

PARISHES LIAISON MEETING

PUBLIC SPEAKING SCHEME

The Parishes Liaison meeting is a partnership meeting which is heard in open session. Membership is open to invitees only i.e. councillors and clerks from the Town and Parish Councils within B&NES. It is not a statutory meeting of the Council and is not a B&NES member-led meeting. Therefore it is not required to conform to the normal rules regarding agenda content and despatch. Agenda items are mutually agreed beforehand by the parishes and B&NES.

It has not been felt necessary to have a separate public speaking item on the agenda because this is a partnership body with clearly defined areas for discussion and restricted membership. The general public may only attend as observers – they have no automatic right to speak or make statements.

However, as with most public meetings, the Chair may exercise his/her discretion if notified that a member of the public has given notice that they wish to raise an item of general interest and relevance to the membership.

Please contact the Democratic Services Officer if you require more information.