



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 7.30pm
Held at: St Mary's Community Centre, Church Lane, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

M Bolt, V Lees-Hamilton, P Tolson, A Burton, J Hirst, J Nottingham, K Taylor, S Benson, S Guy, K Sibbald, P Blakeley, D Pinder

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: Member Allotment Society, Planning Applicants, Allotment Holder, Members Sarah's Wish, Members Ambassador Panel, Members Mirfield In Bloom & 2 residents.
Press: None

MTC204/2018 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Deputy Chairman Cllr Bolt welcomed Councillors and members of the public. Cllr Bolt reports that an ex Cllr was killed in a RTA and asks everyone to stand in a minutes silence. Clerk to send a condolence card on behalf of MTC to the family. Cllr Bolt reports the Great British Spring Clean 22nd -23rd March.
Cllr Guy arrives 7.40pm.

MTC205/2018 Public Question Time:
None

MTC206/2018 Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: M Burton, J Taylor, C Walker, M Ibberson

MTC207/2018 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 Benson declared a personal interest MTC211(3) member of Project Mirfield

Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest Heavy Woollen Planning & Kirklees Licensing

Cllr Bolt declared an other interest MTC211(3ii)

It was resolved that items involving members of the public be taken first on the agenda MTC210(1), MTC211 2018/94219, MTC213(1&2), MTC214.

MTC208/2018 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 19th February 2019 as a true and correct record including payments of **£3312.89** Cllr Burton **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC209/2018

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 Cllr Pinder on the Ambassador Book & Board and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Pinder reports that the board is under construction.
2. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on Defibrillator Plaques & agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Guy reports that the Plaques have been ordered at a cost of £40 plus VAT each. Clerk to send 2 logos to Cllr Guy.
3. It was resolved to add an item for update Friends of Mirfield Library – Cllr Bolt updated MTC on emails received from Kirklees and Friends of Mirfield Library. Cllr Bolt reports that that the asset transfer of Eastthorpe Lodge to the Friends of Mirfield Library is unlikely and that Kirklees will continue the provision of library services. Cllr Bolt reminds Cllrs that MTC had ringfenced £20k in 2018/19 budget for Friends of Mirfield Library to support an asset transfer and provide provision of library service if this was withdrawn by Kirklees. As this is no longer the case Cllr Benson **Proposed** to return the ring fenced £20k to MTC reserves Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC210/2018

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: Sarah's Wish Fun Day Kirkwood Hospice Sponsorship £600 – Members of Sarah's Wish are present. Grant application circulated prior to meeting. Sarah's Wish is comprised of residents who wanted to raise funds for Kirkwood Hospice in the memory of their late friend. In 2018 they raised £12,800 and are hoping for a similar amount in 2019. They have sponsors for the event and stage and are looking for funding for the Children's Activity Area and Children's Portable Toilets. Cllrs are all in support of a fun day that will benefit the local community. Cllr Burton **Proposed** MTC sponsors the Children's Activity Centre & Portable Toilets to the sum of £600 Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**
7.38pm Members leave.
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

MTC172/2018

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2018/94219 – The applicants and design consultant are present with more detailed plans of the proposed build. The applicants confirm to a neighbouring resident that the wall will be retained and maintained. Cllrs agree that all concerns have been addressed from the previous meeting Cllr Benson **Proposed** MTC supports the application with a note for applicant to address the drainage issues and for Kirklees to apply a condition to the application that this is carried out Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour 8.26pm Applicants and consultant leave.**
2018/94092 – Cllr Bolt reports that although this is not in the Mirfield Ward it could impact on Mirfield. This is a 2 year project with 8-80 loads of soil per day 8am-6pm Mon-Fri & 8am-1pm Sat. Road Safety objections have been put in along with comments from the Coal Authority regarding mining risks. Cllrs discuss the impact on Mirfield. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC sends objections and concerns regarding the impact on Mirfield as follows: MTC have huge concerns regarding the surface of B6118 with the added traffic from HGV's, the concern is also for the amount of HGV traffic and the impact it will have on this already congested, accident prone route. MTC

are also concerned that the current TRO is being ignored by HGV's driving through Hopton. MTC is concerned what soil is being used and if it's had tests, how is it graded? Is this land allocated on the Local Plan and if so for what? MTC would like to know if Kirklees are aware what the land will be used for after restoration. MTC has grave concerns regarding flooding and any mitigating measures in place if any future development is planned. MTC also has concerns that it is close to Whitley Beck and any contamination issues that could occur. MTC would like clarification where the topsoil is collected from to ascertain the routes the HGV's will take. Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2019/90052 – **Noted**

