. The purpose of this event was to help and support people with welfare benefit changes, whilst informing residents of the Clinical Commission Group proposals for the future.

Councillor Jacques informed the meeting that St. Anne's Carnival was taking place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013. 2013 marked 90 years since St. Anne's hosted its first Carnival Day. Originally the Carnival began as a Hospital Fete Day to raise funds for St. Anne's War Memorial Hospital. Over the years Carnival Day has taken many formats but the fundamental principal, to support local charities, had not changed.

There would be over 20 former Carnival Queens attending the Carnival, with Saturday following the familiar structure starting with the Parade at 10.30 am. Sunday was to be a 'Family Fun Day' for the community with something for people of all ages.

Councillor Mackenzie had attended the Executive meeting of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC) at County Hall, Preston. She reported that if Councils did not have a robust Planning Strategy Policy in place, developers could undertake developments that were detrimental to local areas.

Fylde Area Committee of LALC was also attended by Councillor Mackenzie. The Lancashire County Highways representative attended this meeting and advised St. Anne's Road East and Dorset Road were being resurfaced because of severe potholes.

Councillor Henshaw reported that a meeting was to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September of the Blackpool Airport Consultative Committee, to discuss the exact purpose and future of the group.

There was a sponsored walk in aid of Home-Start Fylde to be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 pm around Fairhaven Lake. Both Councillor Henshaw and Cheryl Little would be attending.

Councillor Ford stated that it was not too late to submit an entry for the St. Annes in Bloom front garden competition. If Councillors had any late entries to contact the Town Council Community Development Officer.

Councillor Nash asked the public to be mindful of Street Collectors in Lytham and St. Anne's who said they were collecting for the military. When he had challenged specific individuals who stated they were collecting for Military Charities, it transpired that they were not, or if they were only a very small proportion of the money collected when to support military organisations.

As part the Armed Forces Veteran Week, Councillor Nash reported that a Veteran's event was to be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013 from 2-4 pm, in Ashton Gardens. This event including a brass band, Military Charity Support Organisations stalls and a wheelchair race.

The Mayor advised the meeting that there was to be a football tournament at Blackpool North Playing Fields on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 6-8 pm. This event was a competition to win the New Fylde Housing Future Cup and all were welcome.

The Town Flag Raising Ceremony was to be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 10.20 pm at the newly erected flag pole outside B & M Bargains, Clifton Drive North. On behalf of the Town Council, the Town Clerk thanked the St. Anne's Carnival Association for allowing the Flag Raising event to be held prior to the opening ceremony of the Carnival.

### **221/13 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, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.00 pm.**

*The meeting finished at 8.53 pm.*

Signed.....

Chairman  
6<sup>th</sup> August 2013

**St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council**

**DRAFT PAYMENT LIST: Vouchers 38 to 70**

Voucher	Cheque	Code	Name	Description	Amount
38	1102	130	Buxtons Badges	Advertising	£50.00
39	1103	63	Arrow Flexible Packaging Ltd	Town Plan Delivery	£64.50
40	1104	91	V Settle	Members' Expenses	£11.85
41+43	1106+1107	10	Salaries	Salaries	£3,136.86
42	1106	32	S Dunn refund	Supplies	£2.42
44	1107	12	S Taylor	Expenses	£12.15
45	1107	92	S Taylor refund	Civic Events	£25.00
46	D/Debit	10	Lancashire County Council	Superannuation May	£734.71
47	1108	136	Kwik Skip Hire Ltd	Development	£79.00
48	1108	136	Kwip Skip Hire Ltd	Development	£79.00
49	1109	153	Shepherd Road Allotment Society	Equipment/Repairs	£175.00
50	1109	152	Shepherd Road Allotment Society	Supplies	£185.00
51	1109	157	Shepherd Road Allotment Society	Administration - Insurance	£270.00
52	1110	40	St Margarets Church P.C.C.	Hall Hire	£35.00
53	1111	15	SLCC	Subscriptions	£181.00
54	1112	150	Mr Y Taylor	Rent - Refund	£47.56
55	1113	110	Gordon Ellis & Co	Community Grants	£729.60
56	D/Debit	138	United Utilities	Water Charges	£20.53
57	N/A		Voucher Cancelled	N/A	Nil
58	1115	150	I Maguire	Rent - Refund	£39.07
59	1116	63	Arrow Flexible Packaging Ltd	Town Plan Delivery	£325.72
60	1117	123	DR Design	Music and Arts Festival	£183.00
61	1118	62	A D Joy	Town Plan Consultant	£682.36
62	1119	119	HALSA	Guaranteed Grants	£500.00
63	1105	90	V Willder	Mayor's Allowance	£320.00
64	1121	126	Woodys	Fylde Veterans SATC Accountable Body	£334.00
65	D/Debit	34	British Telecom	Telephone	£242.98
66	D/Debit	34	British Telecom	Telephone	£64.98
67	1122	130	Buxtons Badges	Advertising	£50.00
68-69	1123+1124	10	Salaries	Salaries	£3,115.46
70	1121	70	Woodys	Community Grant	£350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>£12,046.75</b>

Signed.....

**Chairman**

**6<sup>th</sup> August 2013**