



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Thursday 10th June 2014 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), D Pinder, J Nottingham, T Hirst, M Hamilton, J Fearn, M Bolt, J Hirst, C Walker, A Burton, A Mapplebeck, E Armitage

In Attendance:

Administrator: Lisa Staggs

Public: None

Press: None

MTC20/2014 **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone in attendance on the lovely sunny evening

MTC21/2014 **Public Question Time:**

None

MTC22/2014 **Apologies For Absence:**

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

Cllrs: S Harding, A White, J Taylor, K Taylor

MTC23/2014 **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 M Bolt – Mirfield Moor

MTC24/2014 **Confirmation of Minutes:**

i. To approve minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting of 20th May 2014 as a true and correct record including payments of £5378.49

Cllr T Hirst **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: 6 in favour 6 Abstained**

ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton reported on the Public Consultation on 6th June for the proposed supermarket (Mirfield Development Proposal MTC16(3)). She stated that many residents had

shown concerns for the highways and that this was a major concern. Cllr T Hirst suggested that if the development went ahead some of the proposed parking could be used for annual permit holders for use by National Rail. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC ask Kirklees to obtain a report on the traffic flow through Mirfield showing before and forecasting after the proposed build Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC25/2014

Finance:

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

1. To agree Mayors Annual Allowance –Cllr Armitage asked the Mayor if last year's allowance covered out of pocket expenses Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated that it did not cover them by any means but due to current financial climate she would not consider asking for an increase The mayor is mindful that Cllr T Hirst the Deputy Mayor does not have a car and she is willing to assist with travel costs wherever possible. Cllr Bolt mentioned the possibility of having a cost of living increase 1 year to next for future Mayors. Cllr Armitage **Proposed** £1000 annual allowance for the current Mayor Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. Invoice to Kirklees (Cleaning following election) – Cllr Lees-Hamilton explained to Cllrs the appalling state of the chambers and the office following the elections and that the administrator had spent time cleaning. In view of this she stated that Kirklees should be sent an invoice to cover this cost. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** that MTC invoice Kirklees £50 for the cleaning Cllr Armitage **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. Zurich Insurance IPT £70 – Administrator confirms that the Insurance Premium Tax was missed from the renewal payment Cllr Pinder **Proposed** that a cheque be raised for £70 Cllr Armitage **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC26/2014

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **NONE**
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: Hopton Mills Cricket Club – Cllr Lees-Hamilton informs Council that the actual cost of the flooring for the approved grant was less than estimated and instead of it costing £5694 (£2847 MTC) the cost was £3840 (£1920 MTC) difference of £927. Cllrs all agree MTC should support local sporting groups and as they are unable to apply for a second grant in the same financial year, that the balance be put towards security/dry stone walling/gates or practice nets. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** that MTC congratulate them on good sound management and allow them to keep the balance for forthcoming projects Cllr Mapplebeck **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC27/2014

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2014/91536 Summerhill Erection of non-illuminated sign – Cllrs agree this must comply with Mirfield Design Statement
2014/91455 21 York Place Erection of 2 storey side extension – **NOTED**
2014/91464 Land adj 21 York Road Erection of dwelling – **NOTED**
2014/91583 Dransfield Hill Farm Erection of 3 dwellings – **NOTED**

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2014/91510 53 Springfield Park Erection of extensions – **NOTED**

2014/91648 7 Parkfield Crescent Erection of front dormer - **NOTED**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council
No Comments/Noted
3. Mirfield Moor Update – 8.25 Cllr Bolt leaves the room. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reads the email from R Halstead to Cllrs. Cllr Burton believes that this matter be referred to Secretary of State Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that Kirklees have asked for more time and agrees after 19th if outcome not positive. She states that this will be placed on the next agenda. 8.31 Cllr Bolt returns.
4. Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that R Halstead has lodged objections on behalf of MTC and his services have been retained as per meeting 22nd October 2013.
5. Appointment separate cabinet member for Planning in Kirklees – Cllr Bolt states that here have been many new appointments at Kirklees. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that Lady Heton action group are still fighting BE12 and states that planning should never have been granted at Heavy Woollen Planning. She confirms a Heavy Woollen Planning meeting on 10th July and confirms she will be attending.

