



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 20th October 2015 at 7.30pm
Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: P Blakeley, J Tomlinson Walsh, Karl Ashford
Press: None

MTC107/2015

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton began by welcoming everyone including members of the public. She informs Cllrs and members of the public that a By-election has been called in the Eastthorpe Ward and therefore there will be no Public question time (MTC108) as Council is in Purdah.

MTC108/2015

Public Question Time

CANCELLED SEE ABOVE

MTC109/2015

Apologies For Absence

Councillors to send apologies and reasons for absence to the Clerk or Chairman for approval

S Benson, M Burton, J Nottingham, M Ibberson, C Walker

MTC110/2015

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 Library & Mirfield Rifle Volunteers (other interests)

Cllr K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning (other interests)

Cllr Pinder – Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers & Mirfield Community Partnership (other interests)

Cllr Tolson – St Pauls Church (other interests)

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC114(1) & Late Grant Application Mirfield Rotary Club to be presented & allow a report from Jenny Tomlinson Walsh under MTC119

Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC111/2015

Confirmation of Minutes

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 6th October 2015 as a true and correct record including payments of **£9,565.39**

MTC103(1) Paragraph 9 – 23 years amended to 18 years.

Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** once the amendment was made the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: 9 in favour Cllr Burton Abstained.**

Cllr K Taylor commented that she was aggrieved at the time spent by the council and the clerk dealing with MTC103(1) and hoped this would be the end of the matter.

Copy minutes to be sent to Michael Hutchinson.

MTC112/2015

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. To receive an update regarding Mirfield Tennis Courts (Cllr Bolt) – Cllr Bolt and the Clerk confirm that there is no update - Defer
2. To receive an update regarding defibrillators (Cllr Guy & Clerk) – Cllr Guy reports he has had contact with Elizabeth Higgins from Mirfield Rotary Club regarding partnership and reads the email. Clerk reports that the AED in the Community Centre is 8 yrs old and YAS recommend a new one. The cost for 2 AED's and 2 cabinets totals £3048 inc VAT, £48 above the budgeted cost. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the increased cost Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To receive an update regarding Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Bolt) - Cllr Bolt reports that 80% of the attendees of the meeting were in favour of a Neighbourhood Plan. Average cost £14k with possible grants. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to take forward a Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt **Proposed** £14k budget and for the group to facilitate an understanding to source available grants Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllrs agree the group should involve town councillors but the committee should be made up of residents and a meeting arranged with residents who expressed an interest.
4. To receive an update regarding Mirfield Matters Survey (Cllr Bolt & Clerk) – No update keep on agenda
5. To receive an update on Bradley Nurseries Closure & winter bedding plants for Town Centre (Cllr Taylor) – Cllrs discuss possible planting of herbaceous perennials outside council offices and Jenny Tomlinson Walsh confirms perennials are to be planted instead of annuals at Mirfield Library. Paul Blakeley reports Mirfield Rotary may fund flowers in Mirfield. Defer to next meeting.
6. To receive an update on Public Toilets (Cllr Pinder & Clerk) – Cllr Pinder reports one of the urinals is blocked with a resin again. Clerk reports that the toilets are still being left open on an evening. Cllr Lees-Hamilton & Cllr Tolson agree to have a set off keys each and will liaise to close the toilets on an evening.

MTC113/2015

Finance

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. Extra Mile Standing Order £287.50 – **NOTED**

OCTOBER		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	October Salary	£ 687.76
HMRC	October PAYE	£ 205.80
Extra Mile	Office Cleaning	£ 48.00
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£ 360.00
Clan Services	Unblocking Toilets	£ 190.00

Clan Services	Unblocking Urinals	£ 200.00
Ben Hardcastle	Christmas Lights	£ 3000.00
Planning Advice Plus	Neighbourhood Plan Advice	£ 326.50
Salvation Army	Hire of Hall	£ 51.50
TOTAL		£ 5069.56

11. To receive bank reconciliation to 30/9/15 – **Noted**

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

Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** payment en block Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Grant Applications

1. To consider grant applications submitted: Callaloo Carnival Arts Muertos Festival – As the application was presented at the last meeting Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to approve the grant of £1000 Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Mirfield Rotary Club Bonfire – As this was a late application Cllrs agreed to hear the presentation. Paul Blakeley presents the application asking for a grant to cover the costs of the fireworks. He confirms the total for the event is £6000 and that this is a major community event for the residents of Mirfield spanning many decades. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC supports the event in principle Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Defer to next meeting.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

MTC115/2015

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.

