

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 24 August 2023 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: D. Grant (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, R. Bamforth, S. Burke, K. McKeon, V. Rigby, S. Rock, C. Rotheram, J. Walton, P. Wright.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
9 members of the public.

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4240 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 4241 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Campbell, Chadwick, Scoble and Williamson.

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

TC 4242 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 4243 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 20 JULY 2023:

TC 4244 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20 July 2023.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 JULY 2023:

TC 4245 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 July 2023.

TO RESOLVE THAT THE COUNCIL TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 10.3 AND 11.1 H) FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEM 8 AND THAT REASONS FOR THE SUSPENSION ARE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES:

TC 4246 Resolved to temporarily suspend financial regulations 10.3 and 11.1 h) for the purposes of approval of agenda item 8 and that the reasons for the suspension are due to time constraints regarding the Festival of Horwich event to be held on 23 September 2023.

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE UPDATED PROPOSALS INCLUDING ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR THE FESTIVAL OF HORWICH EVENT FROM THE EVENTS ADVISORY GROUP:

TC 4247 The Events Advisory Group had requested deferment of this matter

from the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 14 August 2023 due to time constraints and an updated estimate of costs had been circulated to all Members. Costs were currently slightly under budget with an expectation of further reductions to follow.

Resolved to approve the updated cost proposals for the Festival of Horwich event as presented with a request that Council is kept informed of any additional costs.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4248 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £ 23,103.63:

Blacksheep Business Communications* (Phone & internet to 31/08/23)	£27.05
Franking Sense (Copy count for Xerox C405 to 30/06/23)	£30.02
(Copy count for Ricoh C2000 to 30/06/23)	£74.83
Sage UK Ltd* (Monthly accounts package – Aug)	£86.40
Cllr David Grant – authorised out of committee (Re-imburement for licence variation for FoH)	£190.00
Cllr David Grant (Re-imburement for advert for licence variation)	£456.72
Tameside MBC – GMPF (Pension contributions – August)	£1,871.25
HMRC – authorised out of committee (PAYE tax month 4)	£2,673.27
AJG Community Schemes/Hiscox Insurance (Insurance policy premium 01/09/23 – 31/08/24)	£5,733.09
Illumidex UK Ltd (50% payment for new Christmas lighting)	£11,961.00

Payment to Councillor Grant was authorised out of committee due to time constraints for licence variation for Festival of Horwich event on 23 September 2023. Payment to Illumidex UK Ltd was made in accordance with LGA 1972 s144

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2023:

TC 4249 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council
as 21 September 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.37pm.

Chair.....

Date.....