

Lytham Town Council Minutes 25.6.25

18.30 Lytham Institute

Amended 8.7.2025

Present: Chair – Simon Newell, Anne Aitken, Mark Bamforth, Brenda Blackshaw, Edward Cook, Kelly Farrington, Cath Powell, Hilary Warburton

1. Apologies: Amy Barnes, Suzanne Bramall.

2. Declaration of interest and dispensation consideration.

3. Approve minutes of the extraordinary meeting on June 12 approved and adopted.

4. Public participation A question was raised regarding speeding, particularly on Church Road. SN explained the areas of concern that LTC were aware of. SN asked member of public re recent developments if he wished to comment, offer declined. SN commented that certain developments had evolved in the last twenty-four hours that could cause concern for Savannah's operation. These would be discussed under Planning and Licensing.

5. Town Map BB explained detail concerning the Town Map. She would contact Tim Dixon for financial support. Another display board was considered for the east end of Lytham.

6. Town Council New Notice Boards A meeting with Charlie Richards would be arranged after Lytham Club Day (LCD).

7. Environment/Maintenance

When will the trees be pruned/pollarded? and what arrangements will be made to remove tarmac and facilitate areas around trees to allow water to percolate to the roots? In 2023 a proposal was put to LBP for their views. At this point there was concern that the trees would be cut down. Lytham Voice had a meeting where 250 people attended and expressed their concerns. A lady called Melissa at FBC was tasked with finding out who owned the trees on their forecourts and was there any documentation to substantiate ownership/ and contractual maintenance? BB suggested that ages ago Lytham Town Regeneration committee had looked at the issue. KF suggested there might be attention to the trees in January 2026. MB pointed out that Section 106 agreements had left a £1 M plus fund for Lytham with some time constriction. KF considered pressure should be brought to bear on FBC. AA and CP volunteered to find out the ownership of the trees on Clifton Street. Does FBC have a plan for Lytham regeneration SN was concerned about the survey cost by a Manchester company – how much did this cost?

Car Parking in Lytham. SN pointed out that residents, business and tourists were competing for space. MB suggested that parking for tourists was essential to the economic benefit of the town. Various proposals were considered. BB Station Square car park was underused. Perhaps it should be free to park? .CP – Aegon / Beaverbrooks – was there capacity, Park View 4 U ? St Bedes was suggested “park and stride” Holland Home car park at weekend generally has plenty of free spaces.

Liggard Brook. AA and CP to have a meeting with concerned parties to include the Environment Agency. Local people should not start any form of maintenance on this watercourse as AA suggested, these were “issues” which she did want to elaborate on.

8. Planning and Licensing CIP

– Cumulative Impact Policy. SN explained the system for licensing 20 years ago and outlined the present Act (2003) which now controls Licensing applications. He explained how areas had now adopted a CIP on the basis that there was a sufficiency of licensed premises. These included Blackpool, Preston and Whalley. The CIP puts the presumption on the applicant to prove that their application is not for just a bar. He pointed out the applicant who wanted a bar to go with his snooker club. In other words, the adoption of a CIP is a tool that the licensing authority can use to remove “the presumption” that a licence will be granted. The LTC voted to “investigate” with FBC the idea of adopting such a policy. This would be discussed on the agenda for Monday 30th. Mr C spoke at this point to state that the chronology of events at Savannahs as directed by FBC had been incorrect, leaving his business in a state of flux through no fault of his own. KF expressed concern for this couple who had been badly advised leaving them concerned for their future. SN explained that he was unaware of the facts presented. He would draft a letter to be approved by LTC to the CEO and leader of the council to outline the conversation that had taken place at Town Council meeting of Wednesday June 25th attended by several members of the general public including Mr and Mrs C. KF suggested that whatever the legal position is at now should not restrict the continuing business activities of the restaurant. The feeling in the meeting was in favour of such action.

9. Community Engagement and events

Facebook- CP asked for ideas for the front page of LTC web site.

10. Budget/Finance and Governance

Town Clerk – HW requested the salary be agreed for the Town Clerk as SCP 24-28 £34,318-£37,398 per annum. Pro rata 17.99 per hr-19.66 per hr. This was approved. HW was thanked for her work so far with this by SN. BB suggested social media might be a good place to advertise the position. J R was suggested as a temporary stand in pro tem. SN would adopt the position including POR “person of responsibility.” LCD – CP stated there would be two police on duty afternoon and evening. Savers shop would be asked not to park on the pedestrian crossing zig zags.

11. Closed session Did not happen due to time constraint

12. Date of next meeting Monday 28th July 2025 13. Items C/F NALC registration