

## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall on Monday 13 June 2016 commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT      Councillors: C. Root (in the Chair), M. Brady, J. Bullock, S. Chadwick, K. Denton, P. Holmes, M. Jarvis, J. Kellett, K. McKeon, S. Rock, K. Schofield, P. Wright  
                   Town Clerk: C. Hutchinson  
                   Bolton Ward Councillors: A. Cunliffe, R. Silvester  
                   Mrs Karen Graham, Head teacher at St Catherine's CE Primary School  
                   2 members of the public

TO APPOINT THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE FOR 2016 – 2017:

FG 6493      Resolved to appoint Councillor Root as Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for 2016 – 2017.

CHAIR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

FG 6494      Councillor Root outlined the procedure from the information provided.

TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE FOR 2016 – 2017:

FG 6495      Resolved to appoint Councillor Bullock as Deputy Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for 2016 – 2017.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

FG 6496      Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillor Allen and Councillor Atkinson as presented.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2016:

FG 6497      Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2016 with amendment to FG 6486 which stated that Councillor Bullock was a member of the Woodland Trust as this statement was incorrect.

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

FG 6498      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:

FG 6499      None.

TO WELCOME MRS KAREN GRAHAM HEAD TEACHER AT ST CATHERINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ABOUT PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE EDUCATION PROVISION AT THE RIVINGTON CHASE DEVELOPMENT:

FG 6500      Mrs Graham informed Members that St Catherine's had been approached by

the LEA to consider doubling its existing intake in anticipation of the need for additional primary school provision which would be generated by Rivington Chase and other future housing development in Horwich. The governors of St Catherine's were not minded to do this, preferring not to see the expansion of the school but instead a new two form entry school modelled on St Catherine's which is regularly oversubscribed due to its popularity. The new school would be required to be a free school. It was acknowledged that the need for new school places does not yet exist and that any proposal should not be to the detriment of existing provision. There were two other schools looking to expand in Horwich but with a very different approach to St Catherine's proposal which would emphasise the importance of addressing the needs of children and parents in the local community, as opposed to an expansion of business. The application from St Catherine's would be considered by the DoE in October 2016 and it was noted that a commencement date would be dependent on the amount and timing of new housing development in Horwich, but not before 2019 at the earliest.

Mrs Graham went on to clarify several points in response to Members' questions and was thanked for her attendance and early indication of this matter.

**TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HORWICH IN BLOOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 MAY 2016:**

FG 6501 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Horwich in Bloom Advisory Committee held on 18 May 2016 and also to thank to Vicki Robinson-Birbeck for the summer planting of the wall troughs and baskets at Horwich Community Centre along with liaison with local businesses to promote Horwich in Bloom.

**TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS TO 31 MARCH 2016:**

FG 6502 In response to a query it was confirmed that the annual return would be presented to Council for approval at the next meeting of the Town Council on 23 June, prior to being sent to external audit. Resolved to approve the statement of quarterly accounts to 31 March 2016 as presented.

**TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW TO 31 MARCH 2016:**

FG 6503 Resolved to approve the quarterly budget review to 31 March 2016 as presented.

**TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY REPORT FROM INTERNAL AUDIT TO 31 MARCH 2016:**

FG 6504 Resolved to approve the quarterly report from internal audit to 31 March 2016.

TO COMMENT ON THE APPLICATION FROM BLACKROD TOWN COUNCIL FOR DESIGNATION OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA AND TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH COUNCILLOR ALAN BURY, SENIOR, CHAIR OF BLACKROD PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP:

FG 6505 It was resolved to acknowledge the boundary which had been identified as the neighbourhood area and that this was a positive development. In addition it was resolved to set up a fact finding meeting to enable interested Members to attend with the aim of setting up an advisory group to gather information to report back to Council on the feasibility of a Neighbourhood Plan for Horwich.

TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING SUB COMMITTEES FOR 2016 – 2017:

FG 6506 Resolved to appoint Members to serve on the following Sub Committees for 2016 – 2017.

- a. Staffing  
Councillors Denton, Kellett, Rock, Root and Schofield
- b. Marketing and Promotion  
Councillors Brady, Denton, Kellett, Root and Wright
- c. Grants to Voluntary Groups  
Councillors Bullock, Chadwick, Kellett, Root, Schofield
- d. Horwich Community Centre (formerly Resource Centre)  
Councillors Brady, Bullock, Denton, Root, Schofield, Wright
- e. Civic Awards and Civic Signs  
Councillors Chadwick, Jarvis, Kellett, McKeon, Rock
- f. Finance Review  
Councillors Allen, Bullock, Kellett, Rock, Root
- g. Appeals Panel  
Councillors Atkinson, Brady, Bullock, Holmes, Kellett
- h. Standing Orders  
Councillors Brady, Bullock, Denton, Jarvis, Kellett

TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE HORWICH IN BLOOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2016 – 2017:

FG 6507 Resolved to appoint Councillors Brady, Holmes and Schofield to serve on the Horwich in Bloom Advisory Committee for 2016 - 2017

TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2016 – 2017:

FG 6508 Resolved to appoint Members to serve on the following Outside Bodies for 2016 – 2017:

- a. Bolton Council Standards Committee  
Councillor Holmes
- b. Horwich Carnival Committee  
Councillor Root
- c. Rivington and Brinscall/Turton and North Bolton Advisory Group  
Councillor Wright

- d. Rivington and Blackrod High School Trust  
Councillor Wright.
- e. LALC  
Councillors Bullock and Jarvis

TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE SPORTS START AND FINISH GROUP FOR 2016 – 2017:

FG 6509 Resolved to change the name of the Sports Start and Finish Group to the Sports Advisory Group and to appoint Councillors Brady, Chadwick, Denton, Jarvis, McKeon and Rock to serve on this Advisory Group.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SCHEDULE ATTACHED.

FG 6510 Resolved to approve accounts for payment as presented and totalling £3,780.53.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- FG 6511
- a. LALC: European Funding for Greater Manchester briefing event.
  - b. Bolton Council: Gambling Act 2005 – review of statement of Principles
  - c. Blackrod Art Group: invitation to Members to 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition Preview 3 June
  - d. Alliance Learning: Invitation to Members to Community Open Day 4 June
  - e. Horwich Heritage: email re list of Chorley Pals/Somme 100 Commemoration events
  - f. Bolton Council: notice of successful nomination of the Bridge Inn to the list of assets of community value, as submitted by Bolton CAMRA
  - g. Fields in Trust: information re Centenary Fields Programme
  - h. Grants to Voluntary Groups monitoring/feedback forms from Horwich Widows, Horwich Locos basketball team, Brazley Community Gardens
  - i. Over 50s Lads' Club: thank you for financial assistance with room rental costs at Horwich Community Centre
  - j. Horwich Festival of Racing: notice of postponement of proposed visit by Crowborough Cycling Club from June 2016 to September 2016.

Resolved to note the Town Clerk's Report as presented.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

FG 6512 Members were reminded of several forthcoming events including the Festival of Racing, Horwich Carnival, Community Centre Antiques Fair and St Elizabeth's/Cedar Avenue Village Green Fete.

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