MTC28/2014

Mirfield Matters:

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

1. Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder confirms that the cleaning cupboard lock has now been changed and the cleaner has a copy of this, although it appears from the amount of toilet paper strewn on the floor of the Mens that the cleaner has not put the paper in the dispenser. Administrator confirms receipt of cleaning contract and Cllr Pinder asks that this updated version be sent to Cllrs so that this can be agreed at the next meeting.
2. WW1 Commemoration/Remembrance Day – Cllr Pinder confirms Armed Forces Day event on 28th June from 11.30 at The Old Colonial with various entertainment. He confirms that £885 was raised on the Blind veterans walk and that there will be a major clean-up of war graves and planting of red flowers. Cllr Lees-Hamilton mentions the possibility of some benches to commemorate WW1, donated by MTC and will obtain various costings for different materials. Cllr Pinder mentions the possibility of having regimental badges on the benches. He also confirms that at the Remembrance Day parade there will be a Regimental Marching Band. Cllr Burton states that MP S Reeve will be hosting the annual cricket match on 10th August 'Lords & Commoners' for Help for Heroes.
3. Car Park Survey – Cllr Pinder **Proposed** to invite the cabinet member from Kirklees to discuss this in a private session Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC29/2014

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To accept updates (if received) and decide any action where necessary. Cllr Nottingham updates Cllrs on Wellhouse Moravian Church and HBT regarding alternative tenders. He also states at the PROW meeting Mirfield were mentioned, as the area committee refused a

grant to the Dewsbury Ramblers celebration walk. Cllr Bolt stated that Dewsbury Ramblers had not fully assessed the project and that more of the walk was in Dewsbury and the area committee didn't believe they should pay the same amount. Cllr Pinder states that Mirfield Community Partnership has painted all the benches along the canal along with various planting. He states that Battyeford Island will be the next project. He confirms that a leaflet is being produced by MCP with pictures of Mirfield and small walks along the canal and will mark cafes and pubs along the route together with details of Tolson Museum, Oakwell Hall and Redhouse Museum.

MTC30/2014

Internal Matters:

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

1. Eastthorpe Gardens – Administrator confirms that the tenders received all differ in some way and that she will send out 1 Tender asking all to quote on the same basis and will prepare a spreadsheet for comparison.
2. Code of Conduct – Cllrs discuss whether to adopt NALC's version or Kirklees Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that she will arrange a meeting with Kirklees to come and discuss the differences so that MTC can agree on which to adopt.
3. Mirfield Festival – Cllr Fearn confirms speaking to Donal O'Driscoll and that he made a heavy loss on the festival but intends to work with Parks on another event next year with better access. Cllr Pinder confirms that Kirklees have visited the showground and seen the damage and will repair at their expense. Cllr Fearn confirmed that approx. 500 people attended and enjoyed the day. Cllr Bolt states that Donal was advised on the state of the ground but didn't take on board recommendations. He confirms that not all contractors have been paid to date and that there were fewer stewards on the day than promised. Cllr Pinder praised Donal for the cleaning up after the event.
4. Internal Auditors – **NOTED**
5. Mayors Column in Reporter – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that she will be writing a column with details of Council Meetings and that the first one will be in the paper a week the following Friday.
6. Proper Officer – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that after speaking to YLCA, that the administrator is the Proper Officer and would like to consider delegating powers to her. Cllr Pinder states that MTC should outline a blueprint of roles & responsibilities.

MTC31/2014

Correspondence:

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

1. YLCA – **NOTED**
2. Rural Action ebulletin – **NOTED**
3. PROW agenda – **NOTED**
4. YLCA Hydraulic Fracking – **NOTED**
5. YLCA Training - **NOTED**

MTC32/2014

Matters for Report and Information:

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

Cllr Pinder states that as 14th June is the Queens Official Birthday he

will change the flag to the Union Flag. Cllr Hamilton states that there is a new virus called 'Postcard from Hallmark' and not to open any emails from this. He also confirms it is Bike Week from 14th June. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms a meeting with Chief Executive Adrian Lythgo at MTC on 8th July for walkabout and questions and to send a list of questions to the administrator to forward to him prior to the visit. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reads the email from YLCA regarding Parish Charter Cllr Bolt stated that Adrian Lythgo had said in a Kirklees meeting that the Parish Charter had no standing in law. Cllr Pinder states that MTC have not been informed directly of that viewpoint.

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The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 24th June 2014**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.30pm**.....