



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 21st February 2017 at 7.30pm

Held at: St Mary's Community Centre, Church Lane, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

S Guy (Chairman), A Burton, D Pinder, M Bolt, J Nottingham, J Hirst, P Tolson, S Benson

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: C Tyler, C Sykes, J Tomlinson Walsh, N Horne, K Faulkner

Press: None

MTC216/2016 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Guy welcomed Cllrs & members of the public.

Cllr Guy Proposed to suspend standing orders and accept the presentation from J Tomlinson Walsh and bring forward MTC223(1) Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC217/2016 Public Question Time:

J Tomlinson Walsh is present on behalf of Friends of Mirfield Library and gives a brief update to Cllrs on the 2017 Mirfield Arts Festival. **Cllr Pinder declares an interest.** She reports the theme will be Mirfield Takes Flight and will take place 14th-16th July with a Star Trek event taking place Saturday 15th with 500 tickets limited to pre-sales, released to Mirfield residents first.

MTC218/2016 Apologies For Absence

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

Cllrs: M Burton, J Taylor, M Ibberson, C Walker, K Taylor, V Lees-Hamilton, P Blakeley, K Sibbald

MTC219/2016 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 Pinder declared an interest in Friends of Mirfield Library Arts Festival

MTC220/2016 Confirmation of Minutes

To approve minutes of the Annual Council meeting of 7th February 2017 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**.

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Guy

MTC221/2016

Seconded Vote: All in favour

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 Defibrillators – Clerk reports that Cllr Blakeley is awaiting a convenient date from the electrician to install the 2 defibrillators recently delivered.
2. To receive an update on Hanging Baskets – Clerk reports that the cost from First Impressions is competitive as it includes maintenance and watering. Cllr Blakeley is still looking at partnerships with local groups and companies.
3. To receive an update on Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Bolt reports that following approval of the designated area the group has been invited to a meeting with Kirklees Council to progress further. Cllr Bolt confirms he will continue to give reports to MTC on a regular basis. Cllr Burton **Proposed** MTC completes the Draft Service Agreement and arranges the signing of this by Cllr Guy and Director of Place at Kirklees Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To receive an update on Woodland Trust Tree Planting – Clerk reports that she has applied online to the Woodland Trust for 420 saplings and that MTC will be notified of the outcome in approx. 8 weeks. She reports that Friends of Mirfield Playground have also applied.
5. To receive an update on Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder reports that Clan Services decided to keep the Ladies toilets open as so many elderly residents use them. The Mens toilets have been painted and the graffiti removed from the cubicles. Clan to open when they are completed. Cllr Pinder also reports the Clerk sourced self-locking doors at a cost of £3000, but he states this will not solve the problem as the doors can be propped open. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC accepts the offer for Clan to attend the next meeting and discuss options Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllrs are in receipt of wording for the asset transfer business case to be submitted with an amended application form to Kirklees Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC accepts the wording as per the email from the Clerk and send to Kirklees with amended asset transfer form Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** 8.11pm C Tyler, C Sykes and J Tomlinson Walsh leave. Cllr Guy **Proposed** to reinstate standing orders Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC222/2016

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. Clan Services Monthly Maintenance £425.00 – **Noted**

FEBRUARY		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	February Salary	£ 697.55
HMRC	February PAYE	£ 185.39
St Marys	February Room Hire	£ 40.00
Just Gardens	February Maintenance	£ 40.00
Wel Medical	Defibrillators	£ 2757.60
TOTAL		£ 3720.54

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** items 2-6 payment en block Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

7. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/01/17 – **Noted**

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

MTC223/2016

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **Battieford Boys Club** – Nikki Horne & Katie Faulkner present the application to MTC. Nikki informs MTC that Battieford Boys U15's will be competing in an Easter tournament in Holland and have been fundraising and obtaining grants so that all 16 children irrespective of backgrounds can attend and all have the same kit, with no charge to the parents. She states they are currently awaiting confirmation from Mirfield Educational Trust that a shortfall can be made up by them. Cllrs Burton & Guy are concerned that there is no contribution from the parents, not even food for the journey. Nikki confirms that as it is an out of school club, many parents cannot afford to do this and she doesn't want children from underprivileged backgrounds to miss out on the trip. Cllrs agree that they would prefer to pay for specific items rather than a contribution towards 'activities'. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC awards a grant of £972 which would cover First Aid Kit, Polo Shirts, Rucksacks and Memory Books Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Cheque is drawn and handed to N Horne & K Faulkner. Clerk to email MTC logo for Polo Shirts.

19.58 N Horne & K Faulkner leave.

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

MTC224/2016

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.

2016/90357 25 Pinfold Lane – **Noted**

2016/90356 54 Uplands Drive - **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:

No Comments/Noted

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

MTC225/2016

Community

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

1. To discuss and agree a course of action on Tour De Yorkshire 30th April – Cllr Bolt reports that Kirklees do not have any available Arts Grants for this and Joanne Bartholomew is leading this at Kirklees. Cllrs discuss ways to involve community groups and schools. Cllrs to make enquiries and bring any thoughts or ideas to the next meeting.

2. To discuss and agree a course of action on Community Wardens – Cllrs discuss in principle the possibility of having a multi skilled Community Warden as a trial project, that if successful may be sustainable by local schools. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the Clerk contacts YLCA for advice on engaging a Community Warden Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC226/2016

Correspondence

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

1. YLCA South Pennine Branch Meeting – **Noted**

2. NKCCG Event Invite – **Noted**

3. Fields In Trust – Cllr Bolt reads a letter from Kirklees confirming that a report is being prepared to present to cabinet for the Memorial Park to be dedicated as a Centenary Field, this is contrary to previous emails and letters from Kirklees. Cllr Bolt also reports that after investigation it appears that the Memorial Park is listed on the IWM's War Memorials Register. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC rectify a plaque to replace the original and hold a rededication service with a plaque to the fallen at 11.00am Armistice Day 2018 Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC227/2016

Matters for Report and Information

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

Cllr Pinder reports that 2 members of Mirfield Community Partnership have cleaned up Gill Bridge, Hurst Lane after painting & decorating litter had been dumped by the bridge. He reports that amongst the litter were 2 Taekwondo UK winner's belts with names on. This information has been passed to Martin Shaw who is running a story on fly tipping. Cllr Burton reports that land behind Competent Asphalt has had trees chopped and the ground cleared. Clerk reminds Cllrs that the last date for Ambassador nominations is Friday 24th.

MTC228/2016

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 7th March 2017**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.37pm**.....