



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm

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

**Councillors Present:**

V Lees-Hamilton, P Blakeley (Chairman), J Hirst, J Nottingham, S Guy, K Taylor, S Benson, A Burton, P Tolson, M Ibberson, M Bolt

**In Attendance:**

Clerk: Lisa Staggs  
Public: N Horne, C Webb, T O'Gorman  
Press: None

**MTC144/2017** **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

Cllr Blakeley welcomed Cllrs and members of the public.

**MTC145/2017** **Public Question Time:**

None

**MTC146/2017** **Apologies For Absence**

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

**Cllrs:** M Burton, C Walker, K Sibbald, J Taylor, D Pinder

**MTC147/2017** **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 under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr K Taylor declared Heavy Woollen Planning and Kirklees Licensing as pecuniary interests.

Cllr Guy declared a personal interest MTC149(2) member RBL

Cllr Ibberson declared a personal interest MTC153 member My Mirfield

**Cllr Blakeley Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC151(1) Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC148/2017** **Confirmation of Minutes**

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of **7<sup>th</sup> November 2017** as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**. MTC136(3) delete have been taken offline and that many, MTC138(1) Amend to 'To note a report from Neighbourhood Steering Group', MTC140(1) include 'Cllr Bolt Proposed Cllr

Pinder drafts an amended role description & .....'. Cllr Benson **Proposed** once the amendments were made the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to circulate copies Service Leve Agreement, Minutes 7/7/15 & Terms of Reference to Cllrs.

**MTC149/2017**

**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 the Cllr Tolson Fields In Trust Hopton Recreational & Cricket Ground – Defer keep on agenda
2. To receive an update from Clerk on Mirfield Memorial Park & decide and agree any action necessary – No update defer keep on agenda
3. To receive an update from the Flood Prevention meeting and agree any action necessary – Cllr Benson reports that he is still waiting for a reply from Yorkshire Water if any reservoirs have been taken offline.
4. To receive an update from Cllr Lees-Hamilton regarding possible match funding for a defibrillator in Upper Hopton and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that she has spoken with several community groups in Upper Hopton who are all in favour of fundraising for a defibrillator with MTC to match fund. Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed MTC make up any shortfall the groups may have. Cllrs Bolt, Burton & Ibberson state that a policy has been set for 50/50 match funding and must be adhered to. In the absence of a Seconder for the Proposal, Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC match fund as is MTC policy as per previous defibrillator funding once Upper Hopton groups have the relevant amount Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: 10 in favour 1 against** (Cllr Lees-Hamilton) Clerk to email costs.
5. To receive an update from Cllr Pinder on Ambassador Awardees book/board and agree any action or costs necessary – Defer as Cllr Pinder absent
6. To receive an update from the Clerk on a meeting with WYPW to discuss the lease for Eastthorpe Gardens – Clerk reports that WYPW have agreed to meet MTC prior to the meeting on 3/1/17.

**MTC150/2017**

**Finance:**

To approve the following accounts for payment:

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk L Staggs	November Salary inc backpay	£ 939.62
HMRC	November PAYE	£ 330.88
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 18.00
St Marys	November Room Hire	£ 42.00
Just Gardens	November Maintenance	£ 40.00
Initial	Cancellation Waste Disposal	£ 32.72
Clifton & Lightcliffe Band	Remembrance Parade	£ 400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 1803.22</b>

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** items 1-7 payment en block Cllr Gut **Seconded Vote: All**

**in favour**

8. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/10/17 – **Noted**

9. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

**MTC151/2017**

**Grant Applications:**

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **Gilder Hall Youth Foundation & Battyeford Belles** – Teresa O’Gorman is present and explains to Cllrs the background of Gilder Hall Youth Foundation. She reports that Kirklees funding & budgets have been cut hence why they require funding. She confirms that a grant was received for £1120 from Mirfield Educational Charity which will enable the group to continue to 20<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr Bolt is concerned that the foundation cannot provide bank statements and that the accounts are for Mirfield Community Trust and Community Centre. He reports that the accounts for MCT are overdue on Charity Commission by 294 days and showing a deficit of £71,000. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** due to the absence of bank statements/accounts and poor stability the grant be deferred until presentation can be given from MCT at the next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**7.40pm Teresa Leaves.**

Nikki Horne & Craig Webb are present on behalf of Battyeford Belles. Nikki reports the group is the largest girls football team in West Yorkshire, with over 100 girls from the Mirfield area. Nikki confirms that they have fundraised for a football tournament at Butlins in Skegness but would like a grant from MTC for the Hoodies & Bag Packs for 3 teams, the sum of £1324.80. Cllr Guy states that following the success of the Boy’s team and feedback they gave MTC he fully supports & **Proposed** MTC sponsor the hoodies & bag packs for the 3 teams Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Sponsorship agreed due to it being a tournament and separate from the club.

**7.50pm Nikki & Craig leave. Cllr Blakeley Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

**MTC152/2017**

**Planning**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2017/93799 – **Noted**  
2017/93709 – Cllrs discuss the application at length. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC objects on the grounds of highway concerns, lack of off road parking, safety of road users and pedestrians regarding ingress & egress of sales area, highway parking issues when the area is a bus route and safe route to school, erection of container which will take up parking spaces and objection to use of chemicals near canal from valeting and car fuels Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**  
2017/93757 – **Noted**  
2017/93575 – **Noted**  
2017/93576 – **Noted**  
2017/93796 – **Noted**  
2017/93843 – **Noted**  
2017/93878 – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council: **No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial applications: **Bellway/Balderstone potential planning application** - Cllr Benson states that in his opinion an application will go live in the next 2 weeks and MTC need to be prepared.

He states MTC need to allocate funds for their own consultant. Cllrs are concerned that MTC do not duplicate resources with other community groups and MTC should look at costs for a suitable consultant. Cllr Benson states that based on drainage & highways in his professional opinion £3000 would be adequate. Cllrs all agree that MTC need a consultant to fill in the 'gaps' not covered by other consultants retained by other community groups. Cllr Benson believes that if Bellway put in a 3<sup>rd</sup> application and it fails, there will be a better case for Safeguarding the land at Balderstone. Cllr Benson **Proposed** MTC ring fence £3000 from regeneration in the first instance to procure the relevant consultant when the application goes live and determine the area that is required for a consultant on receipt of that application Cllr Ibberson **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt states MTC can put forward a holding response until the application goes to HWP. Cllrs agree that this is reaffirming the commitments of MTC to fund areas others are not, so that Mirfield has the strongest case possible.

**MTC153/2017**

**Community**

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

1. To discuss and agree Town Council involvement in Carols Around the Tree and agree any costs that may be involved – Cllr Ibberson reports that Carols Around the Tree will begin at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve. He asks for the Mayor to do a reading. Mayor confirms that he is unable to attend due to work commitments. Cllr Nottingham volunteers on behalf of MTC to do a short reading.

**MTC154/2017**

**Correspondence**

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

1. YLCA NALC Chief Executive Bulletin – **Noted**
2. YLCA Chief Exec Bulletin – **Noted**
3. YLCA NALC Diversity Commission – **Noted**

**MTC155/2017**

**Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Guy thanked MTC Cllrs who attended the Remembrance Parade on behalf of the parade committee. Cllr Guy reports that RBL are removing all stock from the former Council Offices.

**MTC156/2017**

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

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.45pm**.....