

# **STANDISH VOICE**

## COMMITTEE MEETING - AGENDA MAY 15TH, 2025

1. Apologies (and declarations of interest) - Gill
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising (15 April 2025) - Gill
3. Update - meetings with Wigan Council - Gill/Paul
4. Planning Applications - Gill/Allan
5. Wigan Local Plan Consultation Update - Gill/Paul
6. Standish Voice Neighbourhood Forum Redesignation - Gill/Paul
7. Christmas Market – Kathy
8. Update on actions from lead committee members – All
9. Any other Business – All

Next meeting 17 June 2025 at Albert's Standish

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 15TH, 2025

**The meeting commenced at 7.45pm** – Paul chaired the meeting due to Gill being absent due to illness.

**Management Committee present:** Paul Ogden, Allan Foster, Ron Wade, Fran Aiken, Diane Gore, Sarah Djali, Karen Bliss, Sharon Gerrard

1. **Apologies:** Gill Foster, Janet Monks, Judith Atherton, Kathy Robertson, Ian Trafford, Andrew Holliday, Nicky Ogden.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of March's Management Committee meeting were passed with one alteration, adding apologies from two committee members.
3. **Update:** Paul said that there had been no meetings with Wigan Council during the month and the next scheduled meeting was due to take place on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

4. **Planning applications:** No planning applications of interest to SV were lodged.
5. **Wigan Local Plan consultation update:** Paul outlined the published initial Wigan Local Plan which was due to be agreed by Wigan Council's Cabinet on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> ahead of a six-week consultation starting at the end of April. He said SV should be cautiously positive about the outcome of the plan as Standish's Green Belt was kept intact and areas designated as Green Corridors in Standish Neighbourhood Plan had been taken out of housing allocations. Safeguarded Land as a planning designation would be scrapped in favour of declared housing sites in Standish. Paul said he would ask for comments and suggested amendments from the committee and then create a consultation submission for SV. It was agreed that Paul would do this and circulate the submission for agreement by the committee before submitting it to the council. Paul said he would publicise the consultation to SV's membership.
6. **Standish Voice re-designation:** Paul said he had submitted documents for the re-designation of Standish Voice as a Neighbourhood Forum. When the council ratified the documentation a six-week consultation would take place before the re-designation was decided by the council. Paul said he was confident this would take place and said he would publicise the consultation on social media and in newsletters.
7. **The Line upgrade:** Paul said the final touches had been added to The Line Phase 2 from Standish Wood Lane to Beech Hill. Members expressed positivity for the upgrade and asked Paul to write to the council expressing our approval for the project and its implementation.
8. **Updates from committee members:** Fran said the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Standish Library would take place in May, with a launch event on May 3. Gill had said she had accepted an invitation to attend.
9. **AOB:** After a request by a member of the public, it was agreed to ask Wigan Council for a new transport plan for Standish, including details of the pressure and capacity at the village centre crossroads.
10. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**The meeting ended at 8.40pm**