

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 11 April 2023 in the Carnegie Hall, Westhoughton at 7pm

Present: Cllrs D McGeown, A Younge, D Wilkinson, N Maher, G Wroe, L Maher, A Price, A Jackson, J Speight, R Brennan, M Tighe, C Kirkman (arr. 19.24)

Members of the public: Mr H Dodson, Mr M Kemp, Mrs M O'Riordan, Mr D Bartlett (In Your Corner Brew Club)

Cllr. N. Maher chaired the meeting.

FGP 37/23 Fire Safety Information

The chair stated the fire safety information

FGP 38/23 Apologies for absence

C Reilly (work), L Reilly (work), B Eckersley-Fallon (holiday), D Bullock (personal)

FGP 39/23 Notice conveyancing the meeting

The chair read the notice conveying the meeting

FGP 40/23 Declarations of Interests by members

Item 7 Cllr David Wilkinson as member of Bolton Planning Committee
Item 9 Accounts for payment - Cllr D McGeown in relation to Daisy Hill in Bloom

FGP 41/23 Public Question Time

Mr H Dodson raised a question about the acoustics of the Carnegie Hall and the Town Clerk vacancy.

FGP 42/23 Attendance of Mr D Bartlett, In Your Brew Club

Mr Bartlett gave members a presentation about In Your Brew Club and how it operates. Members of the council thanked Mr Bartlett for the work he is doing and wished him success.

FGP 43/23 Discussion of planning of planning

7 A Planning and Development Matters

15757/23, 15754/23, 15694/23, 15706/23, 15669/23, 15639/23

No objections raised to these applications

15725/23 8 Hoskers Nook

Refer to Bolton regarding potential of conflict of hours of operation with the neighbours

15686/23 Green Common Cottages

Refer to Bolton with concerns of it being a greenbelt site

15703/23 19 Market Street

This is a new application for this site. The previous application was for conversion of shop to cafe and 3 flats, which the town council objected to. Given that the 1 bedroom flat was more acceptable, no objection was raised to the application

Cllr Kirkman arrived at the meeting at 19.24.

7 B Planning Appeals: None

7 C Planning Decisions: Noted

FGP 44/23 Minutes of the Planning and Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 13th March were noted.

FGP 45/23 Accounts for payment were approved

St Bartholomew's Church £50

ADT £3,028.10

Daisy Hill in Bloom £12.99

FGP 46/23 Dates of future meetings

The meetings for the municipal year 2023/24 were approved.

FGP 47/23 Use of £6,000 from BLG contract

Deferred to next meeting

FGP 48/23 Use of BLG building and Central Drive site

Deferred to next meeting

FGP 49/23 Repair and replacement of public benches

Deferred to next meeting

FGP 50/23 Bolton Council redevelopment document regarding Wigan Road and Mill Street sites

Deferred to next meeting

FGP 51/23 Items for reporting

Premises licences list 826

Proposed upgrade of base station site, Long Lane, noted

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr N Maher for his services as chair of the FGP committee for the past four years.

Meeting ended at 19:31