

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 21 August 2014 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: R. Silvester (in the Chair), K. Denton, K. Helsby, J. Kellett, L. McCartin, A. Morley, K. McKeon, C. Root, L. Rock, S. Rock, J. Silvester K. Thomson.
Town Mayoress of Horwich.
Reverend T. Litherland.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson.
Admin and Outreach Worker, V. Robinson.
Bolton Ward Councillors A. Bury, A. Cunliffe.
5 Members of the Public.

TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF THE START OF WORLD WAR 1 INCLUDING PRAYERS BY REVEREND TERRY LITHERLAND:

TC 3168 The Town Mayor invited Reverend Litherland to say prayers in memory of those who gave their lives during the conflict. The Town Mayoress lit a candle and this was followed by the Town Mayor reading out a poem 'In Flanders Fields'. All present were then invited to reflect during a brief silence.

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3169 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 3170 Apologies received from Councillors Atkinson and Ramamurthy due to work commitments. .

TO REMIND MEMBERS TO MAKE A DECLARATION CONCERNING ANY MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING OF WHICH THEY HAVE AN INTEREST:

TC 3171 None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT MAY PUT QUESTIONS OR MAKE OBSERVATIONS REGARDING MATTERS IN RELATION TO WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS POWERS OR DUTIES OR WHICH AFFECT THE PARISH. MAXIMUM PERIOD 15 MINUTES:

Resolved to move out of Committee

TC 3172 A Horwich resident Mr Michael Stevens wished to apologise for comments that he had made at the previous Planning Committee meeting. He wished to emphasise that he was aware of the time and effort that Members put into Horwich on a voluntary basis.

Another Horwich resident Mr Ken Chaisty suggested that the Town Council contact Chorley Council with a request for the illumination of Rivington Pike on Remembrance Sunday.

Resolved to move back into Committee

Members thanked Mr Stevens for his kind comments and assured him that no offence had been caused and commended his apology. Members of the public are always welcome to attend Council meetings as communication is vital when discussing the future vision of Horwich.

Members agreed that the suggestion to illuminate Rivington Pike on Remembrance Sunday was an excellent idea and would be a suitable and poignant act in such an important year. Councillor Thomson offered to take this matter to the next meeting of the Rivington and Brinscall Local Advisory Group in September.

The Town Clerk was asked to prepare a letter to Chorley Council to investigate the feasibility of this request and any financial implication for Horwich Town Council, signed by the Town Mayor, as Chairperson, the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 24 JULY 2014

TC 3173

The following amendments were requested:

1. Incorrect date to read 24 July instead of 24 June
2. (TC 3162) To read post 1974 funding instead of pre 1974 funding.

Resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 24 July 2014 with the above amendments.

Resolved by 9 votes to 3 a decision against inclusion of an additional amendment to include a reference to the Draft Levy (TC 3162).

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 JULY 2014

TC 3174

Resolved unanimously to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 July 2014.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2014:

TC 3175

Resolved to note the minutes of the Finance and General

Purposes Committee held on 11 August 2014 by 10 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2014

TC 3176 Resolved unanimously to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Sub Committee held on 11 August 2014.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEE ATTACHED LIST

TC 3177 Resolved unanimously to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £1,360.39.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

TC 3178 Resolved unanimously to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 18 September 2014.

Councillor Silvester declared the meeting closed at 7.43 p.m.

Chairperson.....Date.....