

**Minutes of the meeting of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on Monday 12th June 2023 at 8:34pm
at the Rochford Day Centre, 33a Back Lane, Rochford**

Councillors present: Mrs L Dalby, S May, R Patient & Mrs M Weir.

GP 23/1 Elect a Chairman for the civic year 2023-24:

Cllr R Patient nominated Cllr R Gardner which was seconded by Cllr S May.
There were no further nominations and Cllr R Gardner was elected Chairman for the civic year 2023-24

GP 23/2 Elect a Vice-Chair for the civic year 2023-23

Cllr Mrs M Weir nominated R Patient which was seconded by Cllr S May.
There were no further nominations and Cllr R Patient was elected Vice-Chair for the civic year 2023-24.

As Cllr R Gardner was not present at the meeting, Cllr R Patient took the chair in his capacity as Vice-Chair.

GP 23/3 Receive apologies for non-attendance at meeting:

Cllr R Gardner, Mrs J Strubel and M Strubel had given apologies.
Members received the apologies tendered.

GP 23/4 Declarations of any:

a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest;

b) Other Registrable Interest

on any matter on the agenda for 12th June 2023:

Members made no declarations.

GP 23/5 Public Forum:

No public were present.

GP 23/6 Approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th March 2023 and to approve the destruction of the notes in respect of that meeting:

It was **resolved** that the minutes from the meeting held on 13th March 2023 were approved as a correct record and Members agreed to the destruction of the notes in respect of that meeting.

GP 23/7 Action Update List (June 2023):

23/7.1 The Clerk had informed the resident who had requested a memorial bench at Golden Cross that the request had been declined. The resident thanked Council for considering the matter.

23/7.2 Members noted the new 5-year street lighting contract had been agreed.
It was **resolved** that Members accepted the Action List update and agreed to the removal of closed items.

GP 23/8 Financial Report – May 2023:

There were no questions, and it was **resolved** that Members accepted the Financial Report.

GP 23/9 Bus shelter cleaning contract:

Members noted the email correspondence which notified Members about a price increase for the service. One Member felt the service was good. Another Member enquired about what level of service was being provided as they had witnessed some workers at one bus stop but had left very quickly with it not being evident what cleaning had been carried out. The Clerk pointed out the service was meant to include a fortnightly clean, but she was unsure that was being carried out. The Clerk suggested a thorough monthly clean may be more suitable.

It was **resolved** that Members accept the price increase for the bus shelter cleaning and continue using the current contractor.

GP 23/10 Salt Bag Partnership 2023-24:

It was **resolved** that Members decline participating in the Salt Bag Partnership Scheme for 2023-24.

GP 23/11 Receive Notes of Working Groups:

a) Christmas Parcels Working Group meeting held on 22nd May 2023:

Members received the notes of the Christmas Parcels Working Group meeting held on 22nd May 2023.

GP 23/12 Summary of decisions:

- Cllr R Gardner elected Chairman for 2023-24.
- Cllr R Patient elected Vice-Chair for 2023-24.
- Price increase for bus shelter cleaning service accepted; current contractor to continue.
- Salt Bag Partnership 2023-24 declined.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:41pm

Chairman