

MINUTES of the ANNUAL Council Meeting held 17 May 2018 at 7.15 pm at The Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

<u>Present</u>	Cllr J Bamber	Cllr E Jones	Cllr G Sharples
	Cllr M Bamber	Cllr A Oddy	Cllr H Tune
	Cllr P Boyd	Cllr K Reed (Chairman)	Cllr B Williamson
	Cllr B Davies	Cllr T Reed	Cllr J Williamson
	Cllr P Fellows	Cllr A Riggott	Cllr M Wilmot
	Cllr C Jones	Cllr D Rigg	

Members of the public - 6

1. Election of Council Chairman

Resolved: Cllr K Reed was elected Chairman for the coming year.

2. Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Clerk reported that the Declarations of Acceptance of Office had been received.

3. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr J Bamber was proposed and seconded, as was Cllr Wilmot.

Resolved: It was agreed to hold a paper ballot for the position of Vice Chairman.

Resolved: Cllr J Bamber was elected Vice Chairman for the coming year.

4. Representatives on Committees, Lead Members, Groups and Outside Bodies

The nomination sheet was circulated. Return to this item later.

5. Apologies Cllrs S Walker

6. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wilmot declared a personal interest in planning application 18/00447/FULHH.

7. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19 April 2018 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

A Councillor asked for details on some of the public comments. Response, the comments made by visiting members of the public are briefly noted as they do not form part of the Council meeting.

8. Statutory Business

8.1 Elections - report results and updates

Council noted the report.

8.2 Planning - Consider planning report from Lead Member for Planning, approve responses and ratify responses made between meetings or to meet deadlines

Lead Member for Planning had submitted a report and suggested responses for: 18/00347/FUL 1 Daisy Hill Fold.

Resolved: Council agreed with the submission suggested on the planning list.

18/00400/PDE 25 Gleneagles – query raised to be chased.

9. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

Resolved: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

As the public section was lengthy, please see attached sheet for comments.

Resolved: Council resolved to restore standing orders.

10. Financial Items

10.1 Approve Expenditures on report, and any submitted later

Cllr Riggott declared an interest in item 10.1 due to Library Elf cheque

Resolved: Council approved the expenditures list (attached below).

10.2 Receive update and recommendation on the Council's Accounting system

Resolved: Council approved recommendation for the Council to move from 'Receipts and Payments' to 'Income and Expenditure' which will require for the Accounts package to be amended and training at a cost of £399 +vat plus mileage @.45p per mile, training on 4 June.

6.3 Receive Annual Return signed Internal Audit Report (Internal Auditors report to follow when received)

Council received the Annual Return signed by the Internal Auditor and was informed the Auditors written report had not arrived for this meeting.

11. General Data Protection Regulations

Council received the report.

Resolved: Council agreed to appoint Cllr Oddy to Lead Member for GDPR who will assist with any new processes.

12. Matters for information

'Fault Reports Log' was received and updates were given.

Cllr Riggott reported he had attended Dementia Awareness training and become a Dementia Friend and suggested others might wish to do this as it was valuable and interesting.

An update on the roundabout on Central Avenue was asked for; need a detailed drawing of the footings, requested by LCC, for the wicker structure which is not built yet, this will take time.

Clerk had circulated an update on the Allotment site within the Pear Tree Grange site on Euxton Lane. Members agreed to volunteer for an Allotments Working Group and a meeting to be arranged.

The Committee calendar will be updated now we have members on committees and circulated as soon as possible.

The Chairman declared the public part of the meeting closed.

10.1 Approve Expenditures on report, and any submitted later

Payment request for 17 May 2018				
Date	Payee Name			£ Total Amnt
03/04/2018	Easy Websites	Website/Emails	DD	76.80
03/04/2018	British Telecom	Telephony	DD	102.30
10/04/2018	Peoples Pension	Employee pension payments	DD	33.82
27/04/2018	Land Registry	Searches	Debit	24.00
30/04/2018	British Telecom	Telephony	DD	102.13
30/04/2018	Instant Shelters	Shelter	Debit	559.00
01/05/2018	Easy Websites	Website/Emails	DD	76.80
01/05/2018	UK Safetystore	Signs	Debit	30.84
10/05/2018	Peoples Pension	Employee pension payments	DD	87.63
17/05/2018	Marmax	Bench set 3	4661	1,078.80
17/05/2018	Studholme Bell	Salary Services	4662	216.00
17/05/2018	SM Sheet Metal	Gate repairs/welding	4663	180.00
17/05/2018	Employees	Salaries May 2018	4664/4668	4,765.00
				7,333.12
Amendments/additions at the meeting				
17/05/2018	Coppull & Standish Band	Christmas 2017	4669	110.00
17/05/2018	DWG NW Ltd	Fence	4670	175.00
17/05/2018	ELF Cash	Cash for ELF Library activity	4671	23.00
17/05/2018	The Play Inspection Co	Annual Inspections	4672	312.00
				620.00
				7,953.12

8.30 pm

9. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

A resident thanked fellow Councillors, whilst he was on the Council, saying it was a honour and pleasure working with them, thanked the Chair for guidance and support and the Clerk. He went on to say he hoped the new members understood the role and got involved and wished them luck.

A resident reported she had attended past meetings occasionally and commented on the quality, dedication, time and years of service of many of the members. She expressed her concerns and worries over the loss of this experience and in particular for the projects such as the Millennium Green and planning – she asked for an explanation of why the political party had made this move.

A resident thanked the Chair and Clerk and all the expertise of other Councillors for their help in her two years on the Council, she had come to the Council nervous to speak in public but with the support she had come out of her shell. She read items from a political leaflet, mentioned the new members hadn't been seen at meetings and invited the other political representatives to attend meetings to explain the tax payers bill for the election.

A resident said she spoke for the new members and said she felt she wouldn't have been welcomed on the Council so hadn't applied, she responded that the candidates had only written on the political leaflet the items about themselves, the candidates wanted to serve residents also and are not here for the political party but to serve the community and were just letting residents know which political party they were.

A resident said he had never seen an 'Euxton' election.

A resident thanked all her previous colleague Councillors, the Chair and Clerk and that we had all worked well together and on projects and was unhappy for the EuxtonNW ward. She reported the arrival of concrete blocks outside the Gym and asked if they could be looked into. She said she was looking forward to seeing some of the projects planned in for this year.

A resident circulated information about problems on the paths beyond Ransnap Woods, dog bags, drug use, glass bottles, gate damage etc. This had not been reported to the Police, but he will now. He reported the PROW over the rail bridge not rectified.

A resident recalled why one of the former members had joined the Council, when the planning application for houses up School Lane had come in. Since joining she had done lots of good work. She thanked all the former members for work on play area projects, northern green work and other projects and was not sure why the impression of 'not welcome' had come from and asked why.

A resident said he felt sorry that people said they felt they could not come on the Council, it is totally non-political and he hopes the ones coming in standing on political party basis come as just residents.

A resident said that we can all work together as there is no us and them, just us, all trying to help residents of Euxton.

A resident clarified that to stand with the party emblem and party name against your name on a ballot paper required party permission and is not just a casual thought.

A resident said she thanked everyone for their comments but she stood under the political party but understands the Council is non-political and wants to help and the party doesn't matter and she is pleased to be here and thanked the Clerk for her initial assistance.

Training for new Councillors was discussed, offered and accepted.

A resident said he had come on about 6 years ago but attended for the 12 months prior but he said he has seen a number of vacancies over those years with all but one going for co-option.

A resident said he could not understand the anger from residents at the new members.