



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 9th September 2014 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), D Pinder, T Hirst, M Hamilton, M Bolt, J Hirst, E Armitage, K Taylor, J Taylor, A Mapplebeck, J Nottingham

In Attendance:

Administrator: Lisa Staggs
Public: G Wilson, R Gowan
Press: Richard Beecham Mirfield Reporter

MTC74/2014 **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone in attendance and hoped everyone had a good recess.

MTC75/2014 **Public Question Time:**

NONE

MTC76/2014 **Apologies For Absence:**

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

Cllrs: S Harding, A White, J Fearn, A Burton, C Walker

MTC77/2014 **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 M Bolt – Mirfield Moor

Cllr K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning & 28 Grove Street

Cllr J Taylor 28 Grove Street

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC80 Cllr Bolt Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC78/2014 **Confirmation of Minutes:**

- i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 22nd July 2014 as a true and correct record including payments of £95.00
Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** that these were a true and correct record Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: 6 in favour 5 abstained (Cllr Bolt, Mapplebeck, Armitage, Hamilton & Lees-Hamilton)**

- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.
Cllr Pinder informed MTC that over £2000 had been raised in the 3 Peaks Walk.

MTC79/2014

Finance:

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

1. BT Direct Debit £42.94 – **Noted**
2. Well Polished Standing Order £287.50 - **Noted**

SEPTEMBER		
Payee	Description	Amount
HMRC	August PAYE	£ 122.80
Yorkshire Internal Audit	July Final Audit	£ 300.00
Yorkshire Water	Public Toilets Supply	£ 114.35
Wild About Gardens	July Maintenance	£ 92.00
Copymark	Printer Maintenance	£ 48.00
Staples	Stationary	£ 63.74
Kantara	Domain & Webmail	£ 960.00
Npower	Christmas Lights	£ 303.30
1415 Limited	Union Flag	£ 60.78
Petty Cash	Petty Cash	£ 200.00
TOTAL		£2264.97

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** payment en block and transfer of £12,000 from deposit account to current account **Cllr Armitage Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC80/2014

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted:
 - a) **Mirfield Veterans Bowling Club** Graham Wilson & Ray Gowan gave representation for the application. Graham explains that the grant is required to build a shelter for spectators & players for shelter from the elements. Cllr Bolt asks about the existing porta cabins and their use. Graham confirms that these are used for storage & serving refreshments. Cllrs J Taylor & Pinder ask how many paying members & frequency of matches. Graham confirms that they have 35 paying members and that matches are played in the evenings, Probus Club & Monday – Friday 3 matches per week x 2 teams practice matches plus other matches, over 100 approximately. Cllr K Taylor asks if they have sought planning permission for a permanent structure Graham states they have not but will look into this and thanks Cllr Taylor for mentioning this. Cllr Hamilton asks if they receive subs and as the club has £4000 cash on hand, why they need a grant. Ray confirms that this money is for contingency if at any time they have to pay rent on the green etc. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that this is a good project and felt that the shelters would be much needed due to the fact that the cabinet members of Kirklees council have reneged on their

promise to provide an indoor bowling facility within the new sports centre at Huddersfield. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** £1600.00 grant and stated MTC should support this venture Cllr Pinder **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour Graham & Ray thanked MTC and left with a cheque for £1600.00 8.00pm.

b) Colin Fretwell Cllr J Taylor reports that Colin Fretwell has withdrawn the grant application for donation towards a Brass Band due to lack of time.

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **NONE**
Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr T Hirst Seconded
Vote: All in favour

MTC81/2014

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
 2014/92345 11 Church Lane - **Noted**
 2014/92404 adj 35 Shillbank Lane – **Noted**
 2014/92431 – Former Plantation Rug Co Erection of 3 dwellings
 Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated that the planners had presented to MTC their plans Cllrs agree MTC should support this build
 2014/92406 – 140c Stocks Bank Rd – **Noted**
 2014/92490 59 Nab Lane – **Noted**
 2014/92450 Hopton Mills Cricket Club Erection of replacement nets
 Cllrs agree MTC allocated grant and should support application
 2014/92465 Moxon Roadmarkings – **Noted**
 2014/92496 28 Grove Street – **Noted**
 2014/92573 Battysford Playing Fields Siting of 2 storage containers & formation of car park Cllrs agree MTC should support application & encourage sport
 2014/92541 adj 6 Bronte Grove – **Noted**
 2014/92597 32 Lady Heton Drive - **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council
No Comments/Noted
3. Mirfield Moor Update – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms Robert Halstead is still pursuing this and keep on agenda
4. Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllrs J Taylor confirms that he rang Kirklees regarding the overgrown footpaths and these have now been cleared and being used again. No update on development but keep on agenda.
5. Kitson Hill Development - No update keep on agenda

MTC82/2014

Mirfield Matters:

To receive information (if available) on the following items and decide any action where necessary.

1. Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder confirms to MTC that he has signed the Statutory Declaration. He states that the drainage report has not yet been done and is unlikely to proceed free of charge due to internal disagreements at the drainage company. He confirms a conversation with Adam Cockroft regarding a possible letter from Kirklees confirming that the drainage pipe has not been inspected by either MTC or Kirklees and attach this to the lease. Cllr Pinder to speak to Matthew Garbutt regarding this, any updates to be circulated by email and bring conclusion to next meeting to sign the lease. Cllr Pinder would like it noting in the minutes that Mr Atkins Commissioner of Oaths waived the £5 fee

- as a gesture of goodwill.
2. Commemoration Benches – Cllr Lees-Hamilton states she is still trying to get in touch with the appropriate company.
 3. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Pinder briefly informs MTC of the course he attended and confirms he will bring a full report to the next meeting.
 4. Asset transfer from Kirklees – Cllr J Taylor states he will forward the link regarding the recent asset transfers from Kirklees to Meltham Town Council

MTC83/2014

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To accept updates (if received) and decide any action where necessary. Cllr Armitage informs MTC that she has a meeting with Dr Lukic at Mirfield Health Centre following a conversation with a local resident regarding the appointment system and the practice in general. Cllr Armitage wants to find out why residents are leaving the practice. Cllr K Taylor states that it is a good idea for Cllr Armitage to visit as she is not a patient and therefore unbiased. Cllr Armitage to report back at the next meeting.

MTC84/2014

Internal Matters:

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

1. Eastthorpe Gardens – Administrator has circulated the contract for Cllrs to view. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to accept the contract and send to Just Gardens for signature Cllr Pinder **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour Administrator confirms she will email Don Pryke the contract and ask him to begin maintaining the gardens straight away.
2. Defibrillator Discussion – Cllr T Hirst explains the demonstration of the defibrillator at his visit to Strensall and states he would like to see these rolled out into local Primary & Secondary schools. Cllrs discuss the locality, responsibility and use of them locally. Cllr T Hirst states that he will investigate further and will try to arrange a presentation.
3. Employment Committee - Administrator Annual Review & Contract of Employment. Committee to arrange a meeting prior to next Full Council meeting and report back at this meeting.
4. Administrator delegated powers – Cllr Lees-Hamilton mentions the possibility of certain powers to the administrator for minor matters that would not require full council permission. She states she will check with NALC and ask them to send any information/literature for MTC to consider.

MTC85/2014

Correspondence:

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

1. Rural Action ebulletin – **Noted**
2. YLCA Council Complaints Procedure – **Noted**
3. HAGS SMP News – **Noted**
4. YLCA Protection of Village Green – **Noted**
5. Fly a flag for the Commonwealth – **Noted**
6. YLCA White Rose Update – **Noted**
7. YLCA Consultation on transparency code – **Noted**
8. YLCA Recording of meetings – Cllr K Taylor informs MTC of an incident at a recorded meeting where a foster carer and child were

named and that the tape for this had to be edited.

9. Historic Towns Forum Newsletter – **Noted**

10. Kirklees Rural District Committee – **Noted**

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** that all correspondence is noted Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC86/2014

Matters for Report and Information:

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

Cllr Pinder asks if the 3 Ward Cllrs will keep Mirfield Cllrs informed of decisions at the newly formed Dewsbury & Mirfield District Committee and asks that they fight hard for the residents of Mirfield. Cllr Pinder also informs MTC that a cadet from 868 Squadron has been chosen to assist the Lord Lieutenant at public functions. He also mentions the Horse & Pony Show at the Showground on Sunday 14th September and mentions that the cracked drain in the Showground has been repaired and that the Fair organisers have done an excellent job clearing the litter. He mentions that it is Heritage weekend and that St Marys will have various activities on Saturday & Sunday. Cllr Nottingham reminds Cllrs of the Towpath Clearance on Saturday 13th September.

MTC87/2014

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 23rd September 2014**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.05pm**.....