



# Lytham Town Council

ANNUAL REVIEW – YEAR ONE

MAY 2025 TO MAY 2026

Serving the community of Lytham

Established May 2025

Annual Council Meeting  
Wednesday 6 May 2026

Annual Town Meeting  
Wednesday 27 May 2026

## OUR FIRST YEAR

## A new voice for Lytham – twelve months in

Lytham Town Council came into being in May 2025 as the dedicated first tier of local government for our community – the level of government closest to you. In our first year we have held regular council meetings, established our committees, appointed our permanent Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, and begun delivering on the priorities residents told us matter most. This document is both a formal public record and a community update.

## YEAR ONE AT A GLANCE

15

FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS  
(inc Extraordinary Meetings)

80

DECISIONS / RESOLUTIONS PASSED

10

ELECTED COUNCILLORS

£95,875

FIRST YEAR PRECEPT

## LYTHAM – OUR COMMUNITY



A photograph of the iconic Lytham Windmill, situated on Lytham Green. Photograph courtesy of our Clerk.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIR

*“Thanks to the outgoing Chair Cllr Newell for all his time and drive in our first 12 months. I am looking forward to the next 12 months as Chair, working with our Clerk and the new Vice-Chair Cllr Bamforth and more importantly the Lytham Community. To that end we hope to be increasing our communications and reaching out to those who we don't hear from or find it difficult to access us. This last 12 month has confirmed to us the passion everyone has for our community and it has been wonderful to see this in action, making this Town such a wonderful place to live.”*

### Cllr Suzanne Bramall

Chair, Lytham Town Council | Municipal Year 2026-27

## ABOUT THE COUNCIL

Lytham Town Council is the first tier of local government for Lytham, established in May 2025 following a community governance review. The council comprises ten elected councillors and is supported by their Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, who was appointed in September 2025.

## FROM THE FOUNDING CHAIR

*“When Lytham Town Council came into being in May 2025, we started from scratch – no infrastructure, no systems, and no Clerk for our first four months. What we have achieved in year one is a testament to the commitment of every councillor and the support of this community. We have listened, we have acted, and we have built something to be proud of. Year two will build on those foundations, and I look forward to continuing to serve Lytham alongside my fellow councillors and our Clerk.”*

**CLlr Simon Newell**

Founding Chair, Lytham Town Council | May 2026

## COMMUNITY UPDATE - LIGGARD BROOK

Councillors have been working on behalf of the community in trying to get improvements undertaken on the Liggard Brook.

After meetings with the Environment Agency Councillors invited Mr Paul Rigby to address the Council and public present at the February meeting. This presentation was an informative overview and explained issues relating to the flow of water in the brook.

He also updated that following this input, the Environment Agency confirmed in March that they had cleared the tidal gates of accumulated mud and that these would allow the brook to be closed off at the Penstock and allow a head of water to build up, and then once the gates are released, the water would naturally help clear the build up of silt by ‘flushing’ it through.

The Council also recognises the work of the recent news article about the partnership between Fylde Council, the [Environment Agency](#), [United Utilities](#) and the [Ribble Rivers Trust](#) and how they will be making improvements to the Liggard Brook over the next 18 months.

For more please see Fylde Council’s news article here: <https://ow.ly/My7N50YYTiB>

The council works alongside Fylde Borough Council and Lancashire County Council to represent and serve the residents of Lytham, taking on matters of local importance closest to the community.

All ten councillors serve as unpaid volunteers. Meetings are held at Lytham Institute, 27 Clifton Street, Lytham.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

A selection of what we have delivered or progressed in our first twelve months:

### 1 Governance & Policy Framework

The Council established a comprehensive suite of 34 publicly available documents – including 15 written policies, 13 governance documents and 4 finance documents – giving Lytham a sound legal and procedural foundation from the outset. The Council’s first internal audit was completed successfully.

### 2 Traffic, Parking & Highways

Road traffic and parking was identified as a community priority. Work progressed on speed indicator equipment, rights of way, street furniture and A-board management to improve accessibility across the town.

### 3 Celebrating Volunteers

The Council hosted a Celebration of Volunteers event in February at the Lowther Pavilion brought together around 50 local voluntary organisations.. The Council thanks all of the town’s volunteers for giving so much of their time for the benefit of others

### 4 Community Grants Scheme Launched

After establishing the Council’s Community Grant Scheme, the first award was made to Community Workshop Lytham CIC, which is also known as the ‘Men’s Shed’ at the YMCA. The grant was for £500 to support materials for community and environmental projects.

