



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 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

### In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: Jenny Pupius, Karen Bullivant, Stephen Moore, E Moore, Derek Adkins, Julie Evans, T Turner, J Hepworth, S Cammish, D & H Etherington, M Dunworth

Press: Richard Beecham Mirfield Reporter

### **MTC209/2014**

#### Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone

### **MTC210/2014**

#### Public Question Time:

Residents & businesses from Knowl Rd have attended MTC meeting to address the planning application 2015/90302. **Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC216(1) 2015/90302 Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour.** Derek Adkins states that he is 100% in favour of the application and thinks it a welcome addition to this area of Mirfield. He believes this area of town needs to grow. Cllr Lees-Hamilton informs the public that MTC can put recommendations to planning but the planners have the final say, she states Mirfield design statement is a recognised planning document. **7.35pm Cllr Guy arrives.** Steve Moore states that his objection is in relation to noise, licensing hours (8am-1am 7 days) and possible anti-social behaviour, he believes it is the wrong area for this type of business with the concentration of homes in the vicinity. (It is established that A4 is a drinking establishment). Julie Evans (Chairman Trinity Children Centre) is concerned for child safety as the nursery takes children to 2 local schools and collects. She mentions the car park survey having not taken other considerations into account. **Cllr Hirst declares an interest as a user of the car park.** Julie is concerned about parking and taxis on the street, possible broken bottles and smoking outside the premises, all when the children could be walking past. In addition she is concerned about the noise from the kitchen area and storage at the rear as these are adjacent to the Nursery cloakroom. Although Cllrs are keen that Mirfield thrives, they are concerned with the location, parking and

licensing hours applied for. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** that MTC objects on the following basis: Whilst MTC welcomes new business and wants the town to thrive; it believes the location for a wine bar is inappropriate, the hours, 8am – 1am, are inappropriate. As there is an established thriving Nursery MTC have child safety concerns.

Concerns also for anti-social behaviour, outside designated smoking area (pavement or car park), noise levels for local residents during these long hours 7 days a week, kitchen/extractor noise and car parking issues Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour Cllr Lees-Hamilton states she will follow this closely and will be available to advise on material planning considerations for objectors.**

**8.05pm Public Leave Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to bring forward MTC217(1) while standing orders were suspended Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC211/2014**

**Apologies For Absence**

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

J Taylor, K Taylor, E Armitage, A Mapplebeck, M Bolt, T Hirst

**MTC212/2014**

**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 S Guy – Royal British legion & Mirfield Library

Cllr S Benson – Project Mirfield

**MTC213/2014**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 as a true and correct record including payments of **£164.64**

Cllr Pinder **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record

Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that the Ambassador nominations have been sent to the clerk and that as Mayor for 2 years she would like to use 2 nominations. All nominations will be sent to the independent panel by the clerk to be brought back to a March meeting for MTC to approve. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that John Heneghan had taken all MTC comments back to Adrian Lythgo.

**MTC214/2014**

**Finance**

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

1. BT Direct Debit £53.46 – **NOTED**  
Extra Mile Standing Order - £287.50 - **NOTED**

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk L Staggs	February Salary	£ 605.26
HMRC	January PAYE	£ 183.00
Just Gardens	January Maintenance	£ 40.00
Extra Mile	Office Cleaning January	£ 24.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 852.26</b>

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

**MTC215/2014** **Grant Applications**

1. To consider grant applications submitted: None Received
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: The PCC of Mirfield Team Parish. Work will begin on the Church Clock at St Mary's Church in mid-March and be completed by the end of July. Cllr Lees-Hamilton praised Team Parish for a fantastic job of fundraising and stated that there was only a small amount still to raise.

**MTC216/2014** **Planning**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2015/90302 XTG Hair 4 Knowl Rd Change of use and alterations to convert A1(Retail) to A4(Bar/Restaurant) – **See Public Question Time**  
2015/90352 Mirfield Memorial Park Erection of cricket practice nets – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC supports this application Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council –  
2014/93334 The White Bungalow Hopton Lane Erection of garden fence to rear (Granted) – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirmed the builder was in breach of the planning conditions and erected a cheaper style than originally agreed.  
2014/93793 J Barnes & Co 1a Knowl Rd Change of use to first floor to form 3 apartments & ground floor to form access (Granted) – Cllr Hirst states that there is no parking in front of the access door and therefore residents would use the car park opposite.  
2014/92673 Westfield Assessment Centre Outline application for erection of 11 dwellings (Granted) - **Noted**
3. Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirmed that a new planning application had been submitted. Cllr Benson stated that he had tried to look for this but the page was 'under maintenance'. Cllr Lees-Hamilton referred him to Steve Hopwood and confirmed she would inform Cheryl at Save Mirfield of this new application.

