



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), D Pinder, J Nottingham, S Harding, T Hirst, J Hirst, M Hamilton, A Mapplebeck, A white, K Taylor, J Taylor, E Armitage

In Attendance:

Administrator: Lisa Staggs

Public: Karen Bullivant, Paul Moorhouse, Andrew Moorhouse, Marina Poppa

Press: Richard (Mirfield Reporter)

MTC247/2013 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone in attendance & thanked Cllrs who attended the Civic Service & special thanks to Cllr Kath & James Taylor for their continued support. Her quote: 'You only live once and if you do it right, once is enough!'

MTC248/2013 Public Question Time:

NONE

Apologies For Absence:

Members are reminded that apologies should be sent to the Administrator or Chairman if they are unable to attend.

Cllrs: M Bolt, A Burton, J Fearn, C Walker

MTC249/2013 Declaration of Interest:

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda.

Cllr D Pinder – Royal British Legion & Mirfield Community Partnership

Cllr S Harding – Tax Assist, Mirfield

Cllr K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders to bring forward MTC251 & add item 4 to MTC252 Local Plan Brief Cllr J

Taylor Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC250/2013 Confirmation of Minutes:

i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 25th March 2014 as a true and correct record including payments of £6744.85

1. Amendment MTC244 (1) amend 'had sent' to 'will send'

2. After Note added to MTC242 (1) Cllr Bolt would like it noting that he had not had the opportunity to email an

update.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the minutes to be a true and correct record including the above amendments **Cllr Pinder**

Seconded Vote: All in favour

- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary. None

MTC251/2013

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted:

Mirfield Agricultural Show Society Ltd – Karen Bullivant thanks MTC for previous Grants and for considering the show for a further one. She confirms that a small profit was made in 2013 due to the large crowd and that they keep sufficient funds in reserve for the cancellation of 2 shows @ £25k each. Cllr Lees-Hamilton recommends the show committee look into investing in Zopa for a better interest rate. Karen confirms that they have plenty bookings for stalls but the majority of revenue is from entrance fees on the day and programmes. Cllr Pinder airs his concern regarding charities not being allowed a Tombola and is concerned this could stop small charities making money on the day. Karen states that this was a recommendation from feedback, for charities to be more creative in their fundraising. Karen confirms that the tenders for the food stalls and marquee are now on a 2 year rolling period. Cllr Armitage Proposed a grant of £2500 but with no second Cllr Pinder **Proposed** a grant of £2000 but stated that if the show fell on hard times that MTC would possibly agree a larger grant Cllr Mapplebeck **Seconded Vote: 11 in favour Cllr T Hirst Abstained** Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated that as payment was not required immediately, this would be placed on the 1st agenda in July.

8.00pm Karen Bullivant left.

Hopton Mills Cricket Club – Cllr Lees-Hamilton explains the urgency of the Grant is due to the Cricket season being about to begin and the small budget that has been allocated to the Area Committee by Kirklees, to whom Hopton Mills had originally approached. She confirms that half the money had been awarded by the Area Committee. Paul Moorhouse gives a brief history of Hopton Mills and confirms that the club has been promoted to the Premier League and as such facilities need to be of a higher standard. He confirms the club has received a Grant of £43,620 from Sports England and £3280 of the Club's own money has been invested into this. When the original grant was approved by Sports England, the club were not aware of a WW2 Memorial Monkey Tree in the vicinity. But, due to this the original concrete base could not be laid. Instead it must have a more expensive Timber frame and spike resistant, compound rubber floor with 15 years Guarantee. Cllr Armitage Proposed a Grant of £2000 as per Mirfield Show but with no second Cllr Hamilton **Proposed** a Grant of £2846.20 stating that this would last 15-25 years from April – September and not just a day as per the show Cllr T Hirst **Seconded Vote: 11 in favour Cllr Armitage Abstained** Cllr J Taylor stated MTC should help bring sport to children and may be funding a future sports star.

8.30 Paul & Andrew leave. 5 minute recess.

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

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: Amberol Invoice for Hopton In Bloom - **NOTED**

MTC252/2013

Planning:

1. To consider *planning applications received from Kirklees Council. 2014/91064 60 Knowl Rd Increase in roof height – **NOTED**
2014/90882 12 West Royd Avenue Erection of 2 storey side extension & single storey rear extensions Cllr E Armitage **Proposed** that MTC objects on grounds of over intensification of site Cllr Harding **Seconded Vote: 11 in favour Cllr Mapplebeck Abstained**
2. To consider * planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council **No Comments/Noted**
3. Mirfield Moor – No updates awaiting advices from Robert Halstead
4. Local Plan Brief – Cllr J Taylor informs Cllrs on this new development for planning. He explains briefly that this allows residents to recommend where development can take place and also recommend protecting land from development and can make representation for anywhere in Kirklees. Possibility of asking for Balderstone & Mirfield Moor to be taken out of UDP & LDF. Cllr K Taylor urges Cllrs to think about their own areas and prepare a 'wish list'. Cllrs discuss possibilities of new surgery in Mirfield and new schools in North Kirklees. Cllr Armitage suggests agreement of one area MTC would tolerate a build. Cllr Pinder suggests the completion of the McInerney build as one area. Cllr J Taylor suggests a meeting prior to 30th May deadline to discuss this at length.

