

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday, 18 October, 2012 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: J. Kellett(in the Chair), C. Flanigan, J. Lavin, K. Helsby, C Root
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

Bolton Ward Councillors: K McKeon and R. Silvester

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 2947 Councillor Kellett outlined the procedure

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 2948 Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Baxendale, Downes and McCartin due to ill health, Councillor S. Rock and McGeehan due to work commitments, Councillors L Rock and K Thomson due to personal commitments and Councillor Ramamurthy who was away.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

TC 2949 None.

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

TC 2950 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 23 AUGUST, 2012.

TC 2951 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20 September, 2012.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER , 2012.

TC 2952 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 20 September 2012

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2012:

TC 2953 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 8 October 2012.

TO UNDERTAKE THE ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- TC 2954 This item had been deferred from the last meeting because of concerns about the format of this report. It was now accepted that this was a business risk assessment and Members were informed that a full and comprehensive annual risk assessment is produced separately for Horwich Resource Centre and is available to view anytime by contacting either the Town Clerk or the Resource Centre Manager.
Resolved to undertake the annual risk assessment, as presented.

TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FROM HORWICH CARNIVAL FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS COSTS INCURRED ON A VISIT TO CROWBOROUGH BY CARNIVAL ROYALTY FROM THE TWINNING BUDGET:

- TC 2955 It was noted that there was still £500 available in the twinning budget for 2012 –2013 and Members were pleased to see that the Carnival Parade in 2013 will take place on the same day as the Festival of Racing. It was hoped that in future more fundraising would be done by the Carnival Committee, although it was accepted that this was difficult under present economic circumstances.

Resolved to award a grant of £300 to Horwich Carnival from the twinning budget towards costs incurred on a visit to Crowborough Carnival by carnival royalty.

TO DISCUSS THE INVOICE FROM BOLTON COUNCIL FROM BOLTON COUNCIL FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING DISPLAY FOR 2011 – 2012:

- TC 2956 Council had received an invoice from Bolton Council for £774.40 for the supply of electricity to last year's Christmas lighting scheme. This had been queried by the Town Clerk as the invoice had arrived without warning, provision had not been made in the budget for these costs. Westhoughton Town Council had also received an invoice for a similar amount for their lighting scheme. Members were pleased to learn that Bolton Council had now decided to waive this charge but asked the Town Clerk to find out why some areas of the borough such as Farnworth are not charged for festive lighting, unlike the Town Councils. It was noted that although Members have resolved to support this year's lighting scheme, no commitment had been given for future years.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEE ATTACHED LIST:

- TC 2957 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented totaling £8,399.68

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AS 22 NOVEMBER 2012:

TC 2958 Resolved that the date for the next meeting of the Town Council would take place on 22 November 2012.

Councillor Kellett declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm

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Chairperson Date