**MTC217/2014** **Community**

To receive an update/discuss/note:

1. Delivering Differently Jenny Pupius (Locality) – Jenny introduces herself as part of Locality working with Kirklees on delivering differently, Kirklees being 1 of the 10 pilot authorities for this government initiative. She confirms that Kirklees opted for Open Spaces and officers were invited to put forward enterprising solutions. She states that Locality is involved with health & wellbeing, welfare, libraries, housing and improving the environment. They support communities, help with neighbourhood planning and asset transfer. She confirms that cabinet chose Mirfield & Lindley as the 2 pilot areas in the borough. Jenny mentions the Calder View development. Cllr Benson gives Jenny a brief update on the situation at Calder View, who in turn wants to look in to this further and try put something in place to stop it happening again. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states she will put Jenny in touch with the residents action group for Calder View. Jenny asks if

MTC would be interested in Locality assisting. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that MTC is very interested and wants to protect every scrap of Mirfield. Cllr Pinder states he is delighted Locality is involved. He states that larger budgets are needed, that the lack of LDP hampers things and asks if the Environment agencies are redefining floodplain areas. Jenny answers stating that asset transfers need to earn their keep if not they become a liability, she states that better guidelines need to be produced regarding LDP and she will find out about the floodplain areas. She states that all areas for asset transfer should have involvement from Town Councils, residents and Friends groups. Jenny mentions devolution but Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that there is a cabinet working group still looking at this, but in the 2015/16 budget Kirklees allocated £10m to Huddersfield, £5m to Dewsbury and no monies were allocated to other districts. Karen Bullivant states she has an interest in an asset transfer of the showground but is concerned that if the show committee pays out £8-£10k for improving land drainage, that Kirklees either let the field, which could 'mess up' the field or sell it. Cllr Lees-Hamilton asks Jenny what help MTC can expect from Locality. Jenny states that there needs to be an implementation plan, 2 areas, implementation and capability. She states that this is a government initiative and that Kirklees cannot walk away from it, more say/more choice. She states that at first Locality will look at 1 or 2 sites and ways of raising money, an implementation plan helping MTC decide and project manage. Cllr Pinder states that as the report is to be done by the end of March, would Jenny like a meeting with local groups and view various sites. Jenny states that this would be beneficial. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** that MTC do whatever to facilitate matters and get in touch with local groups Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Jenny thanks MTC for the meeting and states she looks forward to meeting the local groups. Cllr Lees Hamilton thanked Jenny for the presentation and **Proposed** a 15 minute comfort break Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour 9.15pm Jenny & Karen leave. 9.20pm Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that it was a shame more Cllrs were not present at the meeting and the presentation by Jenny Pupius was extremely useful and informative.**

2. Asset Transfers/Assets of Community Value/Community Right To Bid – Due to the length of the online form Cllr Lees-Hamilton asks the Clerk to email all Cllrs asking them to liaise with their Ward Cllrs to complete the form in respect of assets in their Ward and bring back to the next meeting.

## **MTC218/2014** **Correspondence**

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

1. Building better connected communities on Streetlife – **Noted**
2. Public Sector Online - **Noted**

## **MTC219/2014** **Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Lees-Hamilton states she would like to congratulate Cllr White on all his work finding out whose responsibility it was, and consequently getting the repairs started on Ledgard Bridge. She also states that the Toilet Roll Holders in the Public Toilets are in need of replacement and confirms that Extra Mile have sourced a local supplier. This will be placed on the next agenda. Cllr Pinder states that the piping above the urinals needs investigating and that the toilets need some plaster work and painting. Cllr Pinder states that the prize for the best WW1 school project needs to be confirmed and presented. Cllr Lees-Hamilton said this would be put on the next agenda.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton informs new Cllrs Guy & Benson that this part of the agenda is for report & discussion only.

**MTC220/2014**

**The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked Cllrs for their attendance.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

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