

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 Thursday 5 November 2020 commencing at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: S. Chadwick(in the Chair), M. Baines,
G. Stone (nominated to replace K. Denton), C. Rotheram.
Deputy Town Clerk, C. Morris

TO APPOINT THE CHAIR OF THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY GROUPS SUB COMMITTEE FOR 2020 – 2021:

GVO 182 Resolved to appoint Councillor S. Chadwick as Chair of the Grants to Voluntary Groups Sub Committee for 2020-2021.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

GVO 183 None.

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

GVO 184 Councillor Stone declared he was a member of Horwich Heritage.

TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS BUDGET FOR 2019-2020 AS FOLLOWS:

GVO 185 Resolved to approve the requests for financial assistance from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget for 2020-2021 as follows:

- a. Horwich Angels Town Centre Chaplaincy £300
Reason for grant request: To supply uniforms, DBS checks, ID badges and PPE for 3 Chaplains currently undergoing training.
- b. St Catherine Church PCC £300
Reason for grant request: To purchase small Christmas gifts for elderly and vulnerable members of the congregation unable to access online services/support.

TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS OF £1,500 FROM HORWICH HERITAGE FROM THE SPORT, SOCIAL AND CULTURE BUDGET FOR 2020-2021:

GVO 186 Resolved to approve a request for financial assistance from the grants to voluntary organisations of £1,500 from Horwich Heritage from the Sport, Social and Culture budget for 2020-2021.

Members agreed that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were aware that the Heritage Centre have not been able to continue their talks and exhibitions throughout the year. The Heritage Centre had also suffered a loss of membership fee's due to the closure of the Centre. They wanted to support Horwich Heritage where possible and to preserve the Heritage Centre for years to come.

Members also requested that in future, should the Horwich Heritage Centre wish to put in for a grant application then the accounts will be required to be audited by an independent auditor to ensure transparency.

Members commented on the lack of applications they had received and requested that the grants application was promoted more to ensure groups eligible for grants were aware of what was available.

The meeting closed at 6.23 pm.

Chairperson Date.....