

HORWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Public Hall, Lee Lane, Horwich on Thursday 21 March 2019 commencing at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT Councillors: P. Wright (in the Chair) M. Brady, J. Bullock, S. Chadwick, R. Graham, m. Jarvis, J. Kellett, K. McKeon, G. Stone.
Deputy Town Clerk, C. Morris.
2 members of the public

TOWN MAYOR TO OUTLINE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE:

TC 3745 The Town Mayor outlined the procedure.

TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPT THE REASONS:

TC 3746 Resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillors Carruthers, Denton, Holmes, Rock and Root

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

TC 3747 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 3748

Resolved to move out of Committee.

A member of the public requested Members to consider the proposal of naming streets located on the new loco works development site after those killed in WW1. As it had been 100th anniversary since WW1 last year, he felt it would be a fitting commemoration to the local people. He informed Members that he had emailed Bellway Homes, Paul Whittingham, Blackrod Town Council, Horwich Town Council, Horwich Heritage and Ward Councillors but had not received a response or support from all parties contacted.

Resolved to move back into Committee.

Some Members were in agreement that it would be a fitting tribute to commemorate the fallen but that there is already a Memorial near to the development. Member commended the idea in principle but felt there could be implications that could arise such as whose names would be chosen, would family members have to be informed or what if family members were divided on agreeing.

Members agreed to propose to put the request as an agenda item if it had not already been discussed in the previous six months at Council.

Resolved to move out of Committee for another member of the public to participate.

Another member wished to speak about matters which were not within the remit of Horwich Town Council but expressed to Members that he felt disappointed during the past six and a half years on issues regarding land at Green Lane, the proposed Health Centre, the newly built Leisure Centre, the status of the Business Alliance including the Christmas Treasure Hunt, lack of liaison with the public from the Loco Works Liaison Committee and lack of communication to residents via social media.

Resolved to move back into Committee.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2019:

TC 3749 Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 21 February 2019.

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2019:

TC 3750 Resolved to note the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 21 February 2019.

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 MARCH 2019:

TC 3751 Resolved to receive the minutes and of the meeting of the of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 11 March 2019 with one abstention.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY GROUPS SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 MARCH 2019:

TC 3752 Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Grants to Voluntary Groups Sub Committee held on 11 March 2019.

TO DISCUSS THE RECENT PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY A NEWLY FORMED INDEPENDENT PARTY IN HORWICH AND BLACKROD:

TC3753 Members understood that this release did not fall under the remit of the Horwich Town Council but some felt that the penultimate paragraph in the article 'There are groups like ours springing up all over the country, because at a local level, councils have been dominated by councillors who place party politics ahead of local interests. That has to change and Independents are the only people who can do and are willing to do that' was offensive and could shown more consideration towards other political parties on the Town Council. Some members felt it could place the Council into disrepute and wanted to address it with the Member who produced the press release.

TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PRESENTED:

TC 3754 Resolved to approve the accounts for payment as and amounting to £ 13,239.78 as follows:

Petty Cash	£ 40.00
C Hutchinson reimbursement for Renewal of www.horwich.gov.uk Domain name with Namesco Communicorp – Annual	£ 98.87
Subscription renewal Local Council Gary Taylor Website Updates From 1/3/19 – 31/8/19	£ 100.00
Payments to Namesco and Gary Taylor made in accordance with LGA 1972 s142	£ 210.00
Tameside MBC – GMPF – pension contributions for March	£ 1,138.61
Horwich Music Festival Committee	£ 2,400.00
Payment to Horwich Music Festival made in accordance with LGA 1972 s145	
Salaries and Wages Imprest Account	£ 2,500.00
Horwich Visiting Service	£ 500.00
Kadenza	£ 300.00
Nasmyth Street Allotments Society	£ 220.00
Horwich Public Hall Vets Bowling Club	£ 300.00
Horwich Craft Club	£ 300.00
Horwich Public Hall Ladies Bowling Club	£ 500.00
North West Scale Model Boat Club	£ 300.00
Horwich Harvest Project	£ 290.00
Horwich Prize Medal Morris Men	£ 400.00
Lever Park Allotment Society	£ 415.00
The Friday Lunch Club	£ 300.00
Bridge Street Conservation Group	£ 300.00
Horwich RM Diesels	£ 300.00
Horwich Parish primary School	
Eco Club	£ 300.00
Red Box Project	£ 130.20

The above grant payments to voluntary and community groups were made in accordance with LGA 1972 s137

Authorised out of Committee:

HM Revenue and Customs (PAYE Tax Month 11)	£ 1,897.10
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TO CONFIRM THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
AS 21 MARCH 2019:

TC 3755 Resolved to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Town
Council as 18 April 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.04 pm.

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