

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday, 26 January, 2012 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: P.Baxendale, Town Mayor (in the Chair), C. D. Flanigan, K.J. Helsby, J. Kellett, J. J. Lavin, L. McCartin, K. McGeehan, K. Ramamurthy, L. Rock, S. Rock , C. Root and K Thomson.
Town Clerk, Mrs L. Challender
1 member of the public

Councillor Baxendale, in the Chair, welcomed newly elected Councillor Lynn Rock.

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE
TC 2846 Councillor Baxendale outlined the procedure.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
TC 2847 Apologies for were accepted from Councillor Kellett for lateness and from Councillor Downes due to illness. Apologies for absence were also accepted from Councillor Cornthwaite due to work commitments.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
TC 2848 None.

TO REMIND MEMBERS TO MAKE A DECLARATION CONCERNING ANY MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING OF WHICH THEY HAVE AN INTEREST
TC 2849 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 22 DECEMBER, 2011.
TC 2850 Moved by Councillor Helsby
Seconded by Councillor S. Rock and
Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 22 December, 2011.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 DECEMBER, 2011.

TC 2851 Moved by Councillor Lavin
Seconded by Councillor McCartin and
Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 December, 2011.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 JANUARY, 2012.
TC 2852 Moved by Councillor S. Rock
Seconded by Councillor Root and

Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 9 January, 2012.

TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/2013

- TC 2853 Copies had been circulated to all members.
Councillor Kellett arrived at this point.
In moving that the budget be approved Councillor Helsby said that there would be no increase in the town council element of residents' council tax, in fact there would be a slight decrease. This was while maintaining the same level of expenditure in difficult times, because of greater need for example, from voluntary groups and for special events in 2012.
1 member of the Press arrived at this point.
Councillor S.Rock in seconding that the budget, as presented should be approved, was pleased that there was no extra burden to Horwich residents, in the current financial climate, while Council had managed to retain the same level of expenditure.
Unanimously resolved to approve the budget for 2012/2013 with a precept of £197,382.

TO ESTABLISH A FINANCIAL REVIEW SUB COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE AND TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE SUB COMMITTEE:

- TC 2854 It was moved by Councillor Helsby and seconded by Councillor Flanigan and unanimously resolved to establish a financial review Sub committee and appoint 5 members as follows:
2 representatives from the Labour group, confirmed as Councillors Helsby and Root
2 representatives from the Liberal Democrat group, to be confirmed
1 representative from the Conservative group, to be confirmed

CONSULTATION: BOLTON COUNCIL: LOCALISM BILL: SUPPORT FOR RETENTION OF BOTH A STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATION BY THE COUNCIL:

- TC 2855 It was moved by Councillor Root and seconded by Councillor Thomson and resolved to support retention of a Standards Committee and maintain representation by the Council.

TO APPROVE COUNCILLOR PETER BAXENDALE, TOWN MAYOR REPRESENTING THE TOWN COUNCIL AT A GARDEN PARTY AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE ON 29 MAY SUBJECT TO SELECTION VIA A DRAW UNDERTAKEN BY THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS:

- TC 2856 Moved by Councillor Thomson and seconded by Councillor Helsby And resolved to approve Councillor Peter Baxendale, representing The Town Council at a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on

29 May subject to selection via a draw undertaken by the Lancashire Association of Local Councils.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEE ATTACHED LIST:

TC 2857 The accounts for payment as presented, totalling £11,069.16 were approved as moved by Councillor S. Rock and seconded by Councillor Root.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 23 FEBRUARY 2012:

TC 2858 Moved by Councillor Helsby
 Seconded by Councillor S. Rock
 Resolved that the date for the next meeting of the Town Council would be 23 February 2012.

Councillor Baxendale declared the meeting closed at 7.29 pm.

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Chairperson

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Date