

**MINUTES** of the Full Council Meeting held 15 October 2015 at 7.15 pm at The Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

<u>Present</u>	Cllr J Bamber (Vice Chair)	Cllr M Jarnell	Cllr A Reed
	Cllr M Bamber	Cllr C Jones	Cllr A Riggott
	Cllr A Caughey	Cllr J Matson	Cllr V Thornhill
	Cllr J Caughey	Cllr A Platt	Cllr S Wellerd
	Cllr H T Cook	Cllr K Reed (Chairman)	
			Two members of public

1. Apologies Cllrs Fellows, E Jones, Parr, 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 17 September 2015 were agreed to be an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman, with the addition of a note at 7.1.

Chair proposed to bring forward item 9, as there was a speaker in attendance. Agree.

9. Proposal regarding bowling at the Chorley Rugby Club site

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

Mr Tony Callander from Chorley Community Trust attended to brief the Council on their project and answer questions.

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

Councillors thanked Mr Callander.

4. Statutory Business

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

Letter to go to the TPO application 938.

Council noted receipt of the application from South Ribble for the Altcar to Shawbrook land.

5. Public Participation - Residents and Police Matters

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

Mr Brotherston and Mr Berry from the EWMG updated Members on the latest news regarding the War Memorial marks on the stones.

A Councillor speaking as a resident provided his opinion that some Councillors did not like to see change and they were moaning, he thought there should be less time complaining and more time contributing.

A Councillor speaking as a resident pointed out certain members had been councillors for some years and were due the respect that entails, plus councillors could do as much or as little as they wished to.

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

6. Financial Items

6.1 Receive financial reports 1, 3 and 4 and approve Expenditure report 2

A corrected list was circulated with corrected totals, and explained,. Questions were asked and responded to about the bank statement dates, Balshaw Lane site sign, why there were no photocopy charges.

**Resolved:** Council received reports 1, 3 and 4 and agreed the itemised requests for payment be approved for payments on report 2, which had been checked by a Councillor prior.

<b>Creditor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total £</b>
United Utilities	Water at pavilion	27.08
Newsquest	September delivery	96.44
DWG NW Ltd	Fencing repairs	210.00
LCC	New sign at Balshaw Ln	234.47
NALC	Local Councils Explained Book	54.99
Wybone	Litter bin for shelter at S'port Rd	192.10
1st Euxton ROF Scouts	Delivery	63.00
Cash	Petty cash fund reimbursement	30.71
Employee 1	Reimbursements	35.70
Employee 2	Reimbursements	27.48
Employee 3	Reimbursements	31.61
Employee 4	Reimbursements	17.85
Employee 1	Salary Oct 2015	1442.74
Employee 2	Salary Oct 2015	857.67
Employee 3	Salary Oct 2015	774.91
Employee 4	Salary Oct 2015	736.66
HMRC	Tax&NI Oct 2015	572.23

### 6.3 Following the update of the new FSCS rules at the last meeting

**Resolved:** Council agreed to the opening of additional accounts, to spread the balances, with different banking groups.

It was suggested the Clerk to also look into NSI and Premium Bonds as options.

### 7. Committee/Working Group Reports

7.1 All Purposes Committee meeting arranged for 22 October, agenda circulated.

#### 7.2 Finance Committee

Verbal update from the Chair. The Committee tackled a few of the risks on the register and will bring others to the Council. It has agreed the petty cash process changes for inclusion in the Financial Regulations which will come to Council for approval. It has set up three working groups. The Committee wishes to receive guidance for the precept budget so it can incorporate before it being considered in January by Council. Any member can attend the Finance Committee meetings.

7.2.1 Receive the half year budget report – received.

7.2.2 Discussion regarding the early draft budget for 2016/2017 to give the Finance Committee guidance – received.

#### 7.3 Other Committee/Working Group updates - verbal update

Bowling & Boules Committee Chair updated that he would be calling a meeting soon.

Personnel Committee Chair updated that the Clerk had been offered a National Cover Advisor role by the SLCC and that the Personnel Committee had considered this and written to SLCC allowing it. Chair wished this to be reported to full Council.

LALC Chorley Area Committee had been attended by Cllrs A & J Caughey.

#### 7.4 Personnel Committee vacancy election

**Resolved:** Council elected Cllr Cook to the role.

### 9. Proposal regarding bowling at the Chorley Rugby Club site

Following the presentation earlier, Councillors discussed the proposal.

**Resolved:** Council agreed to progress by requesting fixed priced costings (at no cost to the Council).

10. Millennium Green tree thinning and grant allocation

**Resolved:** Council agreed to spend the £500 on tree thinning and a contractor to be appointed to do the work.

11. Feasibility Study

**Resolved:** Council agreed to take up the Chorley Council Officer's offer of assistance initially to see what information this may bring.

12. Request for support for HCA, Locality Funding

Councillors noted that in the Design & Access statement information had been used which was misleading, leading on from the presentation last November. Councillors were clear at this stage they could not support the principle of the plan, development or any subsequent planning applications.

**Resolved:** Council supported the submission of a funding bid with the following Council comment; Council is supportive of the principle of providing purpose built homes for the elderly in Euxton, provided this can be achieved within the restrictions imposed by the Chorley Local Plan.

13. Consultation: Chorley Council, Validation Checklist

Council noted this consultation.

14. Matters for information

The delivery of the newsletter was asked about. We still need volunteers and Councillors offered their support.

A Councillor informed he had asked the Clerk to report the white and yellow lines on Balshaw Lane as they had worn off and were no longer visible, and asked Councillors to take a look. If the lines have not been re-painted by the next meeting, this item to go on the agenda.

A Councillor informed he had been contacted by a Fracking activist who had asked what Euxton Council was doing about the issue ie, a public meeting. It was suggested the activist might organise public meetings in Euxton.

Councillor John Bamber volunteered to attend the Euxton War Memorial Group committee meetings, Clerk to inform EWMG.

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