



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 16th February 2016 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman) J Nottingham, J Hirst, M Bolt, A Burton, S Guy, K Sibbald, S Benson, P Tolson, P Blakeley, D Pinder,

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: C Tyler, J Tomlinson Walsh, B Moxon, C Gledhill, H Sullivan, A Smithson, B Best, H Cariss, L Bentall, L Chisholm, S Ellam, E Armstead, M Steer, D Taylor, E Radcliffe, K Andrews

Press: Martin Shaw

MTC215/2015 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone. She welcomed the public and expressed that she was overwhelmed by the amount of people in attendance.

MTC216/2015 Public Question Time:

NONE

MTC217/2015 Apologies For Absence

Councillors to send apologies and reasons for absence to the clerk or chairman for approval

Cllrs: K Taylor, J Taylor, M Burton, M Ibberson, C Walker,

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC224(2) & MTC224(1) Cllr Bolt Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC218/2015 Declaration of Interest

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda or not declared on the members register of pecuniary interests.

Cllr S Guy – Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield Library

Cllr Benson – Project Mirfield

Cllr Pinder – Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield Community Partnership

Cllr Tolson – Team Parish

MTC219/2015 Confirmation of Minutes

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 2nd February 2016 as a true and correct record including payments of **NIL**

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC220/2015 Matters Arising From The Minutes:

To receive information non the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

1. To receive an update on defibrillators – Cllr Guy confirms installation of the first defibrillator at Brooks Deli on 12th March.
2. To receive an update on neighbourhood plan – Cllr Bolt reports that he has emailed all the residents who attended the previous meeting and has circulated the Locality Road Map for a meeting at the Old Colonial 7.30pm 25th February.
3. To receive an update on Mirfield Matters Survey – Cllr Bolt reports that he is collating a meeting between Spirul and the Salvation Army to consider how MTC develop the results of the survey going forward. He estimates a meeting Mid-March.
4. To receive an update on Council Offices – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms she has spoken to Adrian Lythgo and Paul Kemp and updates Cllrs. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC contact Kirklees to accept the offer of rental subject to the building being safe and in a usable condition. Clerk to contact Paul Kemp, Nick Howe & Adrian Lythgo. Authorise Cllr Lees-Hamilton to contact Darren Smith to find out a cost for the repairs Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to contact Paul Kemp with an update on Kirklees action Plan for the building. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the Clerk to act under her delegated powers and at her discretion to repair/replace laptop, order ink and any office supplies required, authorise post redirection, disconnect phone line & Wi-Fi. Cllr Guy to take the key for the flag pole and flags needed in the short term and Cllr Lees-Hamilton to take Ambassador badges. Clerk to use delegated powers under authorisation from Cllr Lees-Hamilton should anything urgent arise or not previously covered. Venues in each ward to be considered for future meetings to be sent to the Clerk. An ex gratia payment to be made to the Clerk for electricity etc. working from home Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
5. To receive an update on Mirfield Public Toilets – No update, defer.

MTC221/2015 Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. To note BT Direct Debit - **Noted**
2. To note Extra Mile Standing Order £287.50 - **Noted**

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Payee	Description	Amount

Clerk L Staggs	February Salary	£ 659.45
HMRC	February PAYE	£ 186.63
Clan Services	Unblocking toilets	£ 160.00
Kirklees	Local Plan Leaflets	£ 2895.00
Just Gardens	January Maintenance	£ 40.00
TOTAL		£ 3941.08

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** item 3-7 payment en block Cllr Guy **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour

8 To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/01/16 – **Noted**

9. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget -
Noted

10. To agree RFO to transfer £10,000 from deposit account to current account – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk transfers £10,000 from deposit to current account Cllr Guy **Seconded** **Vote: All in favour**

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Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: Bronte 200 Bicentenary for Mirfield – The applicants are not in attendance and no updated application form received. Clerk to put on agenda when she deems the application meets criteria.

