



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: Residents, Member Mirfield Arts Festival
Press: None

MTC232/2018 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Deputy Chairman Cllr Bolt welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting due to the Chairman having confirmed he would arrive late.

MTC233/2018 Apologies For Absence:

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

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

MTC234/2018 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 Bolt declared an other interest MTC237(3ii)

MTC235/2018 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 19th March 2019 as a true and correct record including payments of **£4208.56** Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote:**

All in favour

7.40pm Cllr Ibberson Arrives

MTC236/2018 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 – No update
2. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on Defibrillator Plaques & agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Guy reports that the Logos have all been sent.
3. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on Mirfield Water Safety Initiative & agree

any action or costs necessary – Cllr Bolt reports he is meeting with The Canal & River Trust and Fire Brigade

4. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on Community Warden & agree any action necessary – Clerk to follow up on this with Kirklees

MTC237/2018

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2018/90825 – **Noted**
2018/90860 – **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
 - ii. **2019/90756** Land at Slipper Lane to receive an update and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Bolt reports the development is progressing
 - iii. Dewsbury riverside Development – As previously agreed a consultant is to be retained

MTC238/2018

Internal Matters:

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

1. To note the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - **Noted**
2. To appoint Internal Auditor for Final Audit 2018/2019 – Clerk recommends to appoint Yorkshire Internal Audit Services. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the Clerk's recommendation and appoint Yorkshire Internal Audit Services Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC 239/2018

Community:

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

1. To receive an update from Mirfield Arts Festival – A member is present and reports that in 2018 2000 – 2500 people attended the festival. She reports that the group are carrying out promotion days at other events in the town for the weekend festival 13th & 14th July. Information is available for Cllrs to view after the meeting.
2. To discuss Community Right to Bid and agree any action necessary – Cllr Bolt reports that land of community value can be designated, subject to approval from Kirklees. He reports that Land at Dunbottle Lane is possibly to be sold for private dwellings. However, MTC could seek to transfer or bid for Community Housing. Clerk to circulate Community Right To Bid documents to Cllrs to view and there may be other land that MTC could look at an asset transfer for. Cllr Pinder reports that Kirklees are looking to close play areas across Kirklees and would MTC be able to take over in a similar way. Cllrs discuss the various parks allocated for closure in Mirfield. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC email Kirklees with the following: MTC has considered the loss of play facilities and has serious concerns on the impact this will have on current and future generations with loss of social contact and the impact on health and physical activity. MTC is concerned that venturing further afield would cause more air pollution by using transport to other facilities. MTC feels that the closing of parks and loss of transport services like 253 bus service deprives areas of independence especially those in deprived areas where families cannot afford to pay for play facilities. MTC would like asset appraisals on the play facilities in Mirfield including their age and date last maintained/inspected along with costings for the service/maintenance/inspection of these facilities Cllr

Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC240/2018

Correspondence:

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

1. YLCA White Rose Update – **Noted**
2. NALC Newsletter - **Noted**
3. NALC Chief Executive Bulletin – **Noted**
4. YLCA Updated Guidance on Purdah – **Noted**

MTC241/2018

Matters for Report and Information:

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

Cllr Guy reports the Deputy Lord Lieutenant will be attending the RBL evening on Thursday 11th April and that the Mayor and Cllrs are welcome.

Cllrs are reminded of the upcoming Mirfield In Bloom Spring Clean

MTC242/2018

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 16th April 2019**

Time Meeting Closed.....**7.55pm**.....