



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 21st June 2016 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

S Guy (Chairman), J Nottingham, A Burton, M Bolt, P Tolson, D Pinder, V Lees-Hamilton, K Sibbald, K Taylor

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: J Tomlinson Walsh, R Hartley, M Bonner, C Bell

Press: None

MTC47/2016

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Guy wished Cllrs and members of the public a good evening and asked them to observe a minute's silence for MP Jo Cox.

MTC48/2016

Public Question Time:

J Tomlinson Walsh updates on the Mirfield Arts Festival and distributes flyers to Cllrs. She reports that the recent garden party was a success.

Cllr Guy Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC55(2) 2016/92189 & MTC55(1) 2016/91074 Cllr Lees-Hamilton

Seconded Vote: All in favour

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Apologies For Absence

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

Cllrs: M Burton, J Taylor, P Blakeley, M Ibberson, J Hirst

MTC50/2016

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

Cllr Pinder – Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield

Community Partnership, West Yorkshire Crime Stoppers

Cllr Tolson – Team Parish

Cllr Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning

MTC51/2016

Confirmation of Minutes

To approve minutes of the Annual Council meeting of 7th June 2016 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**.

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Guy

MTC52/2016

Seconded Vote: All in favour who were present at the previous meeting.
Matters Arising From The Minutes:

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

1. To receive an update on defibrillators – No update
2. To receive an update on Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Bolt reports that there is a further meeting on Thursday 23rd June. Cllr Bolt reports that comments on social media relating to the timing of the neighbourhood plan were incorrect. He refers to the approved minutes of 7th July 2015 and 21st July 2015. These minutes confirm that where a town council is in force, they are the recognised body to take forward a neighbourhood plan not a forum. MTC has followed the directions given in the Locality Roadmap and is following the correct process with public involvement/meetings and planning consultations. Cllr Bolt states it will take 2-3 years to complete the plan and have a referendum not months as stated on social media. Cllrs all agree it was clear what mandates were given in July 15 and the process that followed has adhered to the Locality Roadmap.
3. To receive an update on Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder reports that he has had keys cut for Cllr Lees-Hamilton and that Clan Services pointed out that the seats in the ladies toilets were being stood on. Clerk to give Clan Services notices to put up in the toilets relating to this.
4. To receive an update on Historic England – No update defer to 1st meeting in September
5. To receive an update on Mirfield Council Offices – No update

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Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

JUNE		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	June Salary	£ 731.80
HMRC	June PAYE	£ 208.62
St Marys	Room Hire (May)	£ 20.00
St Marys	Room Hire (June)	£ 40.00
Clan Services	Monthly Maintenance	£ 425.00
St Pauls	Room Hire (Meeting)	£ 40.00
Just Gardens	May Maintenance	£ 80.00
Tax Assist	Admin of Clerk Salary	£ 43.20
Yorkshire Water	Public Toilets	£ 113.76
TOTAL		£ 1702.38

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** items 1-9 payment en block Cllr Sibbald **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

10. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/05/16 – **Noted**

11. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

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Grant Applications:

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

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Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council. 2016/91643 – **Noted**

2016/91711 – **Noted**

2016/91074 – A resident is present and asks what has changed from a report in 2003 when the land was reported as too contaminated to build on. Cllrs are concerned what Kirklees planning officers are not telling residents/developers regarding this report. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC writes to Kirklees stating it strongly objects to the application and has great reservations that the information supplied in the 2003 report is not accurately reflected in the current situation and suitability for development. MTC has great concerns for the sewerage/water network and contamination finding its way to the water course. It is concerned at the over intensification of the site, the effect on Old Bank school and the Children's Centre, disturbance of the land, issues with the highways and that it does not adhere to the Mirfield Design Statement Cllr Lees-Hamilton

Seconded Vote: All in favour

2016/91705 – **Noted**

2016/91755 – **Noted**

2016/91569 – **Noted**

2016/91836 – **Noted**

2016/91483 – **Noted**

2016/91883 – **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:
2016/92189 Members of the public are present to object to this application. Cllrs discuss planning considerations with the members of the public and the Clerk reads the objections raised on the application and the answers from planning relating to these. Cllr Bolt states that there is a 'Ransom Strip' at the entrance to the proposed development owned by Kirklees and that Kirklees could ask the developer for up to £0.5 million to release. He encourages the residents to lobby Kirklees to not simply give away the land to the developer making it easier to build on.

Cllr Guy Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Lees-Hamilton

Seconded Vote: All in favour

8.15 Members of the public leave.

2016/91755 – **No Comments/Noted**

2016/91271 – **No Comments/Noted**

2016/94005 – **No Comments/Noted**

3. To consider potential controversial applications: **None**

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Internal Matters

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

1. To approve Annual Return annual governance statement 2015/16 – Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC approves annual governance statement Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve Annual Return accounting statements 2015/16 – Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC approves accounting statements Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To discuss Kirklees unspent budgets – Cllrs are all in receipt of Kirklees accounts 2015/16. Cllr Bolt reports £5.8 million underspend. Cllrs discuss possible areas that this could benefit. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC write to Chief Executive of Kirklees stating MTC has considered the underspend and would like to put forward the following for consideration in respect of an investment and not a gift: Car Park Mirfield Railway Station, Flood Mitigation, Roundabout at Leeds Road, McInerney Development & Mirfield

Council Offices as small business commercial development/hub Cllr Pinder
Seconded Vote: All in favour Clerk to write to Chief Executive with this motion and also enquire how the money from Central Government for flood alleviation was used in Kirklees.

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Community

To receive an update/discuss/note

1. To discuss and decide a course of action on Fields In Trust Centenary Fields in relation to Mirfield Memorial Park – Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC nominates Mirfield Memorial Park for Centenary Fields at Fields In Trust Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to complete form and send to Fields In Trust
2. To discuss & decide a course of action My Mirfield Events – Richard Hartley is present to discuss. Cllrs are all in receipt of the email listing the various events. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** £500 budget towards the cost of promotion, licenses and insurance for the Christmas Festival Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Richard mentions a possible May Bank holiday event for the town and would like help/advice and possible finance. Cllrs agree to discuss this nearer the time when more details are available.

MTC58/2016

Correspondence

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

1. NALC Strategic Plan – **Noted**
2. Last Friday Club – **Noted**
3. PCC Newsletter – **Noted**
4. White Rose Training Programme – **Noted**
5. YLCA Work place pensions - **Noted**
6. Fields In Trust 90 years - **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.

Cllr Guy reports that there is a memorial service at Old Colonial on Armed Forces Day at 11.00am. Cllr Bolt reports that he will be taking part in a 2 day cycle of 260 miles from Dorset to Dewsbury in aid of RBL Wednesday 22nd June. Cllr Pinder reports that volunteers from Co-op cleared Hurst Lane and Lowlands of litter and that MCP has planted a formal flower bed on an area of the towpath. Cllr Guy reports that he has set up an Instagram account 'Where is the Mayor'. He reminds Cllrs that the EU referendum is on Thursday 23rd June.

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The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 5th July 2016**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.12pm**.....