



POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

**THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2017 - 7 P.M.
SHEVINGTON LIBRARY**

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. **Minutes of the Last Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting (5 October 2017)**
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.
4. **Village Issues – for information only**
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.)
5. **The Future of Shevington Community Primary School Site – for information** (enclosed)
*“A group of residents representing various agencies such as PPG, Dementia Care, the Community Association, the Parish Council and Local Councillors have met to discuss the future of the school site.
The preferred option is to create an imaginative all-age group facility for the community, with a bias towards care for the elderly and vulnerable.
The facility would possibly Include:
Sheltered housing /a Care Home / a playgroup / a space for young peoples' groups, eg.Brownies and Guides. Many new inclusive complexes of this type exist from which we can collect ideas and create a centre of excellence for all.
The steps to be taken:
1. A consultation of residents coming from the community.*

2. District Councillors are to speak to Jo Wilmott who is fronting the Wigan Care Project.
3. This may be followed by a consultation from the Council.
4. Seek the advice of experts in this field.

It is hoped that the Parish Council will be willing to fund the publication and distribution of the consultation leaflet circulated by the Clerk. This is just the first step in what we expect will be a fairly drawn out process. However, we feel it is necessary to bring the issue to residents attention while the closure of school is still fresh in the public mind. It is also important to make Wigan Council aware that the community values this site and wants it developed for our people.” Ira Whiteley

6. **SLCC Training Day Report: The Advantages of Social Media** – for information (enclosed)
Members are invited to receive and note the Clerk’s report.
7. **Social Media Guidance** – for consideration and adoption (enclosed)
Cllrs I Whiteley and J Fletcher have reviewed the example policies tabled at the previous meeting and have prepared the enclosed guidelines. Members are invited to consider them for adoption.
8. **Shevington United Charities** – for consideration and agreement
The Chairman and Cllr J Fletcher are continuing their research into Shevington United Charities and would like to recommend the following way forward:
 1. To ask the Charity Commission for advice about several issues they have identified. The letter should be sent from the Clerk.
 2. To contact M&G Securities to try to establish the status of the Charibonds held by SUC.
 3. To continue trying to contact Tony Boylan. It is suggested that a letter should be delivered to his house together with a copy of the letter to the Charity Commission. Attempts to contact him by phone should continue. This is particularly important, as he is the only signatory to the bank account.
 4. To investigate Lancashire County Council policy on Green Belt land and development. Members are invited to discuss and agree the best way forward.
9. **November Newsletter** – for approval (enclosed)
Members are invited to consider and approve the text for the November edition of the newsletter. Several items can only be completed in the middle of November.
(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)
10. **Planning for Homes in the Right Places – A Government Consultation** – for agreement (enclosed)
Members are invited to consider the contents of Mr B King’s report and agree the responses, which will be forwarded to the DCLG and the LALC.
11. **Standish Neighbourhood Plan Consultation** – for consideration and agreement (enclosed)
Members are invited to consider Mr B King’s report and agree to his recommendations.
12. **WLBC Consultation on Future CIL Expenditure** – for consideration and agreement (enclosed)
Members are invited to consider Mr B King’s report and agree to his recommendations.
13. **Planning Applications** – to consider for comment / receive updates
At the time of writing there were no new planning applications on the Wigan Council website to be brought to the attention of the Committee.
14. **Dates of Next Meetings:** 30 November (Council)

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Clerk to the Parish Council