HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 23 March 2023 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: S. Chadwick (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, M. Baines, J. Bostocksmith, M. Brady, S. Burke, S. Denton, D. Grant, S. Rock, C. Rotheram, G. Stone, P. Wright Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson 1 member of the public

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE: TC 4190 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS: TC 4191 None.

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

TC 4192 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 4193 Resolved to move out of Committee.

Members were informed about highway safety concerns from residents and businesses in the Austins Lane area due to a local garage parking vehicles on the public footpath.

Resolved to move back into Committee.

Councillor Chadwick stated that he would email Highways regarding this issue.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 2023:

TC 4194 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 28 February 2023.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 2023:

TC 4195 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 28 February 2023.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRANTS TO VOLUTARY GROUPS SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 MARCH 2023:

TC 4196 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Grants to Voluntary Groups Sub Committee held on 13 March 2023.

TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FOR £3,200 FROM HORWICH FESTIVAL OF RACING FOR THE COSTS OF 1,000 MEDALS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DELAYED 20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT IN 2023: TC 4197 This item had been deferred from the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on March 13 2023 due to concerns regarding the costs quoted for the medals. Alternative quotes had now been provided at significantly lower costs. Resolved to approve the grant application for £3,200 from Horwich Festival of Racing for the costs of 1,000 medals for all participants in the delayed 20th anniversary event in 2023. TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED: Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to TC 4198 £ 13,929.37 Blacksheep Business Communications* (Phone & internet provision 01/01/23 – 31/03/23) 27.76 C. Hutchinson (Re-imbursement for purchase of 150 x packets of coronation wildflower seeds) 173.15 LGA 1972 s137 (Grants to Voluntary Groups) Horwich Ride Social 500.00 Creative Mind 470.00 Holy Trinity Parish Church 346.74 K.D. Over 50s Mens Club (Assistance with room rental costs at Horwich 300.00 Community Centre) Tameside MBC – GMPF 2.111.72 (Pension contributions March) Transfer to Salaries and Wages Account 10,000.00 Payment to C. Hutchinson was authorised out of committee and payments to Horwich Ride Social, Creative Mind, Holy Trinity Church and K.D. Over 50s Mens Club were made in accordance with LGA 1972 s137

TO APPROVE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 27 APRIL 2023:

TC 4199 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 27 April 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.29 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....