



POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 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 17 May 2023. 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 (1 November 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. Review of Outstanding Work Identified During Annual Inspection**
– for information & agreement (enclosed)
The original report to which updates (shown in blue) have been added is enclosed.
Members have been invited to review the outstanding work and agree the priorities.
(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)
- 6. Xmas Tree Fencing – for information** (to follow)
- 7. Christmas Shop-Front Competition Results – for approval**
Cllr Helen Thompson has written that the judging of the shop-fronts will take place on Tuesday, 5 December. Her recommendations will be brought to this meeting.
Members are invited to approve them.
(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)
- 8. January Newsletter - for discussion and agreement** (enclosed)

The newsletter is due to be published on 3 January 2024. Enclosed is the text received so far.

The document will be updated as more text is received. Members are invited to approve it.
(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)

9. Transport Strategy Consultation – for discussion and agreement

Wigan Council are now consulting on **the new draft Wigan Transport Strategy**, which runs until 23:59 on Monday, 18 December 2023. This will provide robust and credible evidence on transport for the review of the new Wigan Local Plan. Feedback will be used to inform a final version of the Strategy, which the Planning Department at Wigan plan to put forward for formal adoption during 2024.

Members can access the consultation **on the Wigan Council website**. It includes the new draft Wigan Transport Strategy and an Executive Summary. Members will be able to click on ‘bubbles’ in the page to both view comments that others have made and leave their own comments. It will be anonymous on the webpage.

Members will need to register for the website if they have not done so already.

Members are invited to consider the consultation and agree the best way forward.

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

10. Planning Applications – to consider for comment

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

11. Dates of Next Meetings:

24 January (Finance Committee followed by Council)

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Clerk to the Parish Council