

Minutes

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Committee Meeting
Thursday 6th June 2024 7:30pm
Cask & Tap, 82 Topping Street, Blackpool, FY1 3AD

Attendees: Rick Pickup (RP, Chair), Rob Wheatley (RW), Graham Monk (GM), Keith Edgington (KE), Lee Rawlings (LR), Matt Walker (MW), Alistair Blair (AB), Gary Levin (GL), Gary Walkey (GW), Victoria Fairbrother (VF),

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened at 19:30 and RP welcomed all to the meeting

2. Apologies for Absence

No Apologies for Absence were received.

3. Expressions of Interest

LR as landlord of 15's St Annes expressed his interest.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting and any Matters Arising

The minutes were accepted as a fair representation of the last meeting and there were no outstanding matters arising.

5. Finance

GM provided a copy of the latest bank statement for review by the committee and a statement to reflect that there were no transactions in the previous month. A question was raised around the previous submission to CAMRA and answered. No further matters arising.

6. Membership

LR provided a statement to show that during the period since the previous meeting there were 22 new members in our branch, while 46 memberships had lapsed. It was stated that we are currently a branch with 2025 members and we are the largest branch in the NW region, while maintaining our standing as 7th overall in the UK.

7. Pubs Officers Reports

A. Pubs Officers Roles

- a. GL - Pubs Conservation / Local Heritage List.
- b. VF - Pubs Scoring.
- c. AB - WhatPub entries.

However, it must be stressed that each person is able to cover across all aspects of Pubs Officer Roles as and when required regardless of allocated role.



B. Planning applications/Licensing Issue/WhatPub Issues Etc

A discussion was held in regard to a number of pubs which are currently candidates for entry in the 2025 GBG with having various issues. A vote was cast and a number of changes to the submission was agreed. The committee were also made aware of a planning application for Miss Anna's Emporium to become a licensed premises under the name of G.O.A.T. A further discussion around Heritage Pubs in our area was also discussed.

Action: GL to visit 'The Devonshire' on a Heritage matter.

8. Not the Fleetwood Beer Festival

RP made the committee aware of a meeting held at Fleetwood Marine Hall between RP, GL with Helen and Tracey from the hall. The discussion centered around the branch supporting a Food/Beer festival on or around 1st September 2024. GL had run the numbers and provided his findings to the committee. After much discussion the decision was made not to proceed with supporting this event due to the high risk of losses.

9. Social Trips and Branch Diary for 24-25

A discussion was held and it is proposed to run a local event at the end of the 1st week in July, details to be promulgated.

10. Branch Emails and Mailout

MW to introduce and set up KE and VF on 'Discord' (completed after meeting).

11. AONB

A reminder was given to be on the lookout for new introductions of 'Fresh Ale' in our region.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Next Meeting – TBC.

Action: RP/KE to investigate locations which enables the branch to widen its profile and encourage local members to attend meetings.

RP Closed the meeting at 20:55.

