

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Horwich Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall on Thursday, 10 May 2018, commencing at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: P. Wright, Town Mayor (in the Chair)
 M. Brady, J. Bullock, S. Chadwick, K. Denton, P. Holmes, R. Graham,
 M. Jarvis, J. Kellett, K. McKeon, S. Rock, C. Root, G. Stone.
 Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
 Deputy Town Clerk, Chloe Morris
 Town Mayoress of Horwich Miss Alison Wright
 Retiring Town Mayoress of Horwich, Mrs Lynn Rock
 Chris Green M.P
 Mayor and Mayoress of Bolton
 Deputy Mayor of Adlington
 Town Mayor and Mayoress of Blackrod
 Town Mayor of Westhoughton
 The Mayor's Clergy Reverend David Griffiths
 Honorary Freeman of Horwich, Bob and Barbara Ronson
 Bolton Ward Councillors: A. Cunliffe, S. Baines, S. Pickup,
 R. Silvester
 Approximately 15 invited guests
 4 members of the press

TO APPOINT THE TOWN MAYOR FOR 2018/2019:

AM 252 The outgoing Town Mayor Councillor Steve Rock welcomed guests to the Annual Meeting of the Town Council. With the help of the Town Mayoress Mrs Lynn Rock he had enjoyed a very busy mayoral year, with many contrasting engagements with one of his first duties being asked to sign a book of condolence after the Manchester Arena bombing which touched everybody and showed how we stand together as a town and country against such terror attacks. There were also many happier engagements including Horwich Carnival and Horwich Festival of Racing which promote the town both locally and nationally. It had been an honour to lead the Remembrance Day Parade and to switch on the Christmas lights. The Mayor had been particularly moved by the 60th anniversary commemoration of the Winter Hill Air Disaster which was attended by over 70 people including many from the Isle of Man. The Mayor had met many organisations and many amazing volunteers, with one of the best mayoral duties being able to make donations to such organisations to help them continue the great work they do for the community. The Town Mayor's charities who all received donations were Derian House, MacMillan Cancer Care and Horwich Visiting Service. The Mayor thanked Councillor Joyce Kellett who had provided support as Deputy Town Mayor over the year along with the Consort Councillor Peter Wright. He also thanked the

Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk for their support over the year and presented them with tokens of appreciation and thanked his fellow Councillors for all their support.

It was proposed by Councillor Chadwick to appoint Councillor Wright as Town Mayor for 2018/2019. Councillor Denton was pleased to second the motion and looked forward to the year ahead. It was resolved to appoint Councillor Wright as Town Mayor for 2018/2019 by 7 votes to 0 with 6 abstentions.

UNDERTAKING BY THE TOWN MAYOR TO OBSERVE THE CODE OF CONDUCT THAT IS EXPECTED OF MEMBERS OF THE HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL:

AM 253 Councillor Wright signed the declaration that was then witnessed by the Town Clerk.

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE THE EVACUATION PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE:

AM 254 Councillor Wright referred to the copies of the instructions for fire evacuation procedure including the requirement for visitors to sign the attendance register if they had not already done so.

OPENING PRAYERS CONDUCTED BY REVEREND DAVID GRIFFITHS:

AM 255 Opening prayers were offered by Reverend David Griffiths

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

AM 256 Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Carruthers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

AM 257 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 11 MAY 2017:

AM 258 Resolved to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 11 May 2017.

TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018:

AM 259 Copies had been circulated to all Members.
Resolved to approve the Annual Report for the year 2017/2018.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYORESS FOR 2018/2019:

AM 260 The Town Mayor was pleased to appoint Miss Alison Wright as Town Mayoress for 2018-2019.

TOWN MAYOR'S REMARKS:

AM 261 The Town Mayor thanked all Councillors who had voted for his appointment and hoped that he would serve the Council well during his year of office.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2018/2019:

AM 262 It was proposed by Councillor Chadwick, seconded by Councillor Denton and resolved to elect Councillor Gordon Stone as Deputy Town Mayor for 2018/2019 by 12 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

UNDERTAKING BY DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR TO OBSERVE THE CODE OF CONDUCT THAT IS EXPECTED OF MEMBERS OF HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL:

AM 263 Councillor Stone signed the declaration that was witnessed by the Town Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYORESS FOR 2018/2019:

AM 264 The Deputy Town Mayor was pleased to appoint his wife Mrs Julie Stone as Town Mayoress for 2018/2019.

TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE TOWN COUNCIL’S STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

AM 265 Resolved to approve and adopt the Town Council’s Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as presented.

TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES ON WHICH ALL MEMBERS WILL SERVE:

- AM 266 a. Finance and General Purposes Committee
- b. Planning Committee

Resolved to appoint all Members to serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Planning Committees.

TO AGREE TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON ADVISORY BODIES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND SUB COMMITTEES AT THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON 11 JUNE, 2018:

AM 267 Resolved to agree to appoint Members to serve on these Sub Committees at the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held on 11 June, 2018.

TO APPROVE THE DATES FOR MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2018/2019:

AM 268 A list of dates had been circulated to all Members. It was resolved to approve the dates for the meetings of the Town Council and Standing Committees for 2018/2019.

The Town Mayor thanked everyone for attending and hoped to see everyone at the Reception at Ridgmont House and declared the meeting closed at 7.52 pm.

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Chairperson

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Date

