

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 October 2024 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: I. Aldcroft (in the Chair), R. Bamforth, S. Burke, J. Campbell, S. Chadwick, D. Grant, K. McKeon, V. Rigby, J. Scoble, C. Sears, J. Walton, S. Williamson, P. Wright
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
Representatives from 'Creative Mind' Nigel Stewart, Tim Marris and Matt Rees
1 member of the public

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4789 Councillor Aldcroft outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4790 No apologies had been received.

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

TC 4791 In order to reserve the right to vote on Bolton Council's Planning Committee where the decisions about planning would be made, Councillor Grant and Councillor Sears stated that they would take part in the discussion but would abstain from voting.

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, INCLUDING SPECIFIC PLANNING APPLICATIONS. MAXIMUM PERIOD 15 MINUTES:

TC 4792 A member of the public who was also a local business owner expressed support for a potential music event in Horwich similar to 'Chorley Live'.

TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM NIGEL STEWART AND COLLEAGUES, ORGANISERS OF 'CHORLEY LIVE' ABOUT A POTENTIAL NEW MUSIC EVENT FOR HORWICH:

TC 4793 Nigel Stewart and colleagues from 'Creative Mind' presented an overview of successful music events which started in Leyland in 2012 followed by other areas including Chorley, Penwortham and Longton.

The same blueprint had been used for all events, with musicians performing for 45 minutes at different venues over two nights. The acts sell the £5 wristbands and keep 100% and some acts do not sell wristbands as they are happy just to perform. The acts involved are usually all local to the area. Individual venues are approached by the organisers and are keen to be involved as

the events increase revenue and footfall in the local area. The events are family-friendly with a 50/50 split between licensed and unlicensed premises to allow under 18s into venues, some of which have included churches, community centres, shops and other businesses. In response to a query, it was confirmed that there had been no anti-social behaviour concerns in any of the 35 events that had taken place to date.

In response to a query about the role of the Town Council, should it decide to support such an event, it was stated that the cost to Chorley Council had been £8.5k and for smaller authorities £5k and which funded promotion of the events, including wristbands, programmes, artwork etc.

In response to another query about the financial aspect of previous events, it was pointed out that events were held for the whole community with something for everybody and providing a boost to the local economy at the same time.

The representatives were thanked for their presentation and informed that this matter would be included as an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting of the Council on 11 November as any financial support would require factoring into budget allocation for 2025 – 2026.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2024:

TC 4794 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 14 October 2024

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY GROUPS SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2024:

TC 4795 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Grants to Voluntary Groups Sub Committee held on 14 October 2024.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4796 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £ 35,599.59:

Payee	Summary	Amount
Blacksheep Business Comms *	Phone & internet 01/08/24 – 31/10/24	£34.30
SLCC	The Clerks Manual 2023	£72.90
Wigan Council	Job advert on Greater Jobs website	£222.00
Wright Place Luncheon Club ***	Grant	£200.00
Horwich Parish Church ***	Grant	£356.54
Horwich Town Rounders Club ***	Grant	£500.00
Alliance Learning Ltd	Emergency first aid training for staff	£720.00
Tameside MBC – GMPF	Pension contributions – October	£2,301.07
HM Revenue & Customs **	PAYE Month 6	£2,625.17
Rivington Heritage Trust ***	Grant	£3,382.00

Illumidex **	Christmas lights	£3,627.60
Illumidex **	Christmas lights	£4,988.64
Bolton Council	Additional winter gritting 2023 – 2024	£14,400.00
Impact Dance School	Entertainment - FOH	£75.00
The Drum Room	Entertainment - FOH	£75.00
Craftprint **	Additional leaflet printing - FOH	£90.00
Cllr V Rigby **	Reimbursement – purchases for FOH	£173.73
Cllr C Sears **	Reimbursement – purchases for FOH	£143.04
DJ Davey C **	DJ & compere – FOH	£175.00
Investors in Publishing **	Leaflet distribution – FOH	£237.60
Cowies Fun Park Ltd **	Fairground rides - FOH	£1,200.00

Payments marked * were made by direct debit, ** authorised out of committee and *** in accordance with LGA 1972 s137.

TO DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOLTON COUNCIL ON THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARISH (TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SCHED 1, PARA 8):

TC 4797 18842/24

Land at junction of Mottram Street and Captain Street
Erection of 3No dwelling houses

There had been 7 objections – proximity of the houses to first floor flats on Lee Lane; overlooking; loss of natural light; loss of sun from yards; loss of light to houses on Wright Street; lack of parking; loss of access to rear of properties on Lee Lane; overdevelopment.

There had been comments from Pollution Control and United Utilities requesting additional information.

Resolved to recommend refusal due to overdevelopment.

19002/24

Pike View, 10 Factory Hill
Erection of a part single part two storey extension above existing front garage to form swimming pool/spa facilities

It was noted that this was a resubmission of previous application 18626/24 which had been refused at Bolton.

Resolved to recommend refusal due to overdevelopment and inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

18764/24

Beehive Garage, Chorley New Road
Retrospective application for the erection of an outbuilding

Highways were unable to comment due to insufficient information within the submission.

Resolved to recommend refusal due to inappropriate development and insufficient information as per Highways comments.

19062/24

Essity UK, Mansell Way

Prior approval application for the proposed demolition of existing warehouse and distribution, compounds and outbuildings, gatehouse, storage buildings together with all associated stores, compounds and outbuildings.

Resolved to recommend approval.

18890/24

Essity UK, Mansell Way

Full application for erection of two units (Class B8) with associated landscaping, parking and ancillary development

There had been 1 objection – concern that the proposed buildings are too high; increased traffic and noise

Resolved to recommend approval.

19034/24

Sunnybank, Hughes Avenue

Retrospective application for the erection of 1 No detached bungalow

There had been 1 object – concerns about distance of bungalow to neighbouring garden fence/overlooking. There had been no objections from Highways, or from Pollution Control who had requested a condition to include a gas membrane and a ventilated sub floor void installed by approved contractors.

Resolved to recommend approval.

19100/24

Walker Fold Road, Bolton

Demolition of existing timber structure together with the erection of a single storey building

Resolved to recommend approval.

18908/24

Horwich Loco Industrial Estate, Chorley New Road

Variation of conditions 6 (vehicular access), 7 (car parking), 10 (electric vehicle charging points), 11 (boundary treatment), 13 (landscaping), 14 (heritage link footpath), 18 (approved plans) on application 11486/21

Resolved to recommend approval.

BOLTON COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS IN HORWICH: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4798 Contrary planning decisions were noted.

CORRESPONDENCE (EMAILED TO ALL COUNCILLORS) AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- TC 4799 a. Bolton Council: consultation – Draft Planning Validation Checklist, deadline 30 September 2024
 b. Chorley Council: consultation – Statement of Community Involvement, deadline 30 September 2024

The correspondence was noted.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 11 NOVEMBER 2024:

TC 4800 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 11 November 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.23pm

Chair Date.....

