



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

P Tolson, M Burton, S Guy, M Ibberson, J Hirst, D Pinder, J Nottingham, M Bolt,

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: M Poppa
Press: None

MTC171/2017 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Deputy Chairman Cllr Ibberson welcomed Councillors and members of the public.

MTC172/2017 Public Question Time:

Marina Poppa is present. Cllr Ibberson Proposed to suspend standing orders and allow Marina to update MTC on Mirfield Arts Festival Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour

Marina reports that Jenny Tomlinson Walsh has stepped down as Chair of Mirfield Arts Festival for personal reasons and that at the moment the Chair is vacant. She updates on the arts festival and confirms that a grant for publicity as per previous years is required. Cllrs are concerned at the absence of an experienced Chairman. Cllrs agree they will hear the presentation at the next meeting to possibly agree in principle as long as the relevant paperwork has been submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Cllr Ibberson Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC173/2017 Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: A Burton, J Taylor, C Walker, K Sibbald, K Taylor, V Lees-Hamilton, P Blakeley, S Benson

MTC174/2017 Declaration of Interest:

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda including any pecuniary interests whether they have been declared on the members register of pecuniary interests.

Cllr Guy declared a personal interest MTC176(2) member of RBL.

MTC175/2017 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 12th December 2017 as a true and correct record including payments of **£1150.63**. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded** **Vote: 7 in favour Cllr Guy Abstained**

MTC176/2017

Matters Arising From The Minutes:

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

1. To receive an update from the Clerk & Cllr Tolson current position Upper Hopton Recreational & Cricket Ground relating to Fields In Trust – Cllr Tolson reported that a connection with WW1 could not be made at the moment and to remove the item from the agenda in the short term. Clerk to compile a list from the past 12 months of motions that are still outstanding.
2. To receive an update from the Clerk or Cllr Pinder on Mirfield Memorial Pak & decide and agree any action necessary – An email from Ramsdens had been circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk to email Tim Gregory to invite to attend a meeting to clarify the position relating to the ownership of the land.
3. To discuss any update from the flood prevention meeting and agree any action necessary – Clerk had circulated an email from Trefor Hillas prior to the meeting. Cllrs discuss the email and the points in it. Any future correspondence to be sent to Kirklees as the main point of contact. Clerk confirms a reminder was sent to Tom Ghee. Further reminder to be sent.
4. To receive an update from Cllr Lees-Hamilton on fundraising for defibrillator in the Hopton Ward for MTC match funding – Defer a Cllr Lees-Hamilton absent
5. To receive an update on removal of items from Council Offices – Clerk to contact Friends of Mirfield Library to confirm if they are able to accept and store the items from the council offices. Cllr Pinder to visit the library and ask the same question. A date to be set by email to empty the office of the items as mentioned in the previous minutes.

MTC177/2017

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2017/94027 – **Noted**
2017/94114 – **Noted**
2017/94215 – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council
No Comments/Noted
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications.
2017/93935 Land off Woodward Court Erection 61 dwellings etc – Clerk to email Save Mirfield & Project Mirfield to determine if they have engaged any consultants and if so in what fields, so that MTC can then look at appointing a consultant to 'fill any gaps' not covered by other community groups. Clerk to email Thursday for a response Tuesday 9th January.
2017/94124 Land at Dunbottle Lane Outline application for erection of up to 60 dwellings and associated means of access – Cllrs discuss the application. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC ask Kirklees to explain why they have not held a Pre-Planning Public Consultation for the Outline Planning, as they encourage developers to do this. MTC knows there is a severe shortage of extended Over 55 Homecare provision in the area, why are Kirklees not looking at a model for this in this area rather than more dwellings. MTC believes the area to be ideal for such a model, located a short distance from the Town Centre, on a bus route and within a small community. In principle, the land should be designated for Homecare

Development, this would reduce traffic 60 dwellings would create, free up larger houses for re-sale and enable over 55's independence in the community. MTC also believe that if the development was to go ahead, it would touch at the narrowest point of Flash Lane. Flash Lane must be improved by Kirklees at this point as a condition of the development. MTC also urges Kirklees to have a high percentage of affordable housing if the development goes ahead Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC138/2017 **Mirfield Matters:**

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

1. To discuss Test Sites and meeting and update email from Nicola Triscott – An email from Nicola Triscott was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs discuss the email and the previous meeting that Nicola & Ruth Levene attended. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** a response is sent that MTC are committed in principle to support the activities in Mirfield carried out by Arts Catalyst, MTC require more detail as to what is expected of it, so that as many Cllrs as possible could attend. MTC would also like clarification on exact dates to meet Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC179/2017 **Outside Bodies:** (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

Cllr Nottingham had circulated an email regarding Historic Buildings Trust prior to the meeting.

MTC180/2017 **Internal Matters:**

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

1. To receive an update from Cllr Pinder on Ambassador Awardees book/board and wording for Ambassador role description & to discuss & agree a course of action for 2018 Ambassadors – Cllr Pinder reports he has spoken with several councils regarding protocols for the Ambassador scheme but that there are no major definitions of the role. Cllr Pinder to draft his own version and prepare for the next council meeting for approval.
2. To discuss & agree renewal & payment of Go Daddy 2018/2019 of £165.67 for 2-year domain hosting and 1-year website builder – Clerk reports that the current website is more than fit for purpose and has approximately 1500 hits per month and recommends renewal. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC accepts the Clerk's recommendation and renew with Go Daddy 2 years domain hosting and 1-year website builder Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC181/2017 **Correspondence:**

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

1. YLCA White Rose Update - **Noted**

MTC182/2017 **Matters for Report and Information:**

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

Cllr Burton reports on behalf of Cllr A Burton that a conversation took place between Cllr A Burton & D Walker (Allotment Society) regarding reclaim of VAT. Cllr Burton confirms that D Walker has been informed that following advice from YLCA and the Internal Auditor, VAT can only be recovered on items paid by MTC from the Allotment account as per the Clerk's advices.

MTC183/2017 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 16th January 2018**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.46pm**.....