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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: 1 resident
Press: None

MTC115/2023

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The meeting started at 7.43pm after a private session of council. Due to the confidential nature, this was taken in private and excluded public, press & any member with a pecuniary interest, as the nature of the business being transacted being prejudicial to the public interest by reason of a confidential nature. The Chairman Cllr Connell welcomed Cllrs and members of the public. He wished everyone a Happy New Year

MTC116/2023

Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs Guy, Sullivan & Hinchliffe sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**

MTC117/2023

Declaration of Interest:

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda including any pecuniary interests whether or not they have been declared on the members register of pecuniary interests.

None

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Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 13th December 2023 including payments of **£485.00 plus Clerk Salary, pension & HMRC**. Cllr Tolson **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: in All favour**

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Matters Arising from the Minutes:

To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

1. To receive an update on Christmas Lights 2024, discuss & decide any action or costs necessary – Cllr Naisbett confirmed the lights would be removed this week. He reported the angel had been a hit with residents. To look into tender for a Traffic Management company for next year.
2. To receive an update from Cllr Connell on Lamppost Banners and decide any action necessary – Clerk asks if the banners were all removed as a member of the public had emailed regarding banners still in the centre and looking shabby. Cllr Connell confirmed the banners had been taken down shortly after the parade. The banners in question were installed by someone else.
3. To receive an update on Remembrance Parade and decide any action or costs necessary – Clerk to look at Terms of Reference for previous Armistice Committee, update and circulate. Look at appointing a committee at the next meeting. Email Lord Lieutenancy for attendance at Beacon Lighting 6th June.
4. To receive an update on Mirfield Library and decide any action necessary – Clerk reports no update. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states it has been reported that Kirklees have been given £192k grant from the Government for Changing Places toilet facilities, despite them withdrawing last year’s funding from Mirfield Library. Clerk to email Kirklees Cllrs and ask what happened to previous funding and where the new funding is to be allocated.

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Internal Matters:

To receive information on the following and decide any action necessary

1. To receive an update on the Lease for the 3 allotment sites, discuss and agree any action necessary ((Due to the confidential nature, this item may be taken in private and exclude public, press & any member with a pecuniary interest as the nature of the business being transacted being prejudicial to the public interest by reason of a confidential nature). – The item was discussed in a private meeting before the public meeting commenced. It was resolved to accept the advice given by the town council solicitor and delegate any necessary correspondence & communication to the Clerk
2. To note 2024/2025 Tax Base of £7083.77 and proposed CTR Grant of Nil as the tax base for Mirfield Parish Council is now higher than the 2012-13 tax base of £6,863 i.e. the tax base prior to localisation. (Final Kirklees approval 6th March 2024) – Clerk updates. **Noted**
3. To agree the date of the Annual Town & Annual Town Council Meeting
4. (suggested dates 1st or 15th May) – Cllr Connell **Proposed** to hold both the Annual Town and Annual Town Council meeting on 1st May Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
5. To agree and adopt Biodiversity Policy (Draft Policy circulated prior to the meeting) – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC accept & adopt the Biodiversity Policy circulated by the Clerk Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Public Question Time:

NONE

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The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 17th January at 7.30pm

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.06pm**.....