MTC253/2013

Mirfield Matters:

To receive information (if available) on the following items and decide any action where necessary

1. Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder & Lees-Hamilton agree they need to meet with Matthew Garbutt ASAP to agree a schedule of conditions and take photographs. Cllr E Armitage states that the cleaning contract needs amending as there are several spelling and grammar errors. Administrator to change with 'Well Polished' and bring to sign off at next meeting. Administrator to contact Elaine Ellis for the key for the Toilet Roll Dispenser.
2. WW1 Commemoration Day – Defer to a later meeting and invite Royal British Legion to meeting.

MTC254/2013

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To accept updates(if received) and decide any action where necessary:
None

MTC255/2013

Internal Matters:

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

1. Website – Cllr Harding confirms a telephone conversation with Kamal @ Kantara and confirms he now has the IP address, but there are technical problems connecting this to the website Cllr Harding created. Hopefully this will be resolved by the next meeting. Cllr Harding confirms she will forward Kamal's details to Cllrs, who need to speak direct to Kamal regarding problems with

- their emails due to data protection.
2. Eastthorpe Gardens – Defer to next meeting
 3. Use of Town Council Offices for Polling Station – Cllr K Taylor states that the returning officers will probably be the same as last year. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states as she does not wish to give out the alarm code, she will open chambers for the European elections.
 4. Christmas Lights Grant Received – NOTED
 5. Cleaning of Offices – Cllr Pinder states that although he can see why Kirklees have ceased the cleaning, he hopes that they will clean the offices and toilets after they have been used for the European Elections. Cllr J Taylor states that MTC should have been notified that cleaning would cease and reads from the Parish Charter ‘Kirklees at all times will communicate’.
 6. Administrator Contract – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that this is a legal requirement; she confirms that a copy was sent to all members of the Employment Committee in December without response. Cllr Hamilton produces the Contract and 2 copies are signed by him and the administrator.
 7. Office Open Hours – Cllrs are notified that the office will be open for Cllrs to call in if necessary on Tuesdays between 1.30pm and 2.30pm only.

MTC256/2013

Correspondence:

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

1. Rural Action Yorkshire – **NOTED**
2. Creative Arts Hub – **NOTED**
3. Journal Neighbourhood Revitalization – **NOTED**
4. NALC – **NOTED Administrator to find out cost of this**
5. HTF Newsletter – **NOTED**
6. Inside Government - **NOTED**

MTC257/2013

Matters for Report and Information:

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

1. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reads a statement issued by Cllr David Sheard regarding devolution of spending in local areas. Cllrs agree that in principal this may be a good idea but need much more detail of how it will work and costings, budget etc. MTC not consulted prior to this appearing on twitter earlier in the evening. Cllr Pinder states that if it goes to the next phase MTC should invite other local councils to get together and discuss. Cllr J Taylor agrees with Cllr Pinder.
2. Cllr T Hirst comments that MTC agenda should not be posted on a Social Media site and confirms that as per standing orders members of the public can apply for a copy from the administrator or can view from MTC website. As the website is corrupted at the moment, the agenda should only be displayed in the window of the office.

9.40pm Richard leaves

3. Hanging Baskets – Cllr K Taylor **Proposed** to amend the cheque for the hanging baskets from £1444.80 to £1488.48 as Kirklees had quoted the wrong amount **Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour**

4. Cllr Armitage informs MTC that Boulds Bins are selling the land at Lowlands, part of which is used by the allotments as a car park. As this

has been used for 12 years it may be claimed for use but not ownership. Cllr Armitage to speak with Tony Wainwright and investigate further.

5. Cllr Pinder circulates and reads a letter from S Chambers regarding a culvert at her property. He believes that action should be taken by MTC as drainage problems are relevant to the development at Mirfield Moor. Cllr Pinder confirms he will write to the environment agency and Cllr K Taylor confirms she will write to Kirklees.

6. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms she will circulate an email regarding May meetings.

MTC258/2013

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 29th April 2014**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.55pm**.....