**Minutes of the Communications Committee 10 April 2024 held at the Civic Hall, Uppermill.**

**Present:** Cllrs S. Al-Hamdani (Chairman), H. Bishop, A Wrigley.

**424. Apologies for absence** Cllrs L. Dawson. M. Powell, A Marland.

**Absent:** Cllr M Birchall.

**425. Declarations of interest** None were declared

**426. Minutes from 10th January 2024**

Agreed as a true record and signed at the meeting by the Chairman.

**427. Update on calendar of events**

Cllr Bishop updated the meeting on the progress so far; after some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Bishop would send the completed version to the Clerk in an Excel format so it can be shared on Facebook and X by Cllrs Al-Hamdani and Birchall and on the website by the Clerk.

**428. 50th anniversary of the Parish**

Cllr Al-Hamdani read out the email received from Cllr Powell detailing his progress so far. The Clerk advised that Cllr Byrne was now part of the organising committee for this year’s event and it was agreed Cllr Powell would liaise with Cllr Byrne. The was some further discussion around how it could be commemorated. Cllr Beeley had suggested via the clerk that we order a banner to be hung from the balcony of the Civic Hall; this was agreed; Clerk to contact Big Art and Saddleworth Signs and then share the proposed artwork with the Committee. Cllr Al-Hamdani to advertise on Facebook and Saddleworth Monthly for anybody born in 1974. The bottom hall is booked and will be set up for cheese and wine (approx. 50 people) starting 3pm. Cllr Bishop to be responsible for the catering, budget agreed £300.Cllr Wrigley holds a Food Hygiene certificate. Cllr Al-Hamdani to organise a slide show. There was some discussion around merchandise, ie commemorative pens, flags and Councillors will discuss this further at the next meeting.

**429. Information boards across the Parish**

The Clerk advised that she had been unable to get a definitive list from OMBC Heritage on boards already in situ across the area. Mr Bennett had been unable to find out from Wyre Council who had originally supplied and installed their boards. After some further discussion it was agreed that, although it was a good idea, with the potential costs involved, it wasn’t a big priority at the moment and was put on hold.

**430. Items for next agenda**

50th Anniversary Arrangements

Calendar of events update

**Date of next meeting: TBC**