

**MINUTES** of the Full Council Meeting held 16 January 2014 at 7.15 pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

<u>Present</u>	Cllr J Matson (Chairman)	Cllr K Reed (Vice Chair)	Cllr B Robins
	Cllr J Bamber	Cllr E Jones	Cllr E Sutton
	Cllr A Dilworth	Cllr B Leyden	Cllr V Thornhill
	Cllr M Gray	Cllr A Platt	Cllr K Wallbank
	Cllr T Gray	Cllr J Prayle	Cllr S Wellerd
	Cllr C Jones	Cllr A Riggott	
			2 residents, 2 EWMG

1. Apologies Cllrs P Thomas.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt declared a pecuniary interest in items forming part of agenda items 6.1.2, as a relative of an employee.

Cllr Leyden declared a personal interest in item 8 as he is a committee member.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

**Resolved:** Minutes of the Council Meeting on 21 November 2013 were agreed to be an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Statutory Business

Planning - Councillors considered the report from the Lead Member.

**Resolved:** Council agreed with recommendations:

13/01028/FUL ask about parking arrangements.

13/01132 & 01144 mention the poor plans available with these applications.

5. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

No one wanted to speak.

6. Financial Items

6.1 Councillors considered the reports. The invoices and receipts were inspected by a nominated Councillor.

**Resolved:** Council agreed the itemised requests for payment be approved for payment on report 2, and received reports 1, 3 and 4.

<b>Creditor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total £</b>
G & A Marskell	Planters extra planting	130.00
Collingwood Electrical	Solar light bulb, Christmas elec	336.00
DWG NW Ltd	Fill in hedge gaps, skate park	30.00
E-on	Electric at pavilion	46.55
DWG NW Ltd	Mill Green step replacements	144.00
G & A Marskell	Winter planting	1158.00
Arco	Brush, squeegee, grafitti remover	104.69
Tell Tale Signs	Plaques for flower bed, car park	52.80
Tell Tale Signs	Plaques for flower bed, NWIB	182.40
Townsend Print/Skipton	December newsletter printing	855.00
United Utilities	Water/waste at pavilion	35.63
Civic Society	Corporate membership	20.00
John Hy Mayor & Sons	Christmas tree	307.80
Newsquest	Delivery of Dec newsletter	120.60
Arco	Work over trousers	57.02
SLCC	Subscription	161.46
Chorley Council	Doggy waste bins x 3	258.44
1st Euxton ROF Scouts	Delivery of Dec newsletter	63.70

Employee 1	Reimbursements	16.80
Employee 2	Reimbursements	64.75
Employee 3	Reimbursements	73.75
Employee 4	Reimbursements	52.50
Employee 1	January salary	1398.10
Employee 2	January salary	754.25
Employee 3	January salary	888.79
Employee 4	January salary	732.93
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI Jan 14	716.59
Cash	Petty cash fund reimbursement	169.55
LCC	Map sign for library board	60.22
Chorley Council	Flower bed on Dawbers Ln	435.00

6.2 Consider draft precept figures for 2014/2015 and decide upon a precept budget  
The budgets were worked through line by line, adjusting and creating new budgets.

**Resolved:** Council agreed the precept for residents to be set at £27.88 (average band D council tax payer) which is a reduction on last year of 24p or 0.86%.

## 7. Committee/Working Group Reports

7.1 Local Development Framework Working Group - Cllr Bamber reported the re-commencement of the examination, following the completion of the Gypsy and Travellers scheme is projected to be around the 22 April.

7.2 Leisure Committee - meeting needs to be arranged.

7.3 Neighbourhood Planning - public meeting arranged for Wednesday, 22 January at Euxton PC Community Centre at 6.30 pm in the main hall.

## 8. Euxton War Memorial Project

**Resolved:** Council agreed to suspend standing orders.

Two members of the War Memorial Group attended and discussed the project with Council, thanked Council for the grants they had given the group and the Clerk, Debra, for her assistance.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to restore standing orders.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to the four recommendations to enable the project to progress:

1. Document 2, page 1, marked A: Council agreed in principle to Euxton Parish Church leasing the land for the War Memorial to Euxton Parish Council on a 99 year lease (no cost). This is in principle as there is no draft lease to consider yet and no site plan indicating the boundary of the lease.
2. Document 2, page 2, marked B: Council noted the proposed actions of the EWMG.
3. Document 2, page 2, marked C: Council agreed to EWMGs request to be able to organise the opening ceremony and blessing of the new Memorial.
4. Document 2, page 2, marked D: Council agreed in principle to Euxton Parish Church's request for signage including Euxton Parish Council's details (in principle because words need to be finalised at a later date), signage to be provided by EWMG.

