

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 20 July 2023 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: D. Grant (in the Chair), R. Bamforth, S. Chadwick, K. McKeon, V. Rigby, S. Rock, C. Rotheram, J. Scoble, J. Walton, P. Wright.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
Mr Keith Armstrong and Mr Eric Kent, Middlebrook and Horwich Angels.
1 member of the public.

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4229 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 4230 Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Aldcroft, Burke and Campbell.

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

TC 4231 Councillor Chadwick declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 as a non-voting member of Horwich RMI.

TO WELCOME KEITH ARMSTRONG AND RECEIVE AN OVERVIEW ON THE INITIATIVES AND WORK OF THE MIDDLEBROOK AND HORWICH ANGELS ORGANISATION:

TC 4232 Keith Armstrong presented an overview of the Horwich Angels Chaplaincy team which operates under the banner of the Greater Manchester Industrial Mission in partnership with Churches Together in Horwich and is supported by all main church denominations and works alongside them to organise community events and promote social cohesion. The Horwich Town Centre Chaplaincy re-started six months ago, following the end of the pandemic with the aim of providing a confidential listening service to those who work in Horwich and support people in the workplace. Teams of volunteers visit shops and businesses once a week to chat with staff as well as offering practical support and signposting other services. The group is keen to recruit new volunteers and is pleased to have representation from the Town Council on its management committee. They would also be pleased to take part in the council-run Festival of Horwich event in September and looked forward to receiving grant funding information from the Town Clerk in due course. Keith and Eric were thanked for their attendance and presentation to Council.

Action: Town Clerk to email grant application form and information to Eric Kent.

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 4233 Resolved to move out of committee to allow a member of the public to speak.

A resident of Brownlow Road informed members of fly tipping in Back Brownlow and St Annes Road, rubbish dumped included asbestos sheeting, brickwork and pallets and was advised that Ward Councillor Bamforth would note the details and pass on to Bolton Council officers for action.

Resolved to move back into Committee.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 22 JUNE 2023:

TC 4234 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 22 June 2023.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 JUNE 2023:

TC 4235 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 June 2023.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY GROUPS SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 JUNE 2023:

TC 4236 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Groups Sub Committee held on 28 June 2023.

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSALS FROM THE EVENTS STEERING GROUP FOR THE FESTIVAL OF HORWICH EVENT ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

TC 4237 Notes from the meeting of the Events Steering Group held on 2 July 2023 and initial proposals and an overview of the event had been circulated to all Members

In response to queries from the Town Clerk, Members were given details regarding some additional costs, difficulty obtaining comparable quotes due to time constraints, sponsorship of publicity material by local businesses, promotion via exhibition boards at various locations and planned use of the RMI Club by local businesses, groups and organisations. It was also confirmed that the Town Council would have a stall, manned by Council staff and Councillors, to raise the profile of the Council and promote Horwich Community Centre as well as acting as a safe meeting point for missing children.

Resolved to approve the proposals for the Festival of Horwich in principle, subject to receipt of a complete breakdown of costs in time for the next meeting of the Council on 14 August 2023 and to

express thanks to the Events Advisory Group for their work to date.

Action: Events Steering Group to prepare complete breakdown of all costs to be approved by Council at the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 14 August 2023.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4238 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £ 28,211.22.

Blacksheep Business Communications* (Phone & internet provision 01/06/23 – 31/07/23)	27.14
JRB Enterprises Ltd (2,000 economy degradable poop scoop bags)	43.93
HR Solutions (Monthly HR retainer - July)	173.88
HLC Amateur Swimming Club	500.00
St Catherine's PCC	500.00
Horwich Harvest Project	340.00
42 nd Bolton Scout Group	483.30
Horwich Community Choir	500.00
Bolton Council (Summer planting)	624.00
Greater Manchester Pension Fund (Pension contributions July)	2,165.96
HMRC – authorised out of committee (PAYE tax month 3)	2,493.01
Bolton Council (Youth provision in Horwich 2023)	5,960.00
Bolton Council (Additional winter gritting in Horwich 2022 – 23)	14,000.00

Payments to HLC Amateur Swimming Club, St Catherine's PCC, Horwich Harvest Project and 42nd Bolton Scout were made in accordance with LGA 1972 s137, to Horwich Community Choir in accordance with LGA 1972 s145 and to Bolton Council for additional winter gritting in accordance with Localism Act 2011 ss 87 – 108.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ON 24 AUGUST 2023:

TC 4239 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 24 August 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.03 pm.

Chair.....

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