

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Horwich Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Monday 12 February 2024 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: D. Grant (in the Chair), I. Aldcroft, R. Bamforth, S. Burke, G. Campbell, S. Chadwick, K. McKeon, J. Scoble, J. Walton, S. Williamson, P. Wright
Town Clerk, C. Hutchinson

CHAIRPERSON TO OUTLINE FIRE AND SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 4595 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS:

TC 4596 Apologies received from Councillor Rigby were noted.
No apologies received from Councillor Rock and Councillor Rotheram.

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

TC 4597 None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT MAY PUT QUESTIONS OR MAKE OBSERVATIONS REGARDING MATTERS IN RELATION TO WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS POWERS OR DUTIES OR WHICH AFFECT THE PARISH. MAXIMUM PERIOD 15 MINUTES

TC 4598 None.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2024:

TC 4599 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 15 January 2024 with amendments regarding attendance of Councillor McKeon and Councillor Williamson duly noted.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2024:

TC 4600 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 15 January 2024.

TO APPOINT AN AGREED NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND WORKING PARTY AS AN AGREED ACTION FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2024 WITH ANDREA HEYES, PRINCIPAL POLICY OFFICER, BOLTON COUNCIL:

TC 4601 Resolved to approve the appointment of Councillors Aldcroft, Bamforth, Chadwick, Grant and Scoble to serve on the Community Ownership Fund Working Party.

It was noted that Councillor Rotheram and the Town Clerk had

arranged a meeting with Bolton Council funding officers at 1.00pm on Thursday 15 February at Horwich Community Centre to discuss the Council's application.

TO CONFIRM GRANT FUNDING OF £2,000 TO ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH PCC TOWARDS THE COST OF REPLACEMENT CHURCH DOORS AND DISABLED ACCESS RAMP, FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION THAT THE CONDITION TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FUNDING HAS BEEN MET, AS PER MINUTE REFERENCE TC 4105 (TOWN COUNCIL 22 JUNE 2022):

TC 4602 It was noted that Council had approved grant funding to St Elizabeth's PCC some time ago for this purpose, subject to the condition that additional funding from other sources had been obtained and which had recently been confirmed.

Resolved to confirm grant funding of £2,000 to St Elizabeth's PCC towards the cost of replacement church doors and disabled access ramp.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 4603 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as amounting to £ 2,332.28:

Payee	Summary	Amount
Horwich Heritage	Shared cost of wreath for Winter Hill service	£30.00
CPRE	Renewal of annual membership	£36.00
Sage UK	Accounts software package - February	£92.40
HR Solutions	HR retainer - February	£173.88
St Elizabeths Church PCC	Grant for replacement doors & access ramp	£2,000.00

Payments to Sage UK and HR Solutions were made by direct debit and to St Elizabeth's Church PCC in accordance with LGA 1972 s137.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – (EMAILED TO ALL MEMBERS) – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

FG 7604 a. Record of outstanding motions/actions
b. Notes from the meeting held on 23 January to discuss the Community Ownership Fund application.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

FG 7605 a. Town Mayor
Reported attendance at:

- Opening of new Horwich Heritage exhibition 'Winter Hill Air Disaster'
- New youth facility 'Horwich Youth Darts' at the Reform Club
- Mayor's fundraising ball at Ridgmont House which was very well attended and to date has raised £1,500 for the Town Mayor's charities. Thanks were noted to the Town Mayoress who organised the event, to the artists from Rock It who provided the entertainment and also to the staff at Ridgmont.

b. Horwich Ward Councillors

Councillor Wright – dealing with residents’ issues

Councillor Williamson – involved with youth trauma campaign

Councillor Bamforth:

- Attended M62 massacre anniversary event
- Meeting with NHS team at Bolton Council on promotion of male health issues
- Working with campaign to support veterans’ wellness
- Councillor Rigby had been addressing residents’ issues regarding safety and lighting around Horwich Leisure Centre with the contractors
- Concerns regarding safety of individuals on Station Park to be addressed with a request for improved lighting
- Now established that the path on Austins Lane is not owned by the car business and quotations being sourced for remediation work
- All lights on Owens Row now working

Councillor Grant:

- Negotiations on amendment to Bolton Council budget proposals
- Rigby Taylor House planning application refused by Bolton Council although applicant has the option to appeal

c. Representatives on Outside Bodies as per the approved list

None.

TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ON 22 FEBRUARY 2024:

TC 4606 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town Council as 22 February 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.31pm.

Chair.....

Date.....