2019/90528 – **Noted**

2019/90437 – **Noted**

2019/90429 – **Noted**

2019/90413 – **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council

No Comments/Noted

3. To consider potential controversial planning applications.

- i. **2017/94124** Outline application for erection of up to 60 dwellings Land at Dunbottle Lane to receive an update and agree any action or costs necessary – No update (Clerk had typed 2017/93935 in error, she confirmed the agenda item was 2017/94124)
- ii. **2018/90801/90802/91005/93622** Land at Slipper Lane to receive an update and agree any action or costs necessary – 8.52pm Cllr Benson leaves the room. Cllr Bolt reported that the Hawthorn bushes had been cut back to ground level. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC informs Kirklees they have concerns regarding the security of residents/school fields following the cutting of the Hawthorn which allows easy access to the field Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC212/2018

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

No updates

Cllr Bolt asks the nominees from the various Outside Bodies to bring forward an update to add to the Annual Report.

MTC213/2018

Internal Matters:

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

1. To receive information from Mirfield Allotment Society on Water Supply at Nab Lane and agree any course of action necessary – Member of Allotment Society is present. He reports that they will no longer pursue the drainage issues at the Nab Lane site. However, to lay a water pipe to the Nab Lane site, requires easement access from Kirklees at a cost of £1000 plus £625 for legal fees plus £2452 from Yorkshire Water to lay the pipe. As the allotments belong to MTC, they must apply to Kirklees for the easement. Cllr Benson has concerns who will adopt and maintain the pipe once it is laid and the length of the easement. Cllrs ask the member of MAGS if it has any funds available for this. The member believes there to be in the region of £30k, possibly in bonds. Cllr Bolt asks for MTC to see sight of Annual Accounts from MAGS before a decision is made. Member to attend a future meeting with all information as discussed to enable MTC to make a decision. 7.44pm member leaves.
2. To discuss 2019 Ambassador Awards with the Independent Panel and agree any action necessary – Members of the panel are present. They report that

they believe a more detailed process is required and the Terms of reference between the panel and MTC need to be addressed. They would like to see a more formal process and more detail to the nominations. Panel to return to a later meeting with a drafted nomination form and process.

3. To receive information from Cllr Benson on signage for River Calder and agree any action necessary (Visuals circulated prior to the meeting) – Cllr Benson reports that he has volunteers to help stencil approx. 20 gullies as test samples. He will provide the paint with a view to stencilling 100 gullies eventually. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC supports the initiative and Cllr Benson purchases the stencil Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To discuss Mirfield Water Safety Initiative and agree any action necessary and costs involved (Cllr Bolt) - Mirfield has approximately 2.4 miles of navigable water, alongside which are tow paths and walk ways. There is a lack of safety equipment along these well used paths. It is proposed that Mirfield Town Council replicate the success of the defibrillator project by installing an initial safety station at an agreed location and as with the defibs then match fund any further facility in partnership with any business or community group.- Cllr Bolt reports that he has seen this initiative in the Yorkshire Post launched in Leeds. It is a board with a lock code that can be accessed by contacting Emergency Services. At the moment there are no throw lines on the 1.5 mile stretch from Shepley Bridge. The idea is to purchase 1 at a cost of £600 and then match fund with local groups for more. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC allocate £600 for the original and £300 thereafter for 5 more to a maximum amount of £2100 Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC 214/2018 Community:

To receive an update/discuss/note on the following items:

1. To receive an update from Mirfield In Bloom – Members of MIB are present and give an update. They report that Mirfield is entered in 2019 as a Large Town Category and that they want to include the 5 Wards in 8 entries. The theme for this year “Love Where you Live”. Mirfield Spring Clean will take place 13th-14th April, with Kirklees backing and skips provided. The mural under the railway bridge is to be re-done and the bridges will have planters. St Mary’s Community Centre is now the official base for MIB.
8.12pm members leave.
2. To receive an update from Cllr Benson on feedback from schools, report on the progress of the feasibility study, identify a ‘champion’ from schools to work on this and to identify the potential number of pupils who would use those footpaths in Mirfield – **Defer No Update**
3. To note the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting – **Noted**
4. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on information relevant to Kirklees Local Plan – **Defer**
5. To receive information on Mirfield Community Hub project run by Kirklees Council – **Defer**

MTC215/2018 Correspondence:

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

1. YLCA White Rose Update – Cllr Bolt noted that NALC recommends the review of policies before the annual meeting. Policies to be updated by Clerk and circulated for review prior to Annual Council Meeting
2. NALC Chief Executive Bulletin – **Noted**
3. PROW Forum- **Noted**

MTC216/2018 Matters for Report and Information:

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

MTC217/2018

None

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 19th March 2019**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.10pm**.....