

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED AT THE TOWN MEETING ON MONDAY 27TH MARCH

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE CARNEGIE HALL.

MEETING STARTED AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT

Cllrs. D McGeown(Town Mayor),A Younge (Dep. Town Mayor),D Wilkinson, A Price, G Wroe, A Jackson,L Maher, N Maher, J Speight, C Reilly and C Kirkman.

Members of the public.

Mr M Kemp and Mr H Dodson

Cllr D McGeown chaired the meeting

TC14/23 Fire Safety Information

The Chair read the safety information

TC15/23 Apologies:

D Bullock (Meeting) B Eckersley-Fallon (ill) M Tighe (Personal) L Reilly (work) R Brennan.

TC16/23

The chair read the noticed conveying the meeting.

TC17/23

Declarations of Interest

Cllr D Wilkinson as a member of Bolton Planning Committee

TC18/23

Public Question Time

Mr Kemp asked the following questions.

Question 1

Have members of the town council who are on the Steering Group raise the Steering Group issues at the town council meetings.

Answer

Previous to Bolton council allowing the minutes of the steering group to be made public those minutes were deemed private and not discussed publicly at the council.

Question 2

The attendance list of councillors.

Cllr Kirkman explained she just needed the attendance for a meeting in May to complete the list.

Which would be circulated.

TC19/23

Planning Applications

The council raised no objections to planning applications
15458/23 and 15454/23

TC20/23 Planning Appeals. None

TC 21/23 Planning Decisions. The lists were noted.

TC 22/23 The minutes of the Finances and General Purposes Committee 13/2/23
were approved.

TC 23/23 The minutes of the Town Council meeting 30/1/23 were approved.

TC 24/23 Accounts for Payment

Accounts for payment were approved

TC 25/23 Standing Orders

Approved to remove any outdated words to gender neutral.

TC 26/23 Coronation events

Approved at an overall budget of £4,000 and individual grants to organisations will
have a maximum of £500 unless in exceptional circumstances.

No information was available at the moment on Bolton Council activities for the
Coronation

TC 27/23 Report of Bolton Lads and Girls Club.

An email was received from BLGC and follow up calls were made.

On Friday 17th during a telephone conversation it transpired that there had been
several problems with the internal ceilings collapsing and staffing issues at the
Bolton centre.

The Westhoughton centre was then closed.

A request was made for written confirmation of the termination of the outreach
contract.

It estimated that £6,000 from the contact for 22/23 is available for use.

The contract was included in the budget for 23/24 which is available for new uses.

Issues

Future of the BLGC building and the other buildings on the Central Drive site.

The outreach contract

The use of remaining funds from the 22/23 contract

These items will be placed on the agenda for FGP meeting 13/3/33

TC 28/23

Update on the Big Clean Event

The event will take place over 17th/18th/19th and the thank you event on the 1st April between 11am to 12:30pm

St Bart's requested a donation to help with costs.

TC 29/23 CIVIC AWARDS

The updated awards forms were now on the Town Council webpage on the Bolton council webpage.

COULD ALL COUNCILLORS PLEASE SHARE THIS ON THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES.

Return of nominations to the Council by Friday 10th March

TC29/23

Premises Applications 819 noted.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7:45PM