

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday, 22 November, 2012 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: J. Kellett(in the Chair), M. Downes, C. Flanigan, J. Lavin, K. Helsby, K. Ramamurthy, C Root, K. Thomson
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
Bolton Ward Councillor R. Silvester
Ms Vicky Urmston, Mr Julian Jackson, Planning Aid
Mr Graham Bee, Emerson Group

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 2958 Councillor Kellett outlined the procedure

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 2959 Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Baxendale, McCartin and L. Rock due to ill health and Councillor S. Rock due to work commitments.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

TC 2960 **It was resolved to move out of Committee to allow members of the public to speak**

Ms Vicky Urmston spoke about the concerns of local residents about the amount of development affecting Horwich, as detailed in the proposals in the Draft Allocation Plan and raised the issue of neighbourhood planning. Members were informed that Planning Aid was an organization helping communities across the country add their voice to the local planning process with grant funding available.

In response, the Chair pointed out that Horwich Town Council had already discussed neighbourhood planning, as detailed in the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 24 April, 2012 and it was very encouraging to learn that local residents were interested in these issues. However, Council had expressed concerns about the reality of the proposals, as there were a number of initiatives from central government that were working against empowering town councils and neighbourhood forums, such as the suspension of permitted development rights and the replacement of PPGs by new Planning Policy document, giving free rein to developers and allowing building without planning permission.

On return to Committee, the Chair thanked Ms Urmston for bringing the subject of neighbourhood plans to the attention of Members.

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

TC 2961 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 18 OCTOBER, 2012.

TC 2962 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 18 October 2012, noting the amendment to the date which had been shown incorrectly.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 OCTOBER, 2012.

TC 2963 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18 October 2012

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2012:

TC 2964 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 12 November 2012.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HORWICH TOWN GUIDE SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2012:

TC 2965 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Horwich Town Guide Sub Committee held on 8 November 2012

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE REVIEW SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2012 INCLUDING AUTHORISATION FOR ASSEC SECURITY TO PREPARE AN EVALUATION REPORT ON THE TOWN CENTRE CCTV SCHEME AT A COST OF £125

TC 2966 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Finance Review Sub Committee held on 12 November 2012 including authorization for Assec Security to prepare an evaluation report on the Town Centre CCTV scheme at a cost of £125

TO ADOPT THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS AND REVISED LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011:

TC 2967 Resolved to adopt the new Code of Conduct for Members and revised local arrangements for dealing with complaints against Members in accordance with requirements of the Localism Act 2011

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SEE ATTACHED LIST:

TC 2968 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £2,929.19

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
AS 20 DECEMBER 2012:

TC 2969 Resolved that the date for the next meeting of the Town Council
would take place on 20 December 2012.

Councillor Kellett declared the meeting closed at 7.42pm

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Chairperson

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Date