

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillors: C. Root (in the Chair), G. Atkinson, 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 Councillor: S. Pickup

CHAIR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

FG 6515 Councillor Root outlined the procedure from the information provided.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

FG 6516 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2016:

FG 6517 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2016.

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

FG 6518 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 6519 None.

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HORWICH IN BLOOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 JUNE 2016:

FG 6520 Resolved to receive the minutes of the meeting of the Horwich in Bloom Advisory Committee held on 22 June 2016.

TO RECEIVE THE NOTES FROM A MEETING HELD AT HORWICH COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 21 JUNE 2016 WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM BLACKROD TOWN COUNCIL AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING:

FG 6521 Resolved to receive the notes from the meeting held at Horwich Community Centre on 21 June 2016 with representatives from Blackrod Town Council and representatives from Horwich Town Council regarding Neighbourhood Planning.

TO APPROVE A QUOTATION FROM ZURICH MUNICIPAL FOR RENEWAL OF INSURANCE FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD AT AN ANNUAL COST OF £3,526.67 FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2016

FG 6522 Resolved to approve the quotation from Zurich Municipal for renewal of insurance for a three year period at an annual cost of £3,526.67 from 1 September 2016.

TO CONSIDER SUBMISSION OF ANY RESOLUTION FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION BY DELEGATES AT THE 72ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF L.A.L.C ON 19 NOVEMBER 2016 AND CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS TO SPEAK ON AND IN SUPPORT OF ANY SUCH RESOLUTION:

FG 6523 Resolved that Councillor Bullock and Councillor Jarvis would attend the 72nd Annual General Meeting of L.A.L.C on 19 November 2016 without the submission of any resolution by Horwich Town Council.

TO DELEGATE A MAXIMUM OF THREE COUNCILLORS TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF SETTING UP A STEERING GROUP WITH INTERESTED AND SUITABLY QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE PRACTICALITY AND SCOPE OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR HORWICH:

FG 6524 Members had received the notes from the meeting arranged with Blackrod Town Council about the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan, with the involvement and approval of the local electorate being one of the key elements of a Neighbourhood Plan. In response to a query it was confirmed that national guidance had identified experience in business, consultancy, planning or communication as specific skill sets to manage the core project and the amount of work involved. The function of a steering group would be wide ranging with a requirement for a varied remit of skills including research, minute taking as well as the involvement and interest of stakeholders. Suitability of members was a matter for the steering group which would report back to Council on the practicality and scope of a Neighbourhood Plan for Horwich.

Resolved to appoint Councillors Brady, Bullock and Rock to investigate the feasibility of setting up a Steering Group with interested and suitably qualified members of the local electorate for the purpose of establishing the practicality and scope of a Neighbourhood Plan for Horwich. The three Members were thanked for volunteering their services.

TO DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOLTON COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF PLACE/BUILDING CONTROL FOR CONSIDERATION OF STREET NAMES FOR THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER BOLTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE HORWICH CAMPUS VICTORIA ROAD:

FG 6525 Resolved that Members contact the Town Clerk by Friday 12 August with any recommendations for street names for the new development in addition to the following:

- Ronson, McCracken Way, College Field
- Lake District place names

- Surnames of Horwich Civic Medal recipients
- Surnames of principals of former Horwich College

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

FG 6526 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £6,069.48.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- FG 6527
- a. Bolton Council: confirmation of designation of Blackrod Neighbourhood Plan area
 - b. L.A.L.C: newsletter June 2016
 - c. Lancashire County Training Partnership: Community Engagement with Case Studies workshop 27 September 2016
 - d. Horwich Heritage: Annual General Meeting agenda 14 June 2016, minutes Annual General Meeting 9 June 2015, Chairman's Report 2016, statement of accounts to 31 May 2016
 - e. Horwich Carnival Committee: thank you letter for Council's financial support for 2016
 - f. Rivington and Blackrod High School and Sixth Form: notice of submission of application to Department of Education to convert to Academy status
 - g. Monitoring/feedback forms and accompanying information re. grant awards from Horwich Music Festival, Horwich Tuesday Club and Brazley Residents' Association

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

FG 6528

Ward Councillors

Councillor McKeon reported that he had received information about a request from Armstrongs for an increase in heavy goods vehicles at Montcliffe Quarry from 25 to 54. Armstrongs had confirmed that this arrangement would see movement of vehicles from the Chorley New Road site which would be to the benefit of local residents. He also reported that Armstrongs were making efforts at a clean up of the Chorley New Road site by removing the large soil heap. He had accepted an invitation from Armstrongs and visited the quarry to view the operations there which he had found both interesting and informative. This invitation was also extended to other Members of the Town Council who were asked to contact Councillor McKeon directly if they wished to accept.

Horwich Carnival and Cedar Avenue Village Fete

Councillor Kellett reported that several hundred pounds had been raised from the charity dog shows that had been held at both events and thanked the Town Mayor and Mayoress and Members and staff of the Town Council who had volunteered their help. Proceeds raised would be donated to 'Endeavour' a local charity supporting victims of domestic abuse and their pets.

Horwich Community Centre

Councillor Root reported that the recent Antique and Craft Fair held at the Community Centre had been well attended and in excess of £200 had been raised for the Centre and attracted many new visitors. Councillor Root thanked Members who had attended for their support.

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