



POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 6 APRIL 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. **Temporary Closure of Wigan Bus Station** – *for information and discussion* (enclosed)
 Mr Stuart Keane is the Manager of Wigan and Leigh Bus stations. His major issue at the moment is preparing for the closure of Wigan Bus Station in July for about 18 months. The major issue is where buses will terminate while the new bus station is being built. He would like to discuss the comments the Council made during the consultation period. Most of these were satisfied by the final design, but the Council did express a desire to be consulted on the arrangements during the closure period.
 Mr Keane has been in discussion with Wigan Council on street stands, but he should by now be in a position to discuss the plan for on-street termini. Mr B King received a message a few weeks ago asking him to contact Mr Keane, which he did. During their conversation it was suggested that he attend the Committee meeting in April to discuss termini locations, as requested. He has been invited to attend either this meeting or the Committee meeting in May. As he has not yet confirmed which meeting he will be attending, the item has been included on this agenda in anticipation.
 Mr King's original report to the Council meeting in December 2015 is enclosed. It is unlikely that Mr King will be present on Thursday evening, as he is still not fit enough. However, he will forward some pointers later in the week.
4. **Minutes of the Last Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting (2 March 2017)**

- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (circulated with the papers for the March Council meeting)
5. **Village Issues – for information only**
To receive reports relating to the legitimate business of the Council from Committee members and Council officers (Councillors are asked to advise the Clerk in advance of any reports – including the subject matter - they wish to make.)
 6. **Memorial Park Drainage Project – for discussion and agreement**
Mr I Clemow of NPS has been instructed to prepare a scheme on which applications for grant funding for work needed in Memorial Park should be based and has met with the Clerk to discuss the issues and his requirements with respect to the information that he will need.
Meanwhile, since the Annual Parish Meeting some members have been canvassing support from residents for the project and have gathered at least 50 signatures. Members are invited to discuss and agree the best way forward in terms of consultation. *(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)*
 7. **Rail Services Update – for discussion (to follow)**
The latest update from OPSTA on rail services in the area was circulated with the Clerk's Report to the March Council meeting. Mr B King will forward a number of pointers to aid discussion later in the week.
 8. **Drainage Issues in the Vicinity of Shevington Scout Hut – for information (enclosed)**
Several weeks ago the Clerk was contacted by the owner of the property in Miles Lane that adjoins the entrance to Forest Fold on the Shevington side of its junction with Miles Lane. It seems that surface water from the Scout Hut car park has been entering his garage and causing damage. As the land in question is owned by Shevington Scouts, the Clerk forwarded the enquiry to one of the Scout Leaders, who set up lines of enquiry. He has copied the Clerk into his correspondence with the resident, other Scout Leaders and with Wigan Council.
There are a couple of issues that contribute to the resident's problems:
 - (a) On occasions of heavy rain water flows downhill from the bowling green car park and crosses the road into the Scout Hut car park.
 - (b) There appears to be no proper drainage in the road and the only drain in the vicinity, which is located at the boundary of the road and the Scout Hut car park seems to be both blocked and damaged.
 The Parish Council lease the land from Wigan Council, but the road is not included in the lease. Enclosed is a reply that David Huxley of Shevington Scouts has received from the LA's Highways Department to his enquiry.
Shevington Scouts are proposing a meeting between themselves and the resident to try to resolve the situation. They have invited the Clerk to attend the meeting, once it has been arranged. They were hoping that a representative of the LA would also attend, but that, at this moment in time, does not sound promising.
Members are invited to note this information.
 9. **Policing of the Village – for discussion and agreement (enclosed)**
Enclosed are messages from Dist Cllr Paul Collins and Assistant Chief Constable Rob Potts about policing the local community. Residents have concerns about policing of the village. Members are invited to discuss the issues and agree the best way forward. *(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)*
 10. **Protocol for Referring Matters to Other Agencies – for discussion and agreement**
Members are invited to discuss and agree a protocol for referring matters to other agencies.
 11. **Vicarage Lane Fields Matters – (to follow)**
 12. **Bowling Club Request – for approval**
Shevington Village Bowling Club have asked for permission to install a solar powered light on the exterior of the storage pavilion at the bowling green. This to provide lighting along the route from the bowling club pavilion to the toilets and the exit to the site on darker evenings. The bowling club are funding the light and its installation.
Members are invited to approve the request. *(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)*
 13. **Planning Applications – to consider for comment**
 - **A/17/83860/LA: to erect a single storey detached temporary classroom building at Shevington Vale Community Primary School, Appley Bridge**

There are currently no documents relating to this application on the LA's website, but members are invited to note it.

14. Dates of Next Meetings: 27 March (Council); 4 May (Policy & General Purposes Committee) – *for agreement*

Members are invited to note that the next Policy & General Purposes Committee meeting is on the same day as the Greater Manchester Mayoral Elections. In the light of this we will either have to identify a different venue for the meeting or move the date to the following Thursday. Members are invited to agree the best way forward.

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