

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall on Monday, 12 March, 2012 commencing at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: C. A. Root (in the Chair), P. Baxendale, C. Flanigan, K. J. Helsby, J Kellett, J. J. Lavin, L. McCartin, K. McGeehan, L. Rock, S. Rock and K. Thomson.
The Assistant Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
Bolton Wards Councillor S. Pickup

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE
FG 5725 Councillor Root outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS

FG 5726 Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Cornthwaite due to work commitments, Councillor Downes due to illness and Councillor Ramamurthy who was away. A apology for lateness was accepted from Councillor Thomson.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY, 2012.

FG 5727 Moved by Councillor Helsby
Seconded by Councillor Baxendale and
Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 February, 2012.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

FG 5728 None

TO CONSIDER A QUOTATION FROM RIVINGTON AND ADLINGTON BRASS BAND AMOUNTING TO £350 FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

FG 5729 Proposed by Councillor S. Rock
Seconded by Councillor Helsby
Resolved to approve the quotation from Rivington and Adlington Brass Band amounting to £350 for Remembrance Sunday.

TO CONSIDER AN OFFER FROM MR K.CHAISTY TO REPAINT THE BENCHES OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC HALL:

FG 5730 Members were informed that Mr K. Chaisty had offered to repaint the benches outside the Public Hall at a cost of £285. It was noted that the cost of repainting the benches had been included under Bolton Council's recent plans for improvements in the town centre.
Proposed by Councillor Helsby
Seconded by Councillor S. Rock
Resolved to write to Mr Chaisty to thank him for his kind offer and inform him that it would be referred to Bolton Council for their consideration.

TO CONSIDER AN OFFER FROM BT REDCARE TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR TWO YEARS AT THE PRESENT PRICE:

- FG 5731 An offer had been received from BT Redcare, who provide the signal for the town centre CCTV scheme, to extend the present contract for an additional year at the current price. Members expressed concerns about this on grounds of cost and asked for a comparison with other providers along with an extension to the deadline. Members were in agreement that the CCTV scheme required further scrutiny at a later date by the Finance Sub Committee.
Proposed by Councillor Helsby
Seconded by Councillor McCartin
Resolved to defer a decision to extend the contract with BT Redcare for two years at the current price until the meeting of Town Council on 22 March, when more information would be available.

TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PLANS FOR CELEBRATION OF BOTH THE DIAMOND JUBILEE AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES:

- FG 5732 It was noted that the Olympic Torch would be passing through Horwich on 1 June. The time had yet to be confirmed but it was expected that it would be early in the morning. A member of the public had enquired about lighting a beacon for the Diamond Jubilee on Rivington Pike, and it had been explained that this was a matter for Chorley Council, as it was outside the Horwich Parish Boundary. Chorley Council had confirmed that there were no plans for a beacon at this present time.
Members discussed commemorative items such as mugs, medals, pencils etc for distribution. Another suggestion was to fund tree planting by the at a suitable site in Horwich.
It was confirmed that an amount of money had been set aside for Olympic year celebrations and Members were keen that an amount could be included with the existing grants fund for young people. This would fund specific Olympic/ Jubilee events and activities for young people, with a special certificate.
Proposed by Councillor Baxendale
Seconded by Councillor Helsby
Resolved to discuss this again at the next meeting on 2 April. Assistant Town Clerk to obtain costings for commemorative items.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – SCHEDULE ATTACHED:

- FG 5733 Accounts for payment as presented and amounting to £22,413.40 were approved as moved by Councillor S. Rock and Councillor Helsby.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- FG 5734 a. L.A.L.C.
i. N.A.L.C. Briefings PAYE arrangements for Clerks and Responsible Financial Officers: Information Commissioner's guidance on information held in private email accounts. A request

- was noted for further guidance on this matter.
- ii. LCTP Chairmanship workshop details.
 - b. Licensing Authority North Western Area: Application for Heavy Goods Vehicle Operators' Licence
 - c. Letter from a member of the public about the condition of Lord Street
 - d. Invitation from Horwich Resource Centre Management Committee to attend "Horwich Celebrates" Diamond Jubilee Party on 29 May at Horwich Resource Centre.

Moved by Councillor Helsby
Seconded by Councillor Lavin
Resolved to note the Town Clerk's report

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

- FG 5735 Diamond Jubilee Service at Bolton Parish Church
Councillor Baxendale reported that he had gone to this prestigious event in his capacity as Town Mayor and it had been extremely well attended by over 800 people.
- Standards Committee
Councillor Flanigan reported that there had been no further progress since the previous report.
- Sub Committee on Toilet Provision
Councillor McGeehan reported that the first meeting of this sub committee had been very useful and produced some positive outcomes, which would be detailed in the minutes, to be presented at the next meeting of the Town Council.
- Members were informed that Ms Amanda Smith, had left her post as representative for Horwich with the Bolton News, due a promotion. It was noted that Members wished to pass on their congratulations and thanks for her contribution to reporting about Horwich..

Councillor Thomson arrived at this point.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING AS MONDAY 2 APRIL 2012:

- FG 5736 Moved by Councillor Kellett
Seconded by Councillor Helsby
Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 2 April 2012

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED, IT IS ADVISABLE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED, AND, IF PRESENT ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW:

- FG 5737 Moved by Councillor Helsby
Seconded by Councillor McGeehan
Resolved to exclude