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

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Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2016/90272 17 Farrar Avenue – **Noted**
2016/90307 5 Robin Royd Drive – **Noted**
2016/90254 42 Bracken Close – **Noted**
2015/94016 12 Bracken Hill - **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council –
No Comments/Noted

3. To consider potential controversial applications: **None Received**

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Community

1. To receive a report/presentation from Actacom – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that she and Cllr Benson met with Peter from Actacom and that Cllr Bolt had met with the environment agency at the same time to arrange a meeting to discuss the Boxing Day floods and prevention of future flooding. Cllr Bolt reports that he met with the environment agency and Kirklees land drainage and that they have produced notes from viewings. The government has given money to the local authorities to issue grants for funding flood resilience which is available to businesses. He confirms that he sent a copy of MTC response to local plan to Robert Goodwill & Craig Whittaker. He confirms an email from Craig Whittaker stating that he will ask Calderdale council to consider the MTC points when looking at their local plan. Cllr Bolt reports that all the water drains to Mirfield at Cooper Bridge from Emley Moor to Howarth Moor. He reports that they are looking at how rivers are dredged and that the lack of trees on riverbanks assist the flow. He states that there will be a report for Mirfield and on a regional basis. Helen from Dr Reddy's reports that the environment agency had visited them but not the flood resilience team. She states that Dr Reddy's is willing to give up some land to prevent flooding downstream.

She states that on a working day a chemical factory is a potential danger if flooded. Charles Gledhill from British Bung reports that within 1 hour 2.5 feet of water flooded their building with damages in excess of £4m and out of production most of 2016. They can no longer have flood insurance. Peter from Actacom confirms £700k claim but no further flood insurance. James Walker states that the flood of 2015 was a different profile to 2008 with 2015 having continuous increase throughout the day and peaking early evening but didn't flow away, in contrast to 2008 when the water came and went quickly. Cllr Bolt states that when Steanard Lane is closed it has a dramatic impact on residents and businesses but also due to the elderly facility, there is a risk to life if emergency vehicles can't get through. Cllr Blakeley reports he is meeting with Network rail to discuss the foot bridge at Woodend remaining open. Cllr Benson states that Bradley Golf Course and the land behind the Cornmill are natural soak aways and lots of land is needed to discharge the water away from Mirfield. Helen from Dr Reddy's reports that she could not contact the environment agency helpline in Leeds as they too were flooded. Cllr Pinder to look into the new flood defences Wakefield Council are planning for Chantry Bridge. Cllr Bolt

Proposed MTC resolves to contact all agencies and departments with a responsibility for environmental/flood & other issues as outlined in the meeting tonight to find out if they are willing to organise/participate in a public meeting and address & answer questions and identify and communicate funding and opportunities to residents and businesses and be watchful of the Local Plans of Kirklees, Calderdale and other local authorities that can effect on Mirfield Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked members of the public for attending and contributing and asked that they leave their contact details with the Clerk. 5-minute recess to collect contact details.

9.30pm Public Leave

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour

2. To discuss & agree Library Opening Hours – Jenny Tomlinson Walsh is present. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** thanks to Jenny and Friends of Mirfield Library for a fantastic job making the library available for residents Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC welcomes the activities of Friends of Mirfield Library and supports the endeavours of the group & endorses the opening hours proposed in consultation Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC225/2015

Internal Matters

To receive information on the following items and decide any action where necessary.

1. To receive a copy and agree 2016/17 budget – Defer
2. To discuss Eastthorpe Gardens – Defer
3. To receive an update on Ambassador Nominations – Clerk confirms all nominations are in and that she will collate a report to send to the panel who will meet to consider the nominations and then bring their recommendations to MTC on 15th March.

MTC226/2015

Correspondence

To receive the following new items of correspondence and decide any action where necessary.

1. PROW Forum – **Noted**
2. PCC Newsletter – **Noted**
3. HTF Update – **Noted**
4. Rural Action Yorkshire - **Noted**

MTC227/2015 **Matters for Report and Information**

Members wishing to raise items under this heading should consult the Chairman prior to the meeting.

None

MTC228/2015 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked Cllrs for their input and support. Cllr Sibbald congratulated Cllr Lees-Hamilton on how well she had handled the meeting.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 1st March 2016**

Time Meeting Closed.....**10.10pm**.....