

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 16th January 2023 in the council chamber in Westhoughton Town Hall.

Present: Councillors D McGeown ( Town Mayor, D Wilkinson, A Price , G. Wroe, C Kirkman, D. Bullock, J Speight , C Reilly and A Younge (arrived 7:35pm )

Cllr D McGeown chaired the meeting.

Apologies: N Maher ( ill) ,L Maher ( ill) , A Jackson ( family commitment), L Reilly ( work) R Brennan, B Eckersley-Fallon and A. Morgan. A Younge would be delayed due a prior meet.

FGP 1/23 The chair stated the fire safety information

FGP 2/23 Apologies for absence:

N Maher ( ill) ,L Maher ( ill) , A Jackson ( family commitment), L Reilly ( work) R Brennan, B Eckersley-Fallon and A. Morgan. A Younge would be delayed due a prior meet.

FGP 3/23 Notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman read the notice conveying the meeting.

FGP4/23 Declarations of interests

Cllr D Wilkinson in item 6 as a member of Bolton planning committee and in item 9 Accounts for payment for the reimbursement of the payment of Pretoria memorial wreaths.

FGP 5/23 Public Question Time

No members of the public present.

FGP 6/23

A Discussion of planning applications

15214/22

15173/22

15173/22

15143/22

15116/22

No objects were raised in relation to the these applications.

FGP 7/23

Draft Precept of £152,854

Moved by Cllr D Wilkinson. Seconded by Cllr D McGeown

All present approved the draft precept.

FGP 8/23

Draft Buget

Moved by Cllr D Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr D McGeown

All present approved the draft budget.

FGP 9/23

Accounts for payment were approved.

(Cllr A Younge arrived 7:35pm)

FGP 10/23

Approved to fund the works to footpath WES 105

FGP 11/23

Approved to contact Bolton Council in relation to the repair of public benches in Westhoughton and replacement where required and to consider memorial benches for the late Queen Elizabeth II and Pretoria Pit disaster

FGP 12/23

Change of dates to approved list of meetings.

Due to bank holidays on April 10th and May8th approved to move those meetings to Tuesday 11th April and Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7pm

FGP 13/1/23

Date of next meeting

Full Council on Monday 30th January 2023 at 7pm.