



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 24th March 2015 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

D Pinder, J Hirst, V Lees-Hamilton, S Guy, M Hamilton, S Benson, K Taylor, E Armitage, A Mapplebeck, M Bolt, A White, J Nottingham

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: C Breare
Press: Richard Beecham Mirfield Reporter

MTC233/2014 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone

Cllr Lees- Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC241(1) Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC234/2014 Public Question Time:

None

MTC235/2014 Apologies For Absence

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

J Taylor, T Hirst, A Burton

MTC236/2014 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 K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning

Cllr S Guy – Royal British legion & Mirfield Library

Cllr S Benson – Project Mirfield

MTC237/2014 Confirmation of Minutes

i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 10th March 2015 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**

Cllr Bolt asks that MTC226 (1) '9.05pm Cllr Bolt leaves' be deleted and noted at the side of his name on Councillors Present. Cllr Pinder states MTC227 (3) should read 'he states there was no advert of the meeting of 8th March' Cllr Guy **Proposed** that following these amendments the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: 12 in favour 2 abstained**

ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide

further action where necessary.

Cllr Pinder confirms that a meeting for Friends of Mirfield library took place 8/3/15 with 32 residents attending. He confirms a formal working group was set up consisting: Acting Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Minutes Secretary & Media & communications officer. He asks Richard to announce in the press that this was a great success. Cllrs ask Richard Beecham about the headline 'Move it or lose it', Richard confirms that this basically means 'get a move on' but will report back the misunderstanding. Cllr Pinder confirms that Crossley Fields are delighted to have won the WW1 competition, but would prefer a cheque to vouchers as they have a supplier that gives them a good rate. He confirms they would like the Mayor to present the cheque. Cllr Taylor states she would prefer a local supplier to be appointed and for the invoice to be sent direct to MTC so that the amount can be £50 plus VAT.

MTC238/2014

Finance

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

1. BT Direct Debit £52.52 – **NOTED**
2. Extra Mile Standing Order - £287.50 - **NOTED**

MARCH		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	March Salary	£ 652.74
HMRC	March PAYE	£ 215.28
Extra Mile	Office Cleaning February	£ 24.00
Yorkshire Water	Water bill Mirfield Public Toilets	£ 96.11
TOTAL		£ 988.13

Cllr Taylor **Proposed** payment en block Cllr Pinder **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour. Item 7 Refer to MTC237 (ii)

MTC239/2014

Grant Applications

1. To consider grant applications submitted: None Received
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: None

MTC240/2014

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2015/90532 40 Bracken Close – **Noted**
2015/90384 18 Granny Lane – **Noted**
2015/90675 71 Sunny Bank Road – **Noted**
2015/90633 11 Westfields Rd – **Noted**
2015/90583 33 Quarryside Rd – **Noted**
2015/90308 Ash Lodge, Lee Green – **Noted**
114 West Royd Avenue - **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**
3. Balderstone Hall Lane –Cllr Benson mentions a letter on the planning application from National Coal Board 16/7/14 which has material considerations. He believes in his opinion that a site re-visit will be required to re-test soakaways.

MTC241/2014 Community

To receive an update/discuss/note:

1. Ambassadors – Chris Breare explains to Cllrs the reasons for the recommendations by the panel as the clerk hands out copies. Chris states the panel would like more supporting information for 2016 nominations and a better process and guidelines for them to follow, as listed in the minutes of their meeting. Chris confirms the 4 names the panel is recommending are Peter Dransfield, Roger Leedham, Ruth Edwards & John Daniels. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states she would also like 2 nominations as twice outgoing mayor. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC accepts the recommendations made by the independent panel of Peter, Roger, Ruth & John and the outgoing mayor may nominate her ambassador as per previous years, as the current mayor has had 2 years in office, she has the right to 2 nominations Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanks Chris for her attendance and asks Chris to thank the panel on behalf of MTC. **7.50pm Chris leaves. Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour.**
2. Mirfield Community Centre- Cllr Bolt reports that a public meeting was held the previous evening at the community centre and that the 3 Ward Councillors were asked to email their concerns to Kirklees. Cllr Taylor reads the email to MTC. Cllr Taylor states that if Mirfield Community Trust (MCT) get freehold on the building, they can access grants but not if owned by Kirklees. She states that at least half the user groups have not been spoken to regarding the relocation as suggested in the report. She also states that some of the groups have lots of equipment and need plenty storage space that's not available elsewhere. Cllr Bolt states the report says Ward Cllrs were consulted and this is not the case. The report also states that user groups can be accommodated elsewhere; to date MTC has no evidence of such survey having taken place. He states the report is flawed. He asks the Reporter to put a column in the paper asking any user groups or trustees of the centre if they have been contacted to complete a survey of needs. Cllr Hirst (founder member of Community Centre) confirms that it was the need for a venue for the Scout movement and tenants & residents association that the community centre was set up, as the scout hut at the former Zion Baptist had been taken down. Cllr Pinder states to his knowledge several groups have rung round other venues, but they cannot be accommodated, also disabled access is required for some groups. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that MCC have kept hire costs low to keep user groups viable and that it is a much needed space for the youth service working out of London Park Estate. Cllr Taylor **Proposed** MTC send an email supporting the Ward Cllrs email in respect of an asset transfer and freehold **Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Pinder **Proposed** bearing in mind Kirklees Council's stance on devolution and engagement with town councils and that Mirfield Town Council in 1996 gave Mirfield Community Trust £20k equivalent to a year's precept to start up the Community Centre, the town council notes with great concern the fact that Kirklees were unwilling to consult with either Mirfield Town

Council or the 3 Ward Cllrs and accordingly echoes and supports the email sent by the ward Cllrs on Monday 23rd March 2015 **Cllr Bolt Seconded Vote: All in favour.**

3. Friends of Mirfield Library – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirmed that the clerk had prepared and printed out numerous petitions to be handed out to the shops and library and these were handed to Mr & Mrs Schiff earlier tonight.
4. Asset transfers/Assets of Community Value/Community Right to bid – Cllr Bolt Proposed MTC take on the running of the Council Offices and propose MTC give Cllr Lees-Hamilton a mandate to take this forward Cllr Taylor Seconded Vote: All in favour Clerk to email John Heneghan for a progress report. Cllr Pinder Proposed in view of the situation with Mirfield Community Centre that the clerk check with YLCA if any council have had any form of devolution from the main council and if so what the benefits/problems have been. Also to contact Ripponden Council Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour.
5. Benches/Flagstones Eastthorpe Gardens – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reads the minutes from 28th October MTC 123(2) and confirms that although a motion was passed to accept the estimate, Just Gardens have never been asked to proceed. Cllr Bolt Proposed the clerk contact Just Gardens and ask them to proceed ASAP as per the estimate Cllr Mapplebeck Seconded Vote: All in favour Cllr Taylor states that MTC needs to check the flags are still in the depot before confirming this. Clerk confirms she will do this. Defer benches to next meeting.

MTC242/2014 **Correspondence**

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

1. PROW Forum - **Noted**
2. Community Transport Calderdale- **Noted**
3. Planning for Climate Change - **Noted**
4. White Rose Update - **Noted**

MTC243/2014 **Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Nottingham confirms that he will be attending the PROW forum. Cllr Nottingham also confirms that the Towpath clearance on Saturday 14th March had been cancelled due various sick calls and low attendance. Cllr Mapplebeck states that on Wednesday morning the canal behind the Pear Tree will be filled if Cllrs were interested in attending. Cllr Pinder reports the repairs to the library forecourt wall have been done very well.

MTC244/2014 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked Cllrs for their attendance, support and input.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 14th April 2015**

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