



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 7.30pm
Held at: Trinity Methodist Church, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

Cllr Lees-Hamilton (Chairman) S Guy, M Bolt, J Hirst, M Burton, P Tolson, J Nottingham, D Pinder, P Blakeley, M Ibberson,

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: J Tomlinson Walsh
Press: None

MTC229/2015 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone and apologised for not being in the ancestral seat of power. She updated Cllrs that she and the Clerk had moved everything in to the office and out of the chambers.

MTC230/2015 Public Question Time:

Jenny Tomlinson Walsh is present and updates on Mirfield Library. She reports that the Summer events are in place with Brass Band 11th June, Bronte events including Arts Festival 16th-17th July in conjunction with the various partnerships. Jenny enquires about a possible grant for £5000 towards professional advertising from MTC. Cllr Guy suggests approaching other avenues for contribution i.e. Rotary Club & Mirfield round Table. Jenny to complete a grant application for consideration.

7.45pm Jenny Leaves

MTC231/2015 Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: K Taylor, A Burton, J Taylor, C Walker, K Sibbald, S Benson

MTC232/2015 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 S Guy - Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield Library (other interests).

Cllr D Pinder - Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield Community Partnership (other interests).

Cllr P Tolson – Team Parish

MTC233/2015 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 16th February 2016 as a true and correct record including payments of £3941.08. In attendance to include Press: Martin Shaw Cllr Bolt Proposed once the amendment was made the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Guy gave a vote of thanks to the Clerk for keeping up with the lengthy meeting.

MTC234/2015 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 – Cllr Guy reported that the defibrillator outside Mirfield Business Centre was to be fitted and was awaiting a time frame from John Spikings.
2. To receive an update on Mirfield Matters – Cllr Bolt reports that Ruth Southon is leaving Spirul but that Anthony Phillips will be at the presentation 9th March 7pm-9pm at Salvation Army to deliver facts and findings. This being the first phase of delivery with a view to headline work streams for the short/medium and long term.
3. To receive an update on Neighbourhood Plan –. Cllr Bolt reports on the meeting, confirming that MTC will head the Neighbourhood Plan. He states that the plan can take 2-4 yrs depending on the depth of it. He confirms that Christine Sykes took notes at the meeting, adhering to protocol. Next meeting 7th April at Old Colonial. Clerk to contact Richard Hollinson regarding designation of Neighbourhood area and liaise information with Cllr Bolt.
4. To receive an update Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder reports that there is an individual still blocking the gents toilet and that it needs unblocking again. Clerk emailed Clan services to action this during the meeting. Clerk reports that Cllr Hirst is now unlocking the toilets in the morning Monday-Thursday and that Cllr Blakeley is locking the toilets Monday-Friday. Cllr Pinder continues to do this at the weekends with Clan Services opening Friday morning.
5. To receive an update on Council Offices and agree alternative meetings venue – Cllr Lees-Hamilton and the Clerk update Cllrs and read the Kirklees action plan and costs for repairs to the Council Offices. Cllrs all agree the costs provided by Kirklees could be halved. Cllr Lees-Hamilton to try again to contact Darren Smith. **8.10pm John Spikings arrives Cllrs Guy & Ibberson leave to assess the position of the defibrillator outside Mirfield Business Centre. Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed a comfort break Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour 8.26pm Cllrs return and the meeting reconvenes.**

Cllr Pinder states that MTC should continue with the asset transfer Cllr Nottingham states that MTC must make responsible decisions with public money and Cllrs are in agreement that the asset transfer must be viable. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that in order to rent out office space the building must be water tight and secure. Cllr Ibberson suggested doing repairs in stages and letting out offices accordingly following repairs. Cllr Lees-Hamilton mentioned the possibility of lottery grants and reported that Ruth Edwards has offered to help with this. Clerk informs Cllrs of the charges for various community rooms with St Mary's being the most reasonable @ £10 per hour and best for parking. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC hires St Mary's for the next meeting 15th March Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**

MTC235/2015

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2016/90381 – Noted
2016/90401 – Noted
2016/90586 – Noted
2016/90571 – Noted
2015/90547 – Cllr Bolt confirms that condition 6 relates to Bus Stops (*Prior to development commencing, a detailed scheme for the improvement of bus stops nos. 17583 & 28095 shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme which should be designed in accordance with Metro's guideline document - "Bus Stop Infrastructure Guidelines" shall include the installation of a cantilever shelter at bus stop no. 17583. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, all of the agreed works shall be implemented before any part of the development is first brought into use. Reason: To ensure that suitable access is available for the development, in accordance with Policy T10 of the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan. 7*) - Defer to next meeting
2016/90152 – Noted
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council **No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications. **None Received**

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Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None Received

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Internal Matters:

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

1. To consider & approve 2016/17 Budget & Headings– Cllrs discuss the allocation of funds to the headings and agree that MTC must be more judicious with funds around grant applications. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to approve the budget headings and also review the grant criteria and application Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To discuss Town Council email address – Cllrs discuss the email situation with Kantara and as neither the Clerk nor Cllrs can contact Kamal and there are no town council emails for new Cllrs, Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC stops using Kantara and Cllrs supply the clerk with personal emails they can be contacted on by residents Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC238/2015

Correspondence:

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

1. NALC Funding Grants - **Noted**
2. NALC Digital Council Event – **Noted**
3. Dates of Liaison Committee Meeting - **Noted**
4. PROW Forum Update - **Noted**
5. YLCA South Pennine Branch Meeting - **Noted**

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Matters for Report and Information:

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

None

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The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 15th March 2016**

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