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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: Members UHCA & 1 resident
Press: None

MTC157/2022

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed Cllrs & members of the public to the meeting. She congratulated the Cllrs standing on an uncontested election. She reported that she had attended an event at Mirfield Community Centre and that the group was happy for promotion from Cllrs.

MTC158/2022

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 have a leave of absence & Cllrs Brown, Guy, Hinchliffe & Mallinson sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Connell
Seconded Vote: All in favour

2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Connell **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**
Cllr Mallinson was absent but did not send apologies in time.

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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 Sullivan declared a pecuniary interest MTC163(1) and left the room whilst it was discussed

Cllr Naisbett declared a pecuniary interest MTC163(3) and left the room whilst it was discussed

Cllr Tolson declared an other interest MTC162(1)

Cllr Lees-Hamilton resolved to bring forward MTC163(1)

MTC160/2022

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 15th March 2023 including payments of **£10,360.39 plus Clerk Salary, pension & HMRC** Cllr Bolt

Proposed the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Naisbett
Seconded Vote: 8 in favour Cllrs Taylor & Connell Abstained as they were absent from the meeting

To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of 15th March 2023 as a true and correct record Cllr Nottingham **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: 7 in favour Cllrs Taylor, Bolt & Connell Abstained as they were absent from the meeting**

MTC161/2022

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 reported that he had not yet visited Bradford Festival Lighting but he would do so asap. He reported looking at options for the switch on including venue, stage and stall holders.
2. To receive an update from Cllr Connell on Lamppost Banners and decide any action necessary – Cllr Connell reports that the payment for October has been made by CP Media and will now start to look at other areas for the banners.
3. To receive an update on Mirfield Library and agree any action necessary – No update. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the Clerk email the Chief Officer for an update Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on Queen's Green Canopy tree planting in Ings Grove – Cllr Naisbett reported that the tree had been donated by T Grace and that the planting ceremony was to be carried out Saturday 22nd April, but due to Purdah could not be publicised. Cllr Bolt asked if MTC still had to follow Purdah rules due to the uncontested election. Clerk was of the opinion that the rules applied but said she would check with the monitoring officer for clarity.
5. To receive an update on Coronation decorations and decide any action necessary – Clerk reports that she has ordered the lampposts banners as the approval of the artwork was time sensitive with the Easter bank holidays. She reports that she has investigated purchasing 2 flags, a Coronation flag and a King's Cipher flag, however the latter is too small so Cllr Guy is investigating this. She reports that the bunting may not go ahead as planned following a telephone call with CP Media, the lampposts are not positioned well enough to hang the bunting. Before making a final decision on this she will speak with CP Media again. Cllr Tolson thanked the Clerk for sourcing the lamppost banners and artwork.

MTC162/2022

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: UHCA Upper Hopton Summer Fete – Grant application and accompanying documents were circulated prior to the meeting. UHCA member reports that the fete is a low-cost budget fete designed for families and a good day out for free. It is well attended with 500-1000 attendance, weather permitting. Cllrs ask questions regarding the accounts and use of marquees. Clerk is happy that the group have committed reserves within the accounts. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to grant the £1310 Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC163/2022

Internal Matters:

To receive information on the following and decide any action necessary

1. To receive an update on the held over lease on the 3 allotment sites in Mirfield and agree any action necessary (Due to the confidential nature this item will be taken in private and exclude public, press & any member with a pecuniary interest) – It was resolved that members of the public & press be excluded from the meeting due to the nature of the business being transacted being prejudicial to the public interest by reason of a confidential nature. Cllr

Sullivan having declared a pecuniary interest left the meeting along with the resident. Cllrs discuss the matter. It was resolved to accept the proposal put forward by MAGS.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton resolved to continue with the agenda layout.

2. To receive a quotation for a Coronation bench and agree any costs and action necessary – The cost of £1695 for the bench £105 for delivery & £15 installation kit plus VAT, was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to order 1 coronation bench Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To receive a quotation from James Fletcher to provide marquee and sundry items for the Mirfield Show, to discuss and agree any costs or action necessary as per legislation Local Government Act 1972 section 137,144 & 145 – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the quotation and provide the marquee for Mirfield Show Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 8.34pm

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.00pm**.....