

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 10 April 2017 commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors: C. Root (in the Chair), M. Brady, J. Bullock, S. Chadwick, K. Denton, R. Graham, M. Jarvis, J. Kellett, K. McKeon, S. Rock, K. Schofield, P. Wright
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
Bolton Ward Councillors: A. Cunliffe, R. Silvester
1 member of the press
1 member of the public

CHAIR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

FG 6643 Councillor Root outlined the procedure from the information provided.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

FG 6644 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillor Holmes as presented.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 MARCH 2017:

FG 6645 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2017.

in response to a query regarding minute ref FG 6643 it was confirmed that a letter had been sent to Phil Green at Bolton Planning as requested. The Town Clerk had followed this up as there had been no response. Councillor McKeon, in his role as Ward Councillor also offered to follow this up.

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

FG 6646 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 6647 None.

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HORWICH IN BLOOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 MARCH 2017:

FG 6648 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Horwich in Bloom Committee held on 15 March 2017.

TO APPOINT THE TOWN MAYOR OF HORWICH FOR 2017 - 2018:

FG 6649 Moved by Councillor Kellett, seconded by Councillor Bullock and resolved to appoint Councillor Rock as Town Mayor of Horwich for 2017.

TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR OF HORWICH FOR 2017 - 2018:

FG 6650 Moved by Councillor Schofield, seconded by Councillor Bullock and resolved to appoint Councillor Kellett as Deputy Town Mayor of Horwich for 2017.

In response to a query it was confirmed that there was no requirement to note a reasons for an abstention.

TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FROM HORWICH CARNIVAL FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF £2,500 TOWARDS EVENTS IN 2017:

FG 6651 Resolved to approve financial assistance of £2,500 to Horwich Carnival towards events in 2017.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SCHEDULE ATTACHED:

FG 6652 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £ 26,944.52.

In response to a query it was confirmed that the costs for winter gritting services consisted of two elements, the variable cost of grit used and the static cost of the standby. It was also confirmed that the Town Council had been made aware of these costs when it resolved to approve funding for additional winter gritting of New Chapel Lane and part of Brownlow Road in December 2016.

TOWN CLERKS REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- FG 6653
- a. Area Forum: Greater Manchester Police Citizen Contract
 - b. LALC: Licensing Authority North Western Area variation application for HGV operators' licences: Lostock Skip Hire
 - c. LALC: Jo Cox Foundation The Great Get Together 17/18 June
 - d. LALC: Mayoral Elections toolkit
 - e. Blackrod Town Council: (Future Appointment) Blackrod Sports and Community Centre Development Manager
 - f. Horwich Hockey Club: information including press release
 - g. Horwich Community Centre Sub Committee: invitation to all Members to the official opening by the Town Mayor of the new community space 'The Saddlery' on Friday 5 May

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

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

FG 6654 Horwich Community Centre Sub Committee
As a Member of the Community Centre Sub Committee Councillor Root informed the meeting that due to lack of support and despite the best efforts of the organisers, it was no longer viable to continue to run Sunday Antique

and Collectors' Fairs at the Centre. All further dates for 2017 had been cancelled. Councillor Root thanked those Councillors who had supported this initiative over the past 18 months.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AS 8 MAY 2017:

FG 6655 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee as 8 May 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.39 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....