



POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2024 ~ 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 (7 February 2024)**
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting (enclosed).
- 5. April Newsletter** - for approval
The newsletter is due to be published on 24 April 2024. Below is a list of items suggested for inclusion:
 - Community Awards
 - What Does the Parish Council Do?
 - Annual Spring Show
 - Shevington Fete
 - Upgrades at Forest Fold Bowling GreenMembers are invited to put forward other suggestions and approve them.
(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)
- 6. A Memorial for Dr John Stuart Surman – for agreement in principle**

A suggestion has recently been put forward by a resident that there should be a memorial to Dr John Stuart Surman – the GP who founded Shevington Surgery on its original site and was involved in the founding and development of Wigan & Leigh Hospice – in Shevington Village.

There are several possibilities:

- (a) The tree outside The Dispensary (the site of Shevington Surgery before it moved to its current site) was damaged by vandals last year and is due to be felled, as it is thought unlikely to survive in its current condition. The suggestion put forward by the resident was that a tree should be planted in memory of Dr Surman to replace the damaged tree.
- (b) An information board outlining Dr Surman's work could be installed on the grassed area outside The Dispensary.
- (c) A few years ago the then Parish Council – in response to a request from other residents – had consulted nearest neighbours of the grassed area over their views about the introduction of a bench on which elderly residents carrying heavy shopping home to the Council estate could rest. At the time most did not object to this and the Parish Council had agreed in principle to the idea.
- (d) A memorial plaque could be fitted either to the side wall of The Dispensary or to a purpose-built structure on the grassed area next to it.
- (e) A combination of some all of the above
- (f) Another suggestion.

Members are invited to consider the above suggestions and agree the way forward.

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

7. Parish Council Email Address – for approval (to follow)

8. Shevington Garden Club 40th Anniversary – for approval

Shevington Garden Club are celebrating their fortieth anniversary this year and have asked for permission to plant a tree in Memorial Park to commemorate this. The tree will replace one of those recently removed because of damage caused by Storm Pia. Members are invited to approve this.

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

9. Vision Zero Strategy – for information

Almost 10,000 people have been killed or suffered life-changing injuries on Greater Manchester's roads in the last 10 years. Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) has now endorsed a draft Vision Zero Strategy for the city-region. It aims to eliminate road death and life-changing injury by 2040, with a target to achieve a 50 per cent reduction by 2030. The intention is to increase safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

Development of the Greater Manchester Vision Zero Strategy and Action Plan is being led by Safer Roads Greater Manchester Partnership, made up of the GMCA, the 10 Greater Manchester local authorities, Transport for Greater Manchester, Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service and National Highways. Your views can help to further shape the Vision Zero Strategy and Action Plan.

About Vision Zero and the Safe System approach

- Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and life-changing injuries, while increasing safe, healthy and equitable mobility for all. First implemented in Sweden in the 1990s, Vision Zero has been adopted in other areas across Europe, the United States and the UK. In the UK, Vision Zero has been adopted in several local authority areas, including regions neighbouring Greater Manchester like West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Lancashire and the Liverpool City Region.
- Greater Manchester's Vision Zero Strategy looks to adopt the Safe System approach to road safety. A Safe System is one where people, vehicles and the road infrastructure interact in a way that secures a high level of safety for all. While it is inevitable that there will always be road traffic collisions, adopting the Safe System approach means that the impact of a collision can be minimal, saving lives and preventing life-changing injuries.

Why your views matter

Sharing your experiences and suggestions will help us to get a better understanding of what we need to do to achieve the ambitions set out in draft Vision Zero Strategy. Further engagement will take place on the Vision Zero Action Plan later in the year.

The GMCA are currently consulting on the strategy. The current consultation is on their website – if you wish to have your say, you have until 10 March to do 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:

20 March (Annual Parish Meeting); 10 April (P&GP Committee)

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