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## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm

**Held at:** Trinity Methodist Church, 4 Trinity Street, Mirfield, WF14 8AD

### Councillors Present:

M Connell (Chairman), S Naisbett, J Roberts, M Sullivan, J Hirst, D Hirst, I Ali, M Bolt, S Guy, B Harrison, V Lees-Hamilton, M Brown

### In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs  
Public: 2 x Residents & Member RBL  
Press: None

### **MTC53/2023**

#### **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Connell welcomed Cllrs back after recess. He reported that Yorkshire Day was very nice and also that he had attended Mirfield Show and given a speech. He reported that he had agreed a date for the Civic Service of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at the Community of the Resurrection, this being in his Battyeford Ward, he confirmed an invitation was extended to all Cllrs and he would be inviting many other councils.

### **MTC54/2023**

#### **Apologies for Absence:**

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs M Hamilton, Imran Ali & P Tolson sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Guy **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**  
Cllr Hinchliff was absent but did not send apologies

### **MTC55/2023**

#### **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.

**None**

### **MTC56/2023**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes:**

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 including payments of **£2284.25 plus Clerk Salary, pension & HMRC**. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Sullivan **Seconded Vote: All in favour**  
**Cllr Connell resolved to bring forward MTC58(1)**

**MTC57/2023**

**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 Naisbett on Christmas Lights 2023 and decide any action necessary – The Clerk had circulated a report from Cllr Naisbett prior to the meeting. He confirmed that he now had a contact for Mirfield Library. He reported that he was hoping Haigh's would provide a Christmas tree following the email sent to Ward Cllrs that Kirklees would not be providing one this year. Clerk confirms that she has never received an email from Kirklees confirming this. Cllrs are disappointed at the lack of communication from Kirklees. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk emails the new Chief Executive of Kirklees stating that it is disgusting that yet again despite the Parish Charter, MTC have not been informed directly of this decision, cutting funding like this & not in a timely manner and after town and parish councils have set their budgets Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update from Cllr Connell on Lamppost Banners and decide any action necessary – Clerk reports that the 10 Remembrance banners have been ordered from CP Media. The brackets from the lampposts previously removed are available to collect from Kirklees and have not been disposed of. Clerk to check when Show banners are being removed.
3. To receive an update on Mirfield Library – No Update.
4. To receive an update on Remembrance Parade and decide any action necessary – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms a meeting took place and that Cllr Harrison took minutes which she will circulate asap. The bands have been reserved, Safety Advisory group have started work, quotes for marshals and security requested, Canal & River Trust contacted, a letter drop to Lowlands businesses to be done shortly, First Aid cover arranged for free, everything sent out for road closures and generally on track. Next meeting 18/9/23. Cllr Guy confirmed he had contacted 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Yorkshire regiment. Cllrs discussed issuing a Certificate of Community Spirit to those involved in the parade. Clerk to design something to send out after the parade.
5. To receive an update from Cllr Lees-Hamilton on Democracy and Place Based Working Service in Kirklees 'Making Mirfield Matter' taking forward a Place Standard engagement presentation from previous meeting – The item was not on the agenda, Cllr Connell resolved to add the update. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reported that the £50k budget attached to the project at the time of the presentation was pulled by Kirklees. Ward Cllrs had a meeting and were told of this by Kirklees. Cllrs state that this is exactly why they were reluctant to agree and adopt the partnership.

**MTC58/2023**

**Internal Matters:**

To receive information on the following and decide any action necessary

1. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan from the steering group and decide any action necessary – 1 member of the group is present. She states that 40 meetings have been held so far since 2016 with lots of advice from planners. She is upset that the rest of the group have not sent apologies and that the group now consist of just 2 members. Design Codes have now been done by the consultant for technical support and need sending to Kirklees as the previous ones were refused. Kirklees Local Plan to be reviewed in Feb 24. Clerk confirms that the Steering Group have authority via the terms of reference to carry out all the preparation for the plan up until the public consultation. 7.42pm Cllr Bolt arrives. Clerk to ask M Franklin, Cllr Turner and Chief Executive where Neighbourhood Plans stand in the Local Plan. Clerk updates on the grants balance available to complete the NP and cost of Postcard drop to all homes in Mirfield. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** Clerk send Expression of interest to Locality for the next round of grants and MTC

proceed with the postcard drop in January just before the Local Plan review,  
wording to be decided at a later date Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC59/2023**

**Public Question Time:**

**NONE**

**MTC60/2023**

**The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.**

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.23pm**.....