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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman) M Connell (Deputy), S Naisbett, P Tolson, J Roberts, J Hirst, M Sullivan, J Nottingham, S Guy, K Taylor, C Mallinson

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: Members Mirfield & District Round Table

Press: None

MTC107/2022

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed Cllrs & members of the public to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

MTC108/2022

Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs Kath Taylor, M Burton & J Hinchliffe have a leave of absence & Cllrs Bolt & Brown sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Guy **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**

MTC109/2022

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 Guy declared an other interest MTC111(3)

MTC110/2022

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 14th December 2022 including payments of **£744.39 plus Clerk Salary, pension & HMRC**. Cllr Connell **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: 10 in favour Cllr Hirst Abstained as she was absent from the meeting.**

Cllr Lees-Hamilton resolved to bring forward MTC113 Grant update

MTC111/2022

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 – Cllr Naisbett reports that the lights looked really good. There were issues with power, so he will speak to Kirklees and try to resolve for this year as he would like to run the lights further along the high street but were limited due to the power in the lampposts. This year will see a Saturday switch on with the possibility of using the library car park for the fun fair and food concessions. Looking at possible alternative venues for the switch on as the Coop will still be open until 10pm, so cannot use the car park. Cllrs mention the possibility of using either Ings Grove Park or Eastthorpe Gardens. Clerk asks Cllr Naisbett to submit an estimate for the lights to add to the budget.

2. To receive an update from Cllr Connell on Lamppost Banners and agree any action necessary – Cllr Connell reports that he and the Clerk had a Zoom meeting with CP Media to discuss moving forward with the banners. CP Media were to undertake a survey of the lampposts to see what had lights on and banner brackets and submit a cost breakdown for the current banners installed since the contract was signed, this has not been forthcoming so far. MIB & Community Hub banners have been put up without permission from MTC, Cllr Connell will address this. Discussed installing banners to all entrances to the town, Sunnybank, which is very busy, Old Bank, Church Lane etc. Cllrs mention the possibility of road safety banners at these points.
3. To receive an update on Mirfield Library and agree any action necessary – No update. Due to change in officers, Cllr Lees-Hamilton states she will chase Kirklees, Clerk to also do a chaser email to current contact.
4. To receive an update on Northorpe Planning application following the appointment of planning consultant – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that unfortunately the application was approved by Kirklees. R Halstead provided an excellent report in the short turnaround that they had. She states it is difficult to appeal when the land is in the local plan and always an uphill fight. However, it is on record that MTC sent a robust objection and highlighted the failings in Kirklees planning.

MTC112/2022

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. To agree Clerk January Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk January Working Allowance by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC January PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Clerk January Pension Contributions by D/D
5. To agree Trinity Methodist January Room Hire by Bacs £40.00
6. To agree Able Gardens January maintenance by Bacs £45.00
7. To agree Zoom monthly Pro by Bacs £14.39
8. To agree David Ogilvie Jubilee Benches by Bacs £8964.00
9. To note Robert Halstead Planning Consultant £667.00 approved under Clerk's delegated powers - **Noted**
10. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 31/12/2022 – **Noted**
11. To receive Monthly budget to 31/12/22 – **Noted**

Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** to pay items 1-8 en bloc & noted 9,10 & 11 Cllr Guy

Seconded Vote: All in favour

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Grant Applications:

To receive an update on approved grants: Mirfield & District Round Table Bonfire – 2 members are present to update MTC. They report that 6500 people attended, this was probably due to no other local events running as the turnout was very high. They raised £13.5K which was distributed to 20 local groups including those that volunteered on the day and Salvation Army, Mirfield Scouts, MIB, Battyeford FC etc They are already arranging events for 2023. They thank MTC for the grant for the fireworks and stated that formal thanks were put on social media channels and banners around the showground stating the event was

sponsored by MTC. Cllr Connell mentioned the position of the bouncy castle which caused queue issues and asked if it could be placed elsewhere this year. Members MDRT confirm that they are looking at a new queueing system for this year, a third party arranges the fun fair but looking at a different mechanism for this year. 2.5k tickets were purchased online with the majority purchased on the night, which is standard due to the weather. 2023 looking at a traffic plan with alternative offsite parking to reduce the amount of cars parked outside residential homes. Cllrs thank MDRT for the update. 7.50pm members MDRT leave.

MTC114/2022

Internal Matters:

To receive information on the following and decide any action necessary

1. To agree First Impressions Quotation for 26 Hanging Baskets at £1872.00 – Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** to accept the quotation of £1872 Cllr Mallinson
Seconded Vote: All in favour Clerk confirms that MTC will pay for the 26 hanging baskets as previously agreed and any more that are requested can be provided by match funding.

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Public Question Time:

NONE

MTC116/2022

The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that planning needs to get underway very soon for this years Remembrance parade and asks for volunteers to assist with this. Clerk to arrange to have Jubilee benches collected from Old Colonial & installed.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st February 2023

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.30pm**.....