## 9. Consultation - Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch by Chorley Council

**Resolved:** Council agreed with the draft response with the inclusion of comments by Cllr Thornhill or the Yarrow Valley and Amenity space.

10. Subsidised Bus Services – consultation on cuts

**Resolved:** Council agreed to respond to the consultation, not agreeing with the cuts of services for villages, already lost serviced, worry for visitors and workers at the hospital being cut off, events in Chorley would be inaccessible.

11. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Euxton PACT meeting was reported on by Cllr Leyden. 145 incidents in 6 weeks reported, which is low. Next meeting is 17 February.

Buckshaw PACT meeting was reported on by Cllr Riggott. Priority is dog fouling in play areas and next meeting is 26 February.

Borough/Parish Liaison meeting was attended by Cllr Platt, who reported the meeting discussed the budget consultation, top-up grant for the precepts, PCSO continued funding and Chorley is to arranged a training session on Neighbourhood Planning and handed out an information leaflet to Councillors.

Chorley Civic Society was reported on by Cllr Wellerd who informed that the group had been discussing the next round of awards and the low numbers of members and funds.

12. Matters for information

Cllr Wellerd spoke about the Christmas Market idea, he had visited the Croston event and spoke to an organiser who said to be successful it needs many volunteers and they had already booked stalls in January for the following Christmas. Put on to Committee agenda.

A Councillor raised the access to the rail station at Buckshaw and that a resident had asked for support, Councillors asked who and what type of support.

Cllr Robins addressed the Council to inform he had moved out of the area and would not be standing for election in May, he wished to thank everyone, he regretted voting the recreation fields project down now he had see one in his new area and that the bowling project had not moved forward yet. Council said he would be sadly missed.

Councillors suggested a bin at the ginnel which leads from Briar Avenue to Runshaw Lane.

Reported flooding on the road at Pear Tree Farm

Reported that a telephone council tax scam was active in the area 'Dalton & Dalton' who claim they can reduce payments, beware.

As there was no more business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Next meetings: Thursdays at 7.15pm – 20 February 2014, 20 March, 17 April, 15 May, 29 May.

<b>Budget Codes</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget Precept 14/15</b>
<b>01</b>	<b>Employees</b>	
01	Employees	51200
<b>02</b>	<b>Housekeeping</b>	
02-1	Employee Mileage	1600
02-2	General Office - stationery, copy, post, IT, tel	1300
02-3	Publicity - newsletter/AnnRep/ Other	3700
02-4	Insurance	2500
02-5	Subscriptions	230
02-6	Audit	1000
<b>03</b>	<b>Council</b>	
03-1	Training/Conference Fees	300
03-2	Elections and Parish Poll Fund	0
03-3	General Reserve	2215
<b>04</b>	<b>Grants/S137</b>	
04-1	Grants	2000
04-2	Christmas Celebrations	1000
<b>05</b>	<b>Special Events/Projects</b>	
05-1	Euxton Gala	650
05-2	Balshaw Lane Pond	4500
05-3	Neighbourhood Plan	2000
05-4	Quality Status renewal	200
<b>06</b>	<b>Amenity/Utility</b>	
06-1	Utilities	1100
06-2	Gardens/Planting/Competitions	3175
06-3	Street Sweeping	500
06-4	War Memorial	2500
06-6	Millennium Green - grass cuts, maint	2200
06-7	All Purposes Committee	4000
06-8	Greenside Pitch Maintenance	3000
06-9	Amenity/Open Space RRM	12500
06-10	Play Equipment replace	10000
<b>07</b>	<b>Earmarked Reserve/Carry Forward Money</b>	
07-2	Street Sweeping Machine Fund	500
		113870
	Less adjustments	9043
		104827
	Equating to £27.88 per average band D property	