

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 17th August 2021, 1.30pm at Meeting Room West Lodge

Present: Councillors Little (Chairman), K Harrison (Deputy Chairman), Gardner, Jacques, Settle, Small.

Officers: RFO & Deputy Clerk John Nightingale & Town Enterprise & Promotions Officer Darrel Treece-Birch.

PR 50/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None absent.

PR 51/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

PR 52/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2021 be agreed as a true record of the meeting.

After being proposed and seconded it was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th June 2021 be accepted.

Voting 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstentions.

PR 53/21 INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP (CAN)

Councillor K Harrison provided a verbal update on recent CAN activity.

The St. Alban's Road litter pick was successful with a turnout of 20+ individuals. The local member of parliament attended to show support for the scheme. The next litter pick will be at Alexandria Drive.

St. Anne's September Spectacular will take place from the 8th to the 12th September.

The bike rack project is waiting a response from Fylde Council. The committee requested that Town Council officers initiate contact once again.

The Christmas Switch On and Queen's Platinum Jubilee are projects currently being organised.

PR 54/21 SHEPHERD AND BLUNDELL ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Gardner provided a verbal update on allotment activities.

Shepherd Road - Ernie's View the new communal allotment space is nearing completion. The RFO & Deputy Clerk is meeting with committee next week to discuss details on the next step (contract, lettings etc). The committee are now meeting in person.

Blundell Road - Committee now holding monthly meetings, vacant plots are being re-let, condition of plots being monitored, Green Shoots have been onsite with ongoing maintenance works.

PR 55/21 HR ADVICE SERVICE

The committee discussed the Town Clerk's request to start discussions with Fylde Council regarding HR service provision for the Town Council. It was noted by Councillors that Fylde's HR service is outsourced to Blackpool Council.

After being proposed and seconded it was resolved to approve the request drafted by the Clerk.

Voting 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstentions.

**PR 56/21 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LGBCE - FYLDE**

Councillors Jacques and Settle provided verbal updates on the progress of the working group regarding Boundary Commission proposals. The working group has composed an alternative proposal which addresses issues over ward boundaries, number of Councillors and applying a local aspect to ward names.

The Town Clerk has written to the Boundary Commission with the new proposals. The Town Chairman has contacted the local press and Officers have shared information on website and social media.

It was noted that physical printed flyers/ newspaper adverts might be considered for similar promotions in the future but sufficient notice, 6 weeks, would need to be provided to ensure project delivery.

PR 57/21 TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP & ST. ANNE'S SUB-GROUP

Councillors K Harrison and Small provided verbal updates on the Town Centre Working Groups. The working group may not be currently meeting due to the summer meeting schedule. The Committee requested officers contact Councillor Trudgill for updates.

PR 58/21 ST. ANNE'S ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

Councillor K Harrison provided a verbal update on STEP.

The STEP AGM took place on the 9th of August 2021. Approximately 20 members attended the meeting.

Colin Ballard has stepped down as Chairman due to his moving away from the area.

A new committee has been elected but no roles have been appointed. Alan Pedder will act as Secretary on a temporary basis.

The next meeting will take place at the Town Council offices on the 26th August 2021.

PR 59/21 ST. ANNE'S BUSINESS ACTIVITY

TEPO Officer provided a verbal update on business activity and confirmed he could provide a monthly update of percentage changes in shop openings / closures.

Officers were asked to provide information at the next Policy & Resources meeting regarding the former petrol station site on the corner of Kilnhouse Lane and Blackpool Road North.

Councillor Small left the meeting after this item.

PR 60/21 DOMES, BANDSTAND AND AMPHITHEATRE

TEPO Officer provided a verbal update on this item.

The dome being used fourteen times since the last meeting, amphitheatre five times and bandstand three times. Activities included musical performances, HIVE arts and charities.

PR 61/21 PROW GROUP

Councillor Settle provided a verbal update on PROW group activities.

Four benches will shortly be installed along the PROW.

A long section of BW14 will be cut back in late September / early October by Fylde Council. A bee bombing session will then take place in October with Fylde Rangers managing school children or local residents. All Councillors will be invited. The Town Council will then cut back this area twice each year.

Signage explaining the history of BW11 (Moss Edge Lane) has been ordered. Replacement finger posts have been ordered from LCC.

The Chairman requested that some photographs, of benches, signage and activities, be provided for the next Policy & Resources meeting.

PR 62/21 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Councillor K Harrison provided a verbal update.

St. Anne's on the Sea Carnival committee and the Town Council have agreed to work together to deliver the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Carnival event. CAN will manage on behalf of the Town Council. The Town Council will hold events on Thursday 2nd June and Friday 3rd June. The Carnival will take place on Saturday 4th June with a family fun day on Sunday 5th June.

PR 63/21 RESPONSE TO LCC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR CLIFTON DRIVE NORTH

Councillors discussed LCC proposals on Clifton Drive North. Due to the deadline of 26th August 2021 and diverse views from local residents the committee recommended that Town Councillors make individual representations to LCC.

PR 64/21 UPDATE FROM DUAL HATTED MEMBERS

Councillor Little reported that representations had been sent to LCC regard overnight parking.

Councillor Little reported the successful opening of the Lytham St Annes Islamic Society on Moorland Road. Councillors were made to feel welcome. The centre has meeting rooms available for hire. Cllrs K Harrison and Settle reiterated the Chairman's comments.

Councillor Jacques reported on the improved access to the beach for individuals with disabilities.

PR 65/21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee will be at 1.30pm on Tuesday 12th October 2021 in the Meeting Room at West Lodge.

Signed as a true and accurate record

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Chairman

The meeting ended at 14.54