

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Monday 11 November 2024 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: I. Aldcroft (in the Chair), S. Burke, G. Campbell, D. Grant, K. McKeon, V. Rigby, S. Rock, J. Scoble, C. Sears, S. Williamson, P. Wright, R. Bamforth, J. Walton,
Deputy Town Clerk, C. Morris,
Assistant Town Clerk, E. Tonge

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4801 Councillor Aldcroft outlined the procedure.

TO RECIEVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4802 Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillor Chadwick and note the reasons.

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

TC 4803 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 4804 No members of public present.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2024:

TC 4805 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 24 October 2024.

TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024:

TC 4806 Resolved to approve the statement of quarterly accounts for the period to 30 September 2024.

TO RECEIVE THE QUARTERLY REPORT FROM INTERNAL AUDIT TO THE PERIOD TO 30 SEPTEMBER:

TC 4807 Resolved to receive the quarterly report from internal audit to the period to 30 September 2024.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4808 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as and amounting to £967.68 as follows:

Payee	Summary	Amount
Carol Hutchinson	Petty Cash	30.00

Sage UK*	Accounts software- November	100.80
HR Solutions*	HR retainer – November	173.88
CDS Events	Remembrance poppy projection on Rivington Pike 10 & 11 November.	312.00
Nationwide Capital Finance	Quarterly rental for Ricoh C2000 copier/printer	351.00

(*payment made by direct debit, ** online payments/authorised out of committee)

TO REVIEW AND RECEIVE THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT AND ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY FOR 2024-2025:

TC 4809 Resolved to review and receive the Council's Annual Risk Assessment and Annual Health and Safety Policy for 2024-2025.

TO REVIEW AND RECEIVE THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT FOR 2024-2025:

TC 4810 Resolved to review and receive the Council's Annual Review of Internal Audit for 2024-2025.

TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL TO NOMINATE HORWICH LIBRARY AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE:

TC 4811 Councillor Grant requested to move the motion on Councillor Chadwick's behalf as he was absent from the meeting.

TO APPROVE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COUNCIL'S EVENT COMMITTEE:

TC 4812 Resolved to approve the proposed terms of reference for the Council's Event Committee.

TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL'S EVENTS COMMITTEE:

TC 4813 Councillor Sears, Councillor Walton, Councillor Bamforth, Councillor McKeon and Councillor Campbell were appointed to serve on the Council's Events Committee.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – (EMAILED TO ALL MEMBERS) FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TC 4714

- a. Bolton Council: LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Feedback Report
- b. Gov.uk: Open Consultation- Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings.

Resolved to note the Town Clerk's report.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

TC 4715

- a. Town Mayor of Horwich
The Town Mayor informed Members that he had attended the following events:
 - Recently had a fun time attending a concert at Bolton Council.
 - Will provide a full report at the next meeting.

b. Horwich Ward Councillors

Councillor Bamforth –

- Has arranged for a Department of Working Pensions Van to be parked on St Johns Street for one day a week. It has taken over two parking bays and will allow extra services to Horwich which have not been provided for some time. It will be accompanied by a canopy, table and chairs, and has been chosen to be held in one primary location for accessibility.
- Currently dealing with Armed Forces matters within the council.

Councillor Wright –

- Attended the Remembrance Parade in Horwich and Blackrod and stated it was a good turn out despite being wet.
- Has been informed of an emergency location for DWP van at Tesco if they were unable to find a suitable location.

Councillor Williamson –

- Has put forth a question as to whether St Mary's RC Primary School and St Joseph's RC Secondary School could be considered for the school grants the government have announced.
- Attended the Remembrance Parade in Horwich and mentioned it had a good turn out.

Councillor Sears –

- Attended Bolton Remembrance Day Service instead of Horwich, and stated it was a different experience to the Horwich's Remembrance service.

Councillor Rigby –

- Has been completing casework.

Councillor Grant –

- Bolton Council announced the 4-year budget and need to make savings of 30M before supposed cuts.
- Horwich North and Horwich South and Blackrod had £10k removed from their area forums to go into a pot of £200k to support residents so now shy of funds.
- Noted correspondence from Town Clerks and Graeme Wilson regarding precept figures for the funding of the RMI Cricket Club, and the possibility of requirement to create 3 separate budgets to include the repayments.

c. Representatives on Outside Bodies as per the approved list.
None.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
AS 21 NOVEMBER 2024.

TC 4816 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 21 November 2024.

The meeting closed at 7:26pm.

Chair Date.....