

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 10th April 2024
Tim Parry Community Centre

Chair: P Watson
Councillors: D Price
N Catlow
T Williams
S Pennington
N Cotter

Also present: Sgt A Boyle

Sgt Boyle informed the meeting that he'd had some success in obtaining funding for this year's Armed Forces Day Event. He has a planning meeting on Thursday 11th April and from this he will email the Parish Clerk with a financial assistance request to be discussed at the next Finance Committee.

1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Jones.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved as an accurate record.

PARISH/2024/27: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 as a true and accurate record.

3. To receive any declarations of interest.

None.

4. PCSO reports & response to queries raised at last meeting.

No report received. There has been communication from the Police that once the new inspector is in post shifts will be looked at to ensure availability to attend Parish Council meetings.

5. PCSO funding for 2024-25.

A meeting will be arranged after 2nd May elections to discuss the role and expectations of the Parish Council funded PCSO going forward with plans to review the funding situation for 2025 if necessary.

6. Finance Committee: to be informed of the meeting held on 2.4.24

6.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting.

Received. It was noted that there was also a decision taken to donate £250 to Kings Church Community Café.

6.2 to consider recommendations and decide whether to approve them.

The following recommendations from the Finance Committee were approved with no questions:

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PARISH/2024/28: To accept the proposal from Rise Associates of £3k plus vat to manage funding applications for the Engine Room Phase 1, to be paid on meeting bid milestones (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976 s19).

PARISH/2024/29: To undertake a bulk bulb planting scheme across the Parish, accepting a quote of £24 per square metre for the Parish Council's four main sites – total cost of £23,616 (Open Spaces Act 1906 s10).

7. Sankey Station: project update.

The Community Ownership Fund application has now been submitted. The Heads of Terms and Leases have been delayed due to getting this extensive application completed but the project is in a good place. The next applications for funding will be made to Railway Heritage Trust and Architectural Heritage Trust.

8. Brentnall Boat Park – Heads of Terms.

The Heads of Terms have yet to be received. No commitment will be made until these are received, checked via a solicitor and received as satisfactory.

9. Apprentice Gardener Recruitment update.

5 interviews took place with the post being filled by the most suitable candidate who will start in post on 29th April 2024.

10. To consider planning applications received by the Council and decide if any objections are to be raised.

None received.

11. To consider correspondence received by the Council and decide if any action is required.

None received.

12. To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors and from Borough Councillors on items of note within the Parish.

Cllr Cotter: A 'Friends Of Marina Park' group has now been established. The group has a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasure and Cllr Cotter will be Secretary. A Constitution has been drawn up and Cllr Cotter is in the process of setting up a Bank Account.

The Chair closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their support and commitment over the last three years. He hopes everyone feels proud of the Parish Council's achievements and hope the contributions and commitment of the Councillors re-standing for election can continue from 2024-2028.