



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 3rd November 2015 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: R Hartley, J Tomlinson Walsh, P King, P Blakeley
Press: None

MTC121/2015 **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone in attendance

MTC122/2015 **Apologies For Absence:**

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

Cllrs: K Sibbald, A Burton, M Ibberson, J Hirst, J Taylor, C Walker

MTC123/2015 **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 D Pinder – Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers & Mirfield Community Partnership (other)

Cllr S Guy – Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers & Mirfield Library (other)

Cllr K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning (other)

Cllr S Benson – Project Mirfield, Mirfield 25 & McInerney (other)

Cllr P Tolson – Team Parish (other)

Cllr Bolt confirms having consulted with Kirklees; if Mirfield 25 is on the agenda he may stay & speak as the application has been granted.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC129(1) & MTC131(4) Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC124/2015 **Confirmation of Minutes:**

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 20th October 2015 as a true and correct record including payments of £5069.56

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

MTC125/2015**Matters Arising From The Minutes:**

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

1. To receive an update on Mirfield Matters Survey – Cllr Bolt reports that Spirul are receiving forms from residents.
2. To receive an update on defibrillators – Clerk reports that they have been ordered. Cllr Guy reports he has sourced an electrician to fit the defibrillators for free.
3. To receive an update on Tennis Courts – No update, defer
4. To receive an update on Christmas Lights –Richard Hartley reports that everything is on track for the switch on. That 20 food and craft stalls are signed up, licenses have been sent to Kirklees and posters printed and ready to go out. 3 banners to be erected before the Bonfire event and Brian Thornhills to provide extra insurance cover. He asks if balloons with MTC logo can be handed out on the night Cllrs all agree this is a good idea. Press release to go out following week and possible adverts on Facebook @ £5 per day. Richard thanks the Coop for all their support.
5. To receive an update on Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder & Clerk confirm that they are still awaiting a quote for monthly maintenance and that the quotation for the deep clean was for the Gents only. Cllrs agree that if required they will help to paint and steam clean Ladies toilets.

MTC126/2015**Finance:**

To approve the following accounts for payment.

1.

NOVEMBER		
Payee	Description	Amount
Kirklees	By-election Amended Costs	£ 8,769.05
Wel Medical	Defibrillators	£ 3,063.00
Staples	Stationary	£ 70.90
Trinity	Tree Festival	£ 18.00
Methodist 1415 Ltd	Flags high street	£ 93.60
TOTAL		£ 12,014.55

MTC127/2015

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to pay en block Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
Grant Application:

To approve Grant Application/Sponsorship received 20th October and agreed in principle – **Mirfield & District Round Table Bonfire** – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to approve £2000 sponsorship of the Bonfire Cllr **Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cllrs agree that sponsored events should provide MTC with a poster of the even to display in the council chambers and that an update from successful applicants should be given so that MTC recognises the investment was well used.

MTC128/2015**Planning:**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
 - 2015/93305 – **Noted**
 - 2015/93068 – **Noted**
 - 2015/93400 – **Noted**
 - 2015/93382 – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council **No**

Comments/Noted

3. To consider potential controversial planning applications.
Slipper Lane (Cllr Benson) - Defer

MTC129/2015

Mirfield Matters:

To consider and decide any action where necessary on the following matters:

1. To receive an update from Friends of Mirfield Library – Jenny hands out a leaflet and reports that FOML are awaiting decision from Kirklees cabinet on Town Library status and that the group is making good progress. She states the group want the library to become a cultural/social hub with better disabled access/include public toilets/internet café/clubs & exhibition. Cllr Bolt asks that the leaflet be changed for clarity to, Kirklees cabinet not councillors. Jenny confirms the group are looking for other funding in case they are not successful with Heritage lottery. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC congratulate the Friends Group on their work so far and pledges MTC support Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Richard Hartley offers FOML a stall at the Christmas Light Switch on
8.15pm Jenny leaves
2. To receive an update and discuss Kirklees Local Plan – Cllrs agree to have a separate meeting 24th November to discuss this in full. Clerk to contact Kirklees to try obtain consultation packs as distributed to Kirklees Councillors and as per Parish Charter.

MTC130/2015

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None Received

MTC131/2015

Internal Matters:

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

1. To agree course of action Eastthorpe By-election – Cllr Pinder **Proposed** that due to the uncertainty regarding changes with the electoral register around the time of the by-election and size of the ward that MTC do not issue Poll Cards but make residents aware of the process with leaflets/posters Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To agree a calendar of events for the town - Defer
3. To receive an update regarding Town Centre Planting – Defer
4. To discuss draft cabinet report Parish & Town Council accommodation – Cllr Bolt reads the report from Kirklees in which it states Town & Parish councils cost Kirklees £100k and that they want a rent of £14,500 per annum from MTC to stay in the current building. Due to lack of continuity with Mirfield Urban District Council and Mirfield Town Council (1974-1988 discontinuity) the assets of Mirfield were transferred to Kirklees. Cllrs discuss the state of the building and lack of repairs and are unhappy that MTC only occupies 12% of the building but Kirklees wanting to charge 100% of maintenance backlog. Cllr Bolt states the figures don't add up. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC writes the following to Kirklees: MTC welcomes the opportunity to explore options as set out & looks forward to discussing these in greater detail with Kirklees cabinet Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt asks Cllrs to attend 4.00pm 17th November.
Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour
5. To agree prize fund of £25 for Tree Festival – Cllr Pinder **Proposed** £25 Prize fund be donated by MTC Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC132/2015

Correspondence:

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

1. HTF Newsletter - **Noted**
2. NCMM Invitation - **Noted**
3. Last Friday Club - **Noted**

MTC133/2015

Matters for Report and Information:

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

Cllr Guy reminds Cllrs the Remembrance Parade is Sunday 8th November meeting at Lowlands for 1.30pm. Cllr Pinder reports Yorkshire Regiment have booked the Freedom Parade for 24th June 2016. November.

MTC134/2015

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked Cllrs & members of the public for their endurance and input.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 17th November 2015**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.37pm**.....