

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Horwich Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Monday 15 May 2023, commencing at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors D. Grant, Town Mayor (in the Chair)
 Councillors I. Aldcroft, R. Bamforth, S. Burke, G. Campbell,
 S. Chadwick, K. McKeon, V. Rigby, C. Rotheram, J. Walton,
 S. Williamson, P. Wright
 Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson
 Deputy Town Clerk, C. Morris
 Town Mayoress, Councillor Kathryn Grant
 Retiring Town Mayoress, Mrs Sue Denton
 Deputy Town Mayoress Elect, Mrs Janet Aldcroft
 18 members of the public.

TO APPOINT THE TOWN MAYOR FOR 2023/2024:

AM 319 It was proposed by Councillor Rotheram to appoint Councillor David Grant as Town Mayor for 2023/2024. Councillor Campbell was pleased to second the motion. It was resolved to appoint Councillor Grant as Town Mayor for 2023/2024.

As outgoing Town Mayor Councillor Chadwick stated that it had been an honour and a privilege representing the Council and the town at many different events over the past year. He also thanked the Deputy Town Mayor and Mayoress and thanked and presented gifts to the outgoing Town Mayoress Mrs Sue Denton for her support and to both the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk for their advice and assistance.

UNDERTAKING BY THE TOWN MAYOR TO OBSERVE THE CODE OF CONDUCT THAT IS EXPECTED OF MEMBERS OF THE HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL:

AM 320 Councillor Grant signed the declaration to undertake to observe the Code of Conduct that is expected of Members of Horwich Town Council, and which was witnessed by the Town Clerk, as Proper Officer.

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE THE FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

AM 321 Councillor Grant outlined the fire evacuation procedure.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

AM 322 An apology for absence was accepted from Councillor Rock due to work commitments.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

AM 323 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 5 MAY 2022:

AM 324 Resolved to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 5 May 2022.

TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022/2023:

AM 325 Resolved to approve the Annual Report for the year 2022/2023.

PRESENTATIONS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR AND MAYORESS:

AM 326 Presentations were made by the Town Mayor to the retiring Town Mayor and Town Mayoress.

APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWN MAYORESS/CONSORT FOR 2023/2024:

AM 327 The Town Mayor was pleased to announce Councillor Kathryn Grant as Town Mayoress for 2023-2024.

TOWN MAYOR'S REMARKS:

AM 328 Councillor Grant stated that it was an honour to serve as Town Mayor and thanked Councillor Steven Chadwick, retiring Town Mayor for his excellent work carrying out his duties over the past year. He welcomed both new and ongoing Councillors and was looking forward to working together and moving forward as a progressive, forward-thinking Council over the next four years. His chosen charities were: Sam's Warriors, Rokit! and Veteran's Army.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2023/2024:

AM 329 It was proposed by Councillor Rotheram to appoint Councillor Ian Aldcroft as Deputy Town Mayor for 2023/2024. Councillor Bamforth was pleased to second the motion. It was resolved to appoint Councillor Aldcroft as Deputy Town Mayor for 2023/2024.

UNDERTAKING BY DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR TO OBSERVE THE CODE OF CONDUCT THAT IS EXPECTED OF MEMBERS OF HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL:

AM 330 Councillor Aldcroft signed the declaration to undertake to observe the Code of Conduct that is expected of Members of Horwich Town Clerk, and which was witnessed by the Town Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYORESS/CONSORT FOR 2023/2024:

AM 331 The Deputy Town Mayor was pleased to announce Mrs Janet Aldcroft as Deputy Town Mayoress for 2023/2024.

TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE TOWN COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

AM 332 Resolved to approve and adopt the Town Council’s Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as presented.

TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES ON WHICH ALL MEMBERS WILL SERVE:

- AM 333 a. Finance and General Purposes Committee
- b. Planning Committee

Resolved to appoint all Members to serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Planning Committees.

TO AGREE TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON ADVISORY BODIES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND SUB COMMITTEES AT THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON 12 JUNE, 2023:

AM 334 Resolved to agree to appoint Members to serve on these Sub Committees at the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held on 12 June, 2023.

TO APPROVE THE DATES FOR MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2023/2024:

AM 335 A list of dates had been circulated to all Members. It was resolved to approve the dates for the meetings of the Town Council and Standing Committees for 2023/2024.

The Town Mayor thanked everyone for attending and confirmed that the Mayor’s Reception would take place at the Bridge Hotel, following the Civic Service at Holy Trinity Parish Church on 20 May 2023.

The meeting closed at 6.24pm.

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Chairperson

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Date