2015/93019 19 Overhall Park – Cllrs have received a number of objections from residents. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reads an email from a resident with valid objections. Cllr Lees- Hamilton **Proposed** MTC objects on the grounds of overbearing and imposing, out of character with the surrounding properties, invasion of privacy, overshadowing of neighbouring properties and not in line with Mirfield Design Statement Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

201593097 Newgate – **Noted**

2015/93092 5 Water Royd Crescent – **Noted**

2015/93074 Adj St Pauls Church – **Noted**

2015/93160 Three Nuns Service Stn – Cllrs discuss the application and have grave reservations with the content. Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** MTC asks Kirklees for clarification of the application and puts forward a holding objection Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2015/93151 The Co-operative Food – **Noted**

8.45 pm Jenny Tomlinson Walsh leaves.

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**

3. To consider potential controversial applications – Mirfield Moor deferred to next meeting as Cllr Benson absent

MTC116/2015

Community

1. To consider arrangements for Remembrance Equipment PAT testing (Cllr Guy) – Cllr Guy reports MTC originally funded the PA equipment. The annual PAT test is approximately £25 Cllr Guy **Proposed** to pay the PAT

test from the £600 Remembrance allocation in the budget Cllr Pinder
Seconded Vote: All in favour

2. To consider endorsement & support of the Mirfield Word Business Magazine (Cllr Lees-Hamilton) – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that Jenna Eastwood is organising a networking night for local businesses including those on The Knowl and Old Bank. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC supports this initiative Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To consider arrangements for Flags/Standards for the High Street (Cllr Bolt) – Cllr Bolt states that the receptacles for the Christmas Trees could support service flags for Army, Navy & Airforce that would enhance the High Street for events like Remembrance Parade and the proposed Freedom Parade. Cllr Pinder to obtain quotations for the flags. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC agrees a provisional £150 to fund the purchase of the flags Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To consider complaint referred to in the letter dated 13th September by Michael Hutchinson – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** as MTC has not heard anything regarding said complaint and as the writer has not attended the previous 2 meetings and states he cannot attend the next meeting that in line with the legal advice the council has received from YLCA the matter is now closed Cllr Sibbald **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Internal Matters

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

1. To consider purchase of Colour Laser Printer – Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** the clerk purchase a printer appropriate to requirement Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and add an urgent item MTC117(2) to the agenda Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour
2. To receive notification of a By-election in the Eastthorpe Ward – Cllr Lees-Hamilton informs MTC that 10 residents in the Eastthorpe Ward have called for a by-election following the resignation of Cllr Bunton. She confirms that Kirklees election office needs urgent confirmation to issue Poll cards. Cllr Tolson **Proposed** MTC instructs Kirklees elections office to issue Poll Cards Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt states MTC will have had 2 very expensive by-elections in 6 months and has never been approached for Co-option.

MTC118/2015

Correspondence

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

1. Fields In Trust – **Noted**
2. Rural Action Yorkshire News – **Noted**
3. PCC Newsletter – **Noted**
4. YLCA Training Update - **Noted**

MTC119/2015

Matters for Report and Information

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

Whilst standing orders are suspended Jenny Tomlinson Walsh reports that Friends of Mirfield Library have applied for a Heritage Lottery Grant to develop the Library as Mirfield Maltings. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states Friends of Mirfield Library have the full support of MTC as affirmed in previous meetings.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton informs Cllrs of the report to be submitted to cabinet

regarding accommodation of Parish & Town Councils – to be included on next agenda as a full item.

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The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 3rd November 2015**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.45pm**.....