

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held 20 November 2014 at 7.15 pm at The Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

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| <u>Present</u> | Cllr J Bamber (Vice Chair) | Cllr C Jones | Cllr K Reed (Chairman) |
| | Cllr M Bamber | Cllr E Jones | Cllr A Riggott |
| | Cllr A Caughey | Cllr B Mason | Cllr V Thornhill |
| | Cllr J Caughey | Cllr J Matson | Cllr S Wellerd |
| | Cllr P Fellows | Cllr A Platt | |
| | Cllr M Jarnell | | 3 members of the public |

1. Apologies Cllrs M Parr, J Prayle.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Platt declared a pecuniary interest in items forming part of agenda items 6.1, as a relative of an employee.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

Resolved: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 16 October 2014 were agreed to be an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Statutory Business

Lead Member for Planning updated regarding the Croston Flood Plan application queries from the last meeting that responses to questions had been received and accepted.

Planning - considered applications in report from Lead Member for Planning.

Attention was brought to Xelflex application, which was a new application similar to the lapsed approval. Council did not object before and it has not changed much, this was not included in the LDF as it was already approved.

5. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

Resolved: Council resolved to suspend standing orders.

A resident submitted some questions for the Bowling & Boules Committee to consider.

A resident expressed his upset at the photos used on the website and that the camera and camera person should be better, or be trained.

Resolved: Council resolved to restore standing orders.

6. Financial Items

6.1 Approve requests for payment made to the Council

Resolved: Council agreed the itemised requests for payment be approved for payments on report 2. Questions were asked about the petty cash report as to where the telephone and IT charges were – they are quarterly.

| Creditor | Description | Total £ |
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| Chorley Council | Play area inspections | 336.40 |
| Royal British Legion | Donation and wreath | 100.00 |
| Cash | Petty cash fund reimbursement | 317.95 |
| Employee 1 | Reimbursements | 32.90 |
| Employee 2 | Reimbursements | 35.00 |
| Employee 3 | Reimbursements | 46.10 |
| Employee 4 | Reimbursements | 31.85 |
| Employee 1 | Salary Nov | 1409.54 |
| Employee 2 | Salary Nov | 764.39 |
| Employee 3 | Salary Nov | 790.25 |
| Employee 4 | Salary Nov | 720.30 |
| H M Revenue & Customs | Tax & NI Nov 14 | 601.94 |

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| Employee 1 | Salary Dec | 1409.34 |
| Employee 2 | Salary Dec | 764.59 |
| Employee 3 | Salary Dec | 657.07 |
| Employee 4 | Salary Dec | 655.07 |
| H M Revenue & Customs | Tax & NI Dec 14 | 487.20 |

6.2 Receive financial monitoring reports.

Resolved: Council received the financial monitoring statements.

6.3 Grant request for Skate Park activity.

Council did not agree to this grant request.

7. Committee/Working Group Reports

7.1 LDF Working Group - Cllr J Bamber informed the Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026 Consultation on Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Schedule of Proposed Modifications October 2014 was ongoing.

7.2 Bowling/Boules Committee - Project Manager reported the Committee had received information requested, which it was satisfied to proceed on. The Chair and Project Manager will now meet with the Club to discuss agreed items and the Project Mgmt Plan will be circulated to the Committee when compiled.

7.3 Personnel Committee - Chair gave a full report on all the items the Committee had considered, referred or put on this/future agenda.

8. Neighbourhood Working Group

Councillors had been requested to submit project ideas to the Chair for collation and submission to this group. Also, any responses to the O&S questions.

9. Electronic Agenda/Minutes for Councillors

If Councillors wished to opt to receive agenda and minutes electronically they should inform the Clerk to action.

10. Communication Method

The Personnel Committee had recommended for Full Council's consideration, a Weekly Digest style news sheet to let Councillors know of some weekly items and actions. This was discussed at length.

Councillors considered the Digest to be time-consuming and not all agreed was required, Councillors were asked to submit a list of what they felt was important to report to them, if and when they happen. This will be collated to give the Clerk a guide as to what to pass on to Councillors.

11. Matters for Information

A Councillor brought to the attention of Council a stone engraved on Mill Lane which was at threat of being lost to age and weather - referred to the All Purposes Committee.

A Councillor brought to the attention of the Council the 'Review of public rights of way improvement plan for Lancashire' (*circulated to Cllrs October14*) which he felt the Council should respond to and asked for Councillors suggestions to be sent to the Clerk for collation. January agenda. Clerk to copy out the document again to Cllrs.

A Councillor raised his concern over the period of time taken to fill the casual vacancy. Council had agreed at the October meeting to advertise in the newsletter and fill at the January meeting. A casual vacancy cannot be filled by the Council until it has been informed by the Electoral Officer that no election had been called (*this was received 17th October*).

A Councillor suggested an inform budget meeting of Councillors to discuss the precept.

A Councillor informed of a visit to the Careline AGM and how they enjoyed the visit and afternoon tea.

Chair informed that the CE Church had a new Vicar who wished to attend a Council meeting and she could invite him to the January meeting.

All Purposes Committee meeting arranged for Thursday, 4th December.

A Councillor asked about progress regarding the Borough Councillors request to form a Working Group regarding sports facilities on Buckshaw – Chair informed that no news or updates had been received, so will chase.

A Councillor expressed concern over the extra traffic on Whinney Lane and surrounding areas due to the Balshaw Lane roadworks. This would be taken to the PACT meeting.

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

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