

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Sub Committee of the Horwich Town Council to be held remotely on Zoom on Tuesday 9 March 2021 commencing at 5.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: S. Chadwick (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, M. Baines,
J. Bostocksmith, C. Rotheram.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

GVO 187 None. An apology for lateness was accepted from Councillor Rotheram.

TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ABOUT ANY MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

GVO 188 Councillor Chadwick declared a personal interest as a volunteer with Rivington Heritage Trust.

TO NOTE AUTHORISATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF £300 TO ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, DEFERRED FROM MARCH 2020 AND TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OF £200 FROM THE CHILD AND YOUTH GRANTS BUDGET FOR 2020 -2021

GVO 189 Members were informed that £300 had been awarded in March 2020 towards the costs of astroturfing a tarmac football area, with payment deferred until such time as funding from other sources was in place. This had now been confirmed along with a request for an additional £200 to make up a shortfall in the total funding requirement. Members agreed that it was important to support provision of such facilities for children and young people at a time when recreational land was being lost to housing development.

Resolved to note authorisation of financial assistance of £300 to St Mary's RC Primary School, deferred from March 2020 and approve a request for additional assistance of £200 from the Child and Youth Grants budget for 2020 – 2021.

TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS BUDGET FOR 2020 - 2021 AS FOLLOWS:

GVO 190 Resolved to approve the requests for financial assistance as follows:

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| a. | Horwich Ride Social
Reason for grant request: 12 months Zoom licence,
publicity banner, prizes for planned treasure hunt. | £378 |
| b. | Rivington Heritage Trust
Reason for grant request: purchase of hazel and
blackthorn plants to create a coppice on the
approach to Great House Barn. | £448.49 |
| c. | Bolton Community First Responders.
Reason for grant request: investment in promotional
material for distribution in the local community. | £300 |
| d. | Lever Park Allotment Society
Reason for grant request: repairs to portacabin, | £150 |

paint and cleaning materials.

- e. Over 50s Lads' Club £250
Reason for grant request: perishable items to supplement food bank, PPE and delivery costs.
- f. Stocks Park Residents' Association £143.88
Reason for grant request: 12 months Zoom licence.
- g. Horwich Bowling Club £500
Reason for grant request: greenkeepers' monthly fees, lawn feed, fertiliser, equipment
- h. Members resolved that the requested amount of £500 to Bolton All Starz could not be awarded as the group had not provided sufficient information to support their application. Town Clerk to contact the group to inform that they would be welcome to apply at a later date when they are in a position to provide the information necessary to allow further consideration of their application.

TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE CHILD AND YOUTH GRANTS BUDGET FOR 2020 – 2021 AS FOLLOWS:

GVO 191 Resolved to approve the requests for financial assistance as follows:

- a. Horwich RMI Harriers & Athletics Club £300
Purpose of grant: 30 x training tops for new members.
- b. Bolton Hot Wheels Cycling Club £500
Purpose of grant: British Cycling Ride Leader training and emergency first aid training for x 2 volunteers.

TO CONSIDER A TEMPORARY EXTENSION TO THE SIX-MONTH REQUIREMENT FOR RECEIPT OF FEEDBACK FOR MONITORING OF FUNDING AWARDS, IN VIEW OF THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

GVO 192 Members were reminded that following receipt of grant awards there was a requirement for groups to complete and return the monitoring/feedback form provided within six months of receipt of funding. Due to Covid-19 restrictions most events and activities planned for 2020 had either been cancelled or postponed and it was suggested that an extension to the six month deadline for feedback on funding allocated in March 2020 could be extended to end of December 2021.

Resolved to approve a temporary extension of the six-month deadline for feedback/monitoring forms for funding allocated in March 2020 to end December 2021, in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Town Clerk to contact the relevant groups to inform them of the extension and also that Horwich Town Council reserves the right to repayment in the event of the stated outcome not being achieved.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

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

