
HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 18 October 2018 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: P. Wright (in the Chair), M. Brady, J. Bullock,
I. Carruthers, S. Chadwick, R. Graham, M. Jarvis, J. Kellett,
K. McKeon, G. Stone.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson.
2 members of the public.

TOWN MAYOR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3696 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 3697 Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillors Holmes,
Rock and Root.

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

TC 3698 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:

TC 3699 Resolved to move out of Committee to allow a member of the
public to speak.

Reverend Caroline Tracey informed Members that following the success of the "Middlebrook Angels" retail chaplaincy, Churches Together in Horwich and Rivington had decided to introduce a similar scheme for retail businesses in Horwich town centre, under the banner of the Greater Manchester Industrial Mission which is a registered charity. The role of an "Angel" is to visit local shops and businesses to build a confidential supportive relationship with the staff and owners who work there. It was confirmed that all training, safeguarding, insurance would be done through the Greater Manchester Industrial Mission and that the new scheme would be a multi faith chaplaincy and it would not promote religion. Initially 2 -3 volunteers would concentrate on the Winter Hey Lane/Lee Lane area and it is hoped that as the number of "Angels" increases the whole

of Horwich will be supported. The project had already received a positive reaction from the Horwich Business Alliance and it was hoped that Council would consider nominating one of its Members to attend its management committee meetings which would take place every three to four months.

Resolved to return to Committee. Members thanked Reverend Tracey for her attendance and the request for Council representation was duly noted and would be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting of the Council

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2018:

TC 3700 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20 September 2018.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY GROUPS SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2018:

TC 3701 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Groups Sub Committee held on 8 October 2018.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2018:

TC 3702 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 September 2018.

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2018:

TC 3703 Resolved to receive the minutes and of the meeting of the of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 8 October 2018.

TO RECEIVE THE LOCAL COUNCILS IN ENGLAND, LOCAL DRAINAGE BOARDS AND OTHER SMALLER AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018, EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE AND NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT:

TC 3704 In response to a query it was confirmed that the issue raised regarding internal control objectives has now been addressed by the implementation of a new system recommended by the internal auditor and the external auditor's report had confirmed that all relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had been met.

Resolved to receive the Local Councils in England, Local Drainage

Boards and Other Smaller Authorities in England Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018, External Auditor's Report and Certificate and Notice of Conclusion of Audit.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEE ATTACHED LIST:

TC 3705 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £ 13,532.94.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 22 NOVEMBER 2018:

TC 3706 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 22 November 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

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