

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall on Monday 8 February 2016 commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Councillors: C. Root (in the Chair), M. Brady, J. Bullock, S. Chadwick, K. Denton, M. Jarvis, J. Kellett, K. McKeon, S. Rock, K. Schofield, P. Wright.
Taking the minutes: H Fairclough
Bolton Ward Councillors: A. Cunliffe.

CHAIR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

FG6435 Councillor Root outlined the procedure from the information provided.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

FG6436 Apologies had been received from Councillor Allen due to having to attend a conference, Councillor Holmes who is unwell and Councillor Atkinson due to work commitments.
Resolved unanimously to accept the apologies for absence as presented.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2016:

Councillor McKeon arrived at this point

FG6437 Resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2016

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

FG6438 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:

FG6439 None

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HORWICH RESOURCE CENTRE SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2016

FG6440 Resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2016

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE HORWICH IN BLOOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2016

FG6441 The date of the next meeting of the Horwich in Bloom Advisory Committee of 10th February 2016 has been cancelled, a new date has yet to be arranged.

Resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2016

TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2015

FG6442 Resolved unanimously to approve the statement of quarterly accounts to 31 December 2015

TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW TO 31 DECEMBER 2015

FG6443 Resolved unanimously to approve the quarterly budget review to 31 December 2015

TO RECEIVE THE QUARTERLY REPORT FROM INTERNAL AUDIT TO 31 DECEMBER 2015:

FG6444 Resolved unanimously to approve the quarterly report from internal audit to 31 December 2015

TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF QUOTATIONS (UNCHANGED FROM 2015) FROM RIVINGTON AND ADLINGTON BRASS BAND FOR CIVIC SUNDAY ON 15 MAY 2016 AT £400 AND FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2016 AT £550, NOTING DISCOUNT OF £50 FOR CIVIC SUNDAY IF BOTH EVENTS BOOKED:

FG6445 Resolved unanimously to approve the quotations received from Rivington & Adlington Brass Band as presented.

TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF QUOTATIONS (UNCHANGED FROM 2015) FROM HW AUDIO FOR PROVISION OF SOUND SYSTEM ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2016 AT £395 AND FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE CIVIC CHRISTMAS TREE SERVICE ON 2 DECEMBER 2016 AT £198:

FG6446 Resolved unanimously to approve the quotations received from HW Audio as presented.

TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM HORWICH FESTIVAL OF RACING FOR 2016 EVENTS:

FG6447 Resolved unanimously to approve the application for financial assistance of £3,000.00 for 2016 events.

TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FROM HORWICH FESTIVAL OF RACING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE PROPOSED VISIT OF CROWBOROUGH CYCLING CLUB DURING

THE FESTIVAL OF RACING WEEKEND 17 – 19 JUNE 2016 FROM THE TOWN TWINNING BUDGET:

- FG6448 The committee was informed that Horwich Festival of Racing were not asking for the full amount but just for a contribution and that they are actively seeking other funding and sponsorship for this event. Resolved unanimously to approve financial assistance of £500 towards the proposed visit of Crowborough Cycling Club during the Festival of Racing weekend 17 – 19 June 2016 from the Town Twinning budget.

TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM HORWICH CARNIVAL COMMITTEE FOR EVENTS IN 2016:

- FG6449 Resolved unanimously to approved the grant application from Horwich Carnival for £2500.00 for events in 2016.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SCHEDULE ATTACHED:

- FG6450 Resolved unanimously to approve accounts for payment as presented and totalling £9932.40

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- FG6451 a. Invitation to Members to Women's World Day of Prayer at St Catherine's Church on Friday 4 May 2-16
 b. Council's response to Horwich Fairtrade Group's request for support.
 c. Bolton Council: email response following Horwich Town Council's request for further information re. location of gritting bins and costs of gritting high risk roads in Horwich.
 d. Invitation to all Members to commemoration of common grave site at Ridgemont Cemetery on 5 March 2016
 Resolved unanimously to note the Town Clerk's Report.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

- FG6452 Councillor Root as a representative of Horwich Music Festival informed the committee that an action packed programme is coming together with everything from folk to classical and that Bolton School Jazz Band will also be in attendance. It will be an exciting packed weekend and hopefully will re-launch the Horwich Music Festival in style. She also informed the committee that an application for a grant is in the process of being put together.

Councillor Denton informed the Committee of a Race Night to be held at St Elizabeth's Church Hall on the 27th February at 7.30 p.m. £5.00 a ticket to include supper. All proceeds to the Town Mayors Charity.

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED IT IS ADVISABLE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED AND IF PRESENT ARE ASKED TO WITHDRAW