### 5 Town of Culture & Environment

The Council submitted an application for the national Town of Culture competition, celebrating Lytham’s culture, heritage, architecture and arts. Planting activity also took place at Sparrow Park and Green Drive, with further planting planned at Lytham Railway Station.

### 6 Appointment of Internal Auditor

JDH Business Services Ltd appointed as Independent Internal Auditor for 2025/26, ensuring the council’s finances are independently reviewed and publicly accountable.

**LOOKING AHEAD – PRIORITIES FOR YEAR TWO**

Building on our foundations, the following priorities are already underway or planned for 2026/27:

Expanding the Community Grants Scheme and the work of the Honours & Awards scheme to support and recognition more local individuals and community organisations across Lytham.

Progressing the Lancashire Town of Culture application and continuing to champion Lytham’s heritage, arts and community character.

Working on a Strategic Plan which looks at the needs for Lytham over the next 5 years, as the reorganisation of Local Government takes place and we move from working in partnership with Fylde Borough Council as it transitions into a new Unitary Authority.

**FROM THE VICE-CHAIR**

*“Lytham has so much to offer - from our historic seafront to our independent businesses and green spaces.*

*The Council’s role is to support that, protect what makes Lytham special and make such that visitors and residents both benefit.*

*I am looking forward to working closely with the Chair going forward”*

**Cllr Mark Bamforth**

Vice-Chair, Lytham Town Council | Municipal Year 2026-27

**COMMITTEES**

The council has established committees to conduct its business effectively. The Community Grants, Honours & Awards Committee held its first meeting on 22 April 2026.

**Full Council;** Community Grants, Honours & Awards Committee.

The Council will be reviewing it’s structure and composition of Working Groups in line with recommendations received from our Internal Audit at the next Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**YOUR COUNCILLORS**

Ten councillors were elected to Lytham Town Council in May 2025, all serving as unpaid volunteers:

<b>Cllr Suzanne Bramall</b> Chair	<b>Cllr Mark Bamforth</b> Vice-Chair
<b>Cllr Anne Aitken</b>	<b>Cllr Edward Cook</b>
<b>Cllr Simon Newell</b> Founding Chair	<b>Cllr Kelly Farrington</b>
<b>Cllr Amy Barnes</b>	<b>Cllr Catherine Powell</b>
<b>Cllr Brenda Blackshaw</b>	<b>Cllr Hilary Warburton</b>

**Clerk & RFO:** Mr Luke Russell

**ANNUAL MEETINGS – MAY 2026**

**FINANCES – YEAR ONE SUMMARY**

The Council’s first year precept of £95,875 was set in 2025. A full statement of accounts was presented at the Annual Council Meeting on 6 May 2026 and is published on our website.

The Council appointed JDH Business Services Ltd as Internal Auditor for 2025/26.

The Council also recovered over £1,400 of VAT paid in this last year from HMRC in April 2026.

PRECEPT 2025/26 <b>£95,875</b>	PRECEPT 2026/27 <b>£100,669</b>
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<b>Wed 6 May 2026</b>	<b>Annual Council Meeting</b> Election of Chair and Vice-Chair, appointment of committees, adoption of accounts.
<b>Wed 27 May 2026</b>	<b>Annual Town Meeting</b> Open to all residents of Lytham – an opportunity to raise matters directly with the council. 6:30pm, Lytham Institute.

All council meetings are open to the public. Agendas are published at least three clear days in advance at our website and also on the council noticeboards where available and weather permitting.

## YOUR COUNCIL IN ACTION



Councillors Simon Newell (left) and Edward Cook (right) cleaning up leaves from the base of a tree on Clifton Street on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Photograph courtesy of Councillor Hilary Warburton



*Lytham Town Councillors supporting Lancashire Police's Fylde Neighbourhood Team on an Operation Publican patrol in Lytham town centre in November 2025.*

## GET INVOLVED

Attend a Town Council meeting, held at Lytham Institute, 27 Clifton Street, Lytham. FY8 5EP

Dates are published on our website

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Lytham Town Council celebrated the Volunteer Groups in Lytham who do such for our communities with an event held at Lowther Pavillion in February 2026.

Photograph courtesy of our Clerk.

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