

## HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Sub Committee of the Horwich Town Council held on Thursday 21 October 2021 in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich commencing at 6.45 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: S. Chadwick (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, M. Baines.  
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

### TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

GVO 196 Apologies were accepted from Councillor Rotheram.

### TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ABOUT ANY MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

GVO 197 None.

### TO CONSIDER FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS BUDGET FOR 2021 -2022:

GVO 198 Resolved to approve the following requests from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget for 2021 – 2022 as follows:

- a. Wright Place Luncheon Club £300

Reason for grant request: provision of full Christmas dinner and Christmas present free of charge to elderly members. The group had requested £150 to cover half the cost, however it had been agreed to provide funding for the total cost of the project on a one-off basis as a gesture of goodwill and post pandemic support by the Council.

- b. Royal British Legion £216

Reason for grant request: hire of temporary sound/PA system for the Remembrance Sunday Service at the Horwich Loco Works War Memorial.

- c. Horwich Ride Social £500

Reason for grant request: various events to keep local people cycling throughout Winter 2021 and into Spring 2022.

- d. Old Rivs Sports Club £500

Reason for grant request: costs for provision of badminton sessions in addition to football activities.

It was resolved to defer payment until a current bank statement had been provided as requested.

### TO APPROVE THE DRAFT APPLICATION FORM AND CONDITIONS OF GRANT FOR REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OVER £500:

GV 199 It had been noted that there was inconsistency in the process of consideration of grant applications over £500 in comparison with those under £500. Unlike smaller grants, an application form for larger amounts had not been available and had sometimes resulted in a lack of information when Council was considering such requests. The

Town Clerk had drafted an application form for this purpose and which had been circulated to all Members for comment.

Resolved to approve the draft application form and conditions of grant for requests for financial assistance over £500, with ongoing review.

**TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION FORM AND POLICY FOR SMALLER GRANT REQUESTS UNDER £500:**

GV 200

A copy of the Council's current application form and policy which was due for review in October 2021 had been circulated to all Members for information and comment.

Resolved to approve the grant application form and policy for smaller grant requests under £500 as presented, to be reviewed in October 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.02pm

Chairperson.....Date.....