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## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm

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

### Councillors Present:

M Connell (Chairman), S Naisbett, J Roberts, M Sullivan, J Hirst, D Hirst, M Bolt, S Guy, B Harrison, P Tolson,

### In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: 3 x Members Friends of Mirfield Library 2 x Members Mirfield Round Table

Press: None

### **MTC70/2023**

#### **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Connell welcomed Cllrs and members of the public. He stated that the Deputy Mayor Cllr Naisbett had attended the Yorkshire In Bloom awards. Cllr Naisbett reported MIB were joint winners with Knaresborough for large town and that there were several gold and silver winners throughout the town. Cllr Connell congratulated MIB and stated that MTC had provided several years of financial support that he was proud of and also proud of the contribution of all the volunteers involved with MIB.

### **MTC71/2023**

#### **Apologies for Absence:**

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs M Hamilton, Imran Ali, Itrat Ali, V Lees-Hamilton & M Brown sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Guy **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Guy **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Naisbett **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**  
Cllr Hinchliff was absent but did not send apologies

### **MTC72/2023**

#### **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 MTC76**

### **MTC73/2023**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes:**

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 including payments of **£674.00 plus Clerk Salary, pension & HMRC**. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**Cllr Connell resolved to bring forward MTC76**

## MTC74/2023

### 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 he has had permission from the customer service manager at Mirfield Library that the craft market can go ahead as long as there are enough volunteers to man this on the day. He is meeting with Bradford Festival Lighting regarding extending the lights and extra power to the lampposts near Ings Grove. He confirms there will be 2 x porta loos for the event and at last count 7 stalls. Kirklees have stated the tree cost is £2000 to Ward Cllrs, but no mention to MTC. Clerk to email Kirklees asking when the tree will be delivered as per previous years and await response.
2. To receive an update from Cllr Connell on Lamppost Banners and decide any action necessary – Clerk reports that the 10 Remembrance banners will be installed later this week.
3. To receive an update on Remembrance Parade and decide any action necessary – There was no update to report. It was reported that MIB were to look after the cleaning of the cenotaph. Cllrs were concerned with this, as following the maintenance from MIB on the Memorial Park entrance, MIB stickers were placed on the iron work which when removed has damaged the iron work that MTC paid for. Cllrs agreed MIB do great work but must liaise with MTC if any major work or alterations are happening that may conflict with MTC or other groups, for example the central bed in the library that was ear marked by RBL for a memorial stone and then a planter was installed by MIB with no consultation. Cllr Bolt stated there were complaints about placement of planters by MIB, which when in bloom, obscured some street signs. Clerk states that all quotations and invoices for this year's parade need to be sent to her prior to the next meeting, so that all costs can be agreed by full council at that meeting. Cllr Tolson **Proposed** that MTC look into obtaining quotes from a traffic management company for future years and also a full itinerary report is created for the parade asap Cllr Roberts **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

## MTC76/2023

### Internal Matters:

To receive information on the following and decide any action necessary

1. To receive an update from the Friends of Mirfield Library and decide any action necessary – 3 members are present, the Chair, Treasurer and committee member. The Chair reports that the Friends group was set up in 2015 when there was a risk of library closure. The group now mainly organises events within the library and with volunteers keeps the library ticking over. The group have met with the new customer service manager and are looking at provision of a downstairs accessible toilet. They are meeting with senior managers next week to discuss the future of the library. They believe that Kirklees are more favourable for those libraries that have a friend's group. The library carpet will be cleaned but during library hours, Cllrs are not happy and believe the work should be done when the library is closed. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC endorses and supports the work of the Friends group and fully supports the group and Mirfield library going forward Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllrs are concerned as to why the Changing Places grant for the toilets was retracted. Clerk reports that she received an email asking if MTC would like to nominate a public toilet for a grant around the same time as Kirklees had met with MTC and reported they would be applying for the grant, so she does not see any reason why Kirklees would withdraw this. Friends to ask Kirklees in their meeting next week, if they would allow either the Friends group or MTC to apply for a grant for public

toilets. Cllrs ask if the Friends group would be happy to be added to MTC Outside bodies and a Cllr attend meetings, they replied they would be happy for this to happen.

**MTC77/2023**

**Public Question Time:**

**NONE**

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**The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.**

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.01pm**.....