

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall on Monday 12 August 2013 commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: C. Root (in the Chair), K. Denton, C. Flanigan, K. Helsby, J. Kellett, L. McCartin, L. Rock, S. Rock, J. Silvester, R. Silvester, K. Thomson
Town Clerk: C. Hutchinson

Bolton Ward Councillors present: A. Cunliffe
3 members of the public

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE THE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

FG 5967 Councillor Root referred to the procedure that was outlined in the information provided.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

FG 5968 Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Lavin and Councillor Ramamurthy due to ill health.

Resolved to accept the apologies as presented.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2013:

FG 5969 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2013 by 11 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY GROUPS SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 JULY 2013:

FG 5970 Resolved to approve the minutes of the Grants to Voluntary Groups Sub Committee held on 18 July 2012

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE HORWICH RESOURCE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 JUNE 2013:

FG 5971 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Horwich Resource Centre Management Committee held on 13 June 2013.

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE HORWICH IN BLOOM ADVISORY COMMITTEES HELD ON 11 JUNE AND 16 JULY 2013:

FG 5972 Resolved to receive the minutes of the Horwich in Bloom Advisory

Committees held on 11 June and 16 July 2013.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

FG 5973 None.

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

FG 5974 None.

TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM CHORLEY NEW ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE OF £100 TOWARDS THE COST OF A TRIP TO BLACKPOOL ZOO FROM CHILD AND YOUTH GRANTS:

FG 5975 Following a request from the Chair it was resolved to defer discussion of this Item pending clarification about an additional funding request from the same school which had been considered at the recent Grants to Voluntary Groups Sub Committee meeting.

TO CONSIDER A TEMPORARY ADDITION TO THE REMIT OF THE COMMEMORATIVE SIGNS SUB COMMITTEE FOR SUGGESTION OF PROPOSALS FOR COMMEMORATION IN 2014 FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR AND THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1008 ENGINE AT HORWICH LOCOMOTIVE WORKS::

FG 5976 It was noted that it was the 125th anniversary of the 1008 engine and not the 150th as had appeared incorrectly on the agenda. The 1008 railway engine was completed in 1889 at Horwich Loco Works. It was pointed out that although 125 years might not appear to be a significant anniversary it should be noted that many of the people who had worked at the Loco Works, which closed in 1983 would now be in their retirement years and the significance and importance of the 1008 engine to Horwich may be lost if commemoration was left for another 25 years. 2014 was also the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War and Members agreed that these two important anniversaries should be commemorated. It was suggested that the Commemorative Signs Sub Committee should be charged with considering further proposals.

Resolved to extend the remit of the Comemorative Signs Sub Committee to consider proposals for commemoration in 2014 of the completion of the 1008 engine at Horwich Loco Works and the outbreak of the First World War.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

FG 5977 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as presented and totalling £15,973.78

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- FG 5978
- a. NALC: Information about the Conference for Larger Local Councils On 27 November 2013
 - b. Elections Office: notice of vacancy for Church Ward dated 2 July 2013. Election to take place on 19 September 2013. As this was the date for the meeting of the Town Council, Members requested an alteration of the date of Town Council to 26 September. This was noted and would be approved at the next meeting of the Town Council on 22 August.
 - c. NALC: A New Future: developing the strategy draft document for consultation
 - d. LALC: newsletter June 2013: LCTP employment workshop: LCTP community engagement with case studies workshop
 - e. Creative Mind: email thanks for grant award of £150

Resolved to note the Town Clerk's Report.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

FG 5979 Town Mayor
The Town Mayor had provided Members with information about the three fundraising events for the Mayor's Charities that she had planned for the current civic year.

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 5980 In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the members of the public present withdrew from the meeting