



POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2023 ~ 7:00 P.M.
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT VICARAGE LANE FIELDS

If you are attending, you are welcome to observe Covid-19 guidelines, if you wish.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies** – to receive apologies from Committee members.
2. **Declaration of Interests** - to receive any declarations of interest (personal and/or prejudicial) with regard to items on the Agenda.
Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 28 June 2012 and amended on 25 October 2012. Members are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature or a disclosable pecuniary interest they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification must contact the Clerk.
3. **Village Issues – for information**
To receive reports relating to the legitimate business of the Council from Committee members and Council officers (Committee members are asked to advise the Clerk in advance of any reports – including the subject matter they wish to make.)
4. **Minutes of the Last Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting (4 October 2023)**
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting (enclosed).
5. **Remembrance Sunday - Update – for information**
 - Wrightington Parish Council have confirmed that Cllr Mike Grimes may lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the War Memorial at Appley Bridge on Remembrance Sunday.
 - The wreaths were collected last Tuesday and those that need to be distributed are in the process of being distributed.
 - Thanks to a donation via a resident, the Parish Council's supply of lamp post poppies has trebled. The Caretaker has been putting them up in Shevington Moor, Appley Bridge / Shevington Vale and central Shevington. The CVRA put up those in Crooke Village.

- The uniformed groups, the scout band, the bugler, the sound technicians with PA system and the Police have all confirmed their attendance.
- The Vicar has been contacted and has been in touch.
- Shevington Vale Primary School have let me know that their service will be on Friday, 10 November at 10:45am. I have passed this information on to Cllrs Jess Diggles and Mike Grimes.
- All proposed services/ceremonies have been announced in the newsletter currently being delivered to homes. Representatives more local to Shevington Moor and Crooke Village will circulate information in their areas nearer the time.
- The grounds maintenance team will do their best to have the Memorial Garden and Park as ready as it can be, but cannot promise to be able to mow the grass, as the ground conditions are poor. The hedge surrounding the Memorial Garden has recently been tidied up.
- Cllr Horridge will collect 'Our Tommy' from the Library and display him on the day.
- Shevington in Bloom will mount a display of knitted poppies on the day.

Any further update will be provided verbally during the meeting.

6. Christmas Shop-Front Competition – for agreement

(a) Mrs Pam Powell has written to say that she is unable to judge the 2023 competition. *Members are invited to discuss the issue and agree the best way forward.*

(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)

(b) Last year the Council acknowledged all entries by sending the entrants a 'Thank You' card after the results had been announced.

Members are invited to consider and agree whether this is to be done again.

(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)

7. Places for Everyone – Proposed Modifications Consultation

for discussion and agreement (enclosed)

The deadline for responses is 6 December. If members wish to submit a corporate response, it is recommended that detailed discussion should be deferred until the Council meeting on

29 November to give members time to read all of the documentation and have a meaningful discussion before submitting such a response.

(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)

8. Planning for the Future of Wigan Borough to 2040 – the Wigan Borough Local Plan

The Strategic Planning Team at Wigan Council have written:

"We are emailing as you have previously made representations on the Places for Everyone Plan or its predecessor, the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.

At Wigan Council we are preparing a Local Plan that will sit under the strategic policy set out in the Places for Everyone Plan. This time last year, we consulted on Issues and Opportunities, and if you responded to that consultation this email will probably be a duplicate, for which we apologise.

We are now consulting on the Options and Preferences for the Local Plan, for 8 weeks until 23:59 on Monday 18th December 2023.

You can access the consultation online. It includes a main consultation document and an accompanying map book. On each you will be able to click on 'bubbles' in the page to both view comments that others have made and leave your own comments. It will be anonymous on the webpage.

You can also view paper versions of the documents in Wigan Council's libraries.

As part of the consultation, we are holding ten workshops which are an opportunity to discuss and debate matters in the Options and Preferences version of the Local Plan with the planners involved.

Each workshop will begin at 7pm with a short presentation (10 minutes) to set the scene, and then it will be about hearing everyone's views on those issues. There will also be the opportunity to raise anything else people want to. Each workshop will have a primary focus on the town concerned.

The workshops all begin at 7pm and are as follows:

Tuesday 31 October: Tyldesley Rugby Union Club, Tyldesley

Wednesday 1 November: Hindley Library and Community Centre, Hindley

Thursday 2 November: Platt Bridge Community Zone, Platt Bridge

Monday 6 November: Sunshine House, Scholes, Wigan

Tuesday 7 November: The Turnpike Gallery, Leigh

Thursday 9 November: Town Hall, Atherton

Tuesday 14 November: Salvation Army, Chapel Street, Ashton-in-Makerfield

Wednesday 15 November: Lamberhead Working Men's Club, Pemberton

Thursday 16 November: Standish Community Centre, Standish

Wednesday 22 November: Golborne Parkside Club, Golborne

We are encouraging everyone to pre-register, which you can do online.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to seeing you and/or hearing from you during the consultation."

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9. Planning Applications – to consider for comment

- **A/23/95853/CU- 7 Broadacre Standish Wigan WN6 0SN-Change of use from a dwellinghouse (Planning Use Class C3(a)) to a residential care home for up to two children (Planning Use Class C2)**

This application was approved with conditions by the Planning Committee during its meeting on Tuesday, 10 October 2023.

At the time that this agenda was prepared there were no other applications to bring to the Committee's attention.

10. Dates of Meetings 2024 – for agreement and recommendation (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider the dates proposed, which have been adjusted to fit in with local school holiday dates, and make recommendations to the Council.

11. Dates of Next Meetings – for agreement and recommendation

29 November (Council); 6 December (P&GP and Finance Committees)

There has been a suggestion that the Full Council meeting on 13 December should be cancelled. Members are invited to consider this and make a recommendation to the Council.

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Clerk to the Parish Council