

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Sub Committee held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Monday 14 October 2019 commencing at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: K. Denton (in the Chair), M. Baines, J. Bostocksmith.
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

GVO 170 Apologies were accepted from Councillors Chadwick, Rotherham and Rock.

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

GVO 171 Councillors Baines and Denton declared a personal interest as members of the Royal British Legion.

TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT GRANTS AND DONATIONS POLICY FOR HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL:

GVO 172 Resolved to approve the draft grants and donations policy for Horwich Town Council as presented.

TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL THAT ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS GROUP'S ACCOMMODATION COSTS AT HORWICH COMMUNITY CENTRE IS MADE DIRECTLY TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE:

GVO 173 Under the current system payment of financial assistance towards group's accommodation costs is made directly to the groups who are then invoiced on a monthly basis for their room hire costs. This assumes that the group will continue to use the Centre for the duration of the period that the funding has been awarded. If a group's circumstances change and it leaves early then there is no guarantee that any outstanding monies would be returned to the council. An alternative way of offering the same support would be to make payment direct to the Community Centre and the groups would be issued with a receipted invoice for the relevant period. Should any group terminate its rental agreement with the Centre then the funding would be returned to the council and ring fenced for future grant award funding.

Resolved to approve the proposal that financial assistance for group's accommodation costs is paid directly to the Community Centre in order to safeguard funding in the event of group's termination of its rental agreement.

TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS BUDGET FOR 2019-2020 AS FOLLOWS:

GVO 174 It was confirmed that the total amount requested was £1,920 and that there was £5,950 available in the budget.

Resolved to approve the requests for financial assistance from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget for 2019-2020 as follows:

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| a. | The Wright Place Luncheon Club | £200 |
| b. | Public Hall Veterans Bowling Club | £450 |

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| c. Bolton Mountain Rescue | £500 |
| d. Horwich Royal British Legion | £216 |
| e. Bolton and District Model Boat Club | £250 |
| f. Horwich Tuesday Lunch Club | £100 |
| g. Sam's Warriors | £0 |
- No accompanying financial information supplied with application.

TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE CHILD AND YOUTH BUDGET FOR 2019-2020 AS FOLLOWS:

GVO 175 Resolved to approve the requests for financial assistance from the Child and Youth budget for 2019-2020 as follows:

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| a. Horwich Parish CE School Eco Council | £250 |
| b. Horwich Locos Basketball Club | £300 |
| c. St Joseph's RC High School | £300 |

TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GRANTS FOR ACCOMMODATION COSTS AT HORWICH COMMUNITY CENTRE AS FOLLOWS:

GVO 176 Resolved to approve requests for financial assistance for a period of six months from the Grants for Accommodation Costs at Horwich Community Centre as follows:

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| a. Horwich and District Hub | £213 |
| b. Horwich Heritage | £132 |

TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF £1,500 TO HORWICH HERITAGE FROM THE SPORTS, SOCIAL AND CULTURE BUDGET FOR 2019 – 2020:

GVO 177 A report was circulated which detailed past funding support to Horwich Heritage by previous councils. While fully appreciative of the hard work done by Heritage volunteers in preserving Horwich's unique industrial heritage it was proposed that, as a new council, a review of future support should be undertaken in fairness to other groups requesting financial assistance

Resolved to approve financial assistance of £1,000 to Horwich Heritage from the Sports, Social and Culture budget for 2019 – 2020 and that the Community Centre Sub Committee undertakes a review of its current financial support to Horwich Heritage towards the rental costs for the Heritage Centre.

The meeting closed at 7.59 pm.

Chairperson Date.....

