

Blackrod Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Blackrod Town Council held on Monday 29th April 2024

Chairman Cllr John Price

Councillors Mr D Snowden
Mr D Grant
Mr N Bell
Mrs K Grant
Ms R Seddon

Also Present: The Town Clerk, Locum Town Clerk, Ward Councillor P. Wright and 4 members of the public

196. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received for the meeting, however, the Town Clerk announced the resignations of Councillor Bury, Councillor Gaskell and Councillor Hughes-Sinclair

197. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Grant declared an interest in all planning applications

198. Planning Applications.

17922/24

100 Station Road

Councillors offered no comment on the application

17981/24 46 The Cheethams

Councillors offered no comment on the application

17246/23 24-26 Chorley Road

Councillors offered no comment on the application

18075/24 Land 92-104 Greenbarn Way

Councillors offered no comment on the application

17732/24 Hilton House Bungalow, 694 Chorley Road, Westhoughton

Councillors offered no comment on the application

17956/24 Wigan Golf Club

Councillors offered no comment on the application

199. **Planning Decisions**

Resolved

1. **That the information regarding planning decisions be received.**

200. **Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 25th March 2024**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Grant and seconded by Councillor Ms Seddon and voted in favour by all and

Resolved

1. **That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 25th March 2024 be received and signed as a true record.**

201. **Planning Correspondence/ Items on planning matters**

There was no correspondence on any planning matters received for the meeting.

202. Correspondence. General

Donation Request

In relation to The Blackrod Scarecrow Festival

Members received a request for a possible donation towards the cost of providing portaloos facilities on the car park of Blackrod Community and Social Club during the festival weekend. Following discussions amongst members, in regard to the cost, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Grant and seconded by Councillor Ms Seddon and voted in favour and

Resolved.

- 1. That the request be received and noted.**
- 2. That a sum of £175 be approved as a donation.**

203. Public Participation

A member of the public commended the outgoing Town Clerk on her fantastic work and service to the Blackrod Community. This was reiterated by another member of the public who added that the outgoing Town Clerk had worked with integrity, being honest and to the point, and had been a huge help with all she has done for the Scarecrow Festival and St. Katharine's Church. Ward Councillor P. Wright also added his gratitude.

Resolved

- 1. Those participating in the public participation section of the meeting were thanked by the chair for their input to the meeting.**

204. Neighbourhood Plan Update

The update has been deferred to the meeting on 3rd June 2024

205. Possible changes to the Council's current bank account

Councillors perused and discussed information on several bank accounts that were suitable for the banking requirements of the Council's business. Following the discussion the majority agreed and opted in favour of the Co-operative Bank and

Resolved.

1. That the Town Clerk first finalises details of signatories
2. That the Town Clerk begin the process of the changeover

206. Finance

It was moved by Councillor Grant and seconded by Councillor Seddon and voted in favour and

Resolved

1. That the Town Clerk and two members authorise payments amounting to £7383.43 (seven thousand, three hundred and eighty-three pounds and 43p only) and dated 29th April 2024 for the payment of cheques as listed on the schedule of payments.(previously received by members)
2. Members to note scheduled spending at month 2 against 24/25 estimates.

207 Roads and Footpaths

A resident had contacted the Town Council to raise concerns about the footpath on the A6 due to it not being kept tidy and having overgrown hedges and

Resolved.

1. That the relevant Neighbourhood Services are to be contacted for the tidy up and an investigation as to who is responsible for the trimming of the hedgerows.

208. Site Visits

No site visits to be arranged

209. Ward Councillor Updates.

(Cllr Grant stepped out of committee for the update period)

Due to the period of purdah, Councillor Grant stated that it was not appropriate to update at this time.

210. Other Matters/ Future Agenda Items for consideration

Councillor Snowden raised a resident’s concern about a car being charged across the footpath on Manchester Road. Councillor Mrs Grant noted that as long as it is appropriately covered, it is legal.

Councillor Grant gave thanks to the outgoing Blackrod Mayor for the service he has shown the community with dignity and respect.

The Town Clerk reminded members of the date and time of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting being held on 13th May 2024 at 7.15pm in the Council Chambers.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

The Time and date of the next council meeting was confirmed as 3rd June 2024 commencing at 7pm.

Signed.....Chairman