



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 24th May 2023 at 7.02pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: None

Press: None

MTC15/2023

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Deputy Chairman Cllr S Naisbett welcomed Cllrs to the meeting stating he was looking forward to the next municipal year.

MTC16/2023

Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllr M Connell sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Bolt **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**
Cllr Hinchliff was absent but did not send apologies

MTC17/2023

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 MTC19(3)

MTC18/2023

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting of 10th May 2023 including payments of **Nil** as a true and correct record. Cllr Sullivan reported an error MTC12/2022 to amend to Wednesday 24th May 2023 Cllr Bolt **Proposed** once the amendment was made the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC19/2023

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 reported he was meeting Bradford Festival Lighting next week. The placards are now surplus to requirements and can either be broken down or donated, the festoons can be donated to local groups. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the placards & festoons were donated with a disclaimer “Sold as Seen” with a note to say they cannot be re-sold but must be donated, Bradford FL to dispose of anything that cannot be donated Cllr Lees-Hamilton
Seconded Vote: All in favour
2. To receive an update from Cllr Connell on Lamppost Banners and decide any action necessary – In the absence of Cllr Connell, Clerk updates that the Coronation Banners will be taken down 12th June. Cllr Bolt states that any order for banners on the lamppost brackets must come through MTC via Cllr Connell, who will then confirm with CP Media.
3. To receive an update on Mirfield Library and decide any action necessary – The Clerk reported that Kirklees Library Services would be attending the meeting 21st June 2023.

MTC20/2023

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. To agree Clerk May Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk Working Allowance May by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC May PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Clerk May Pension contributions by D/D
5. To agree Trinity Methodist May Room Hire by Bacs £80.00
6. To agree Able Gardens May maintenance by Bacs £90.00
7. To agree Zurich additional premium, policy schedule additions £418.19
8. To agree Yorkshire Internal Audit Service Final Audit 2022/2023 £385.00
9. To agree David Ogilvie Coronation Bench £2178.00
10. To agree Hirstle Fabrications tree guard £540.00
11. To agree J Shaw installation Coronation Bench £220.00
12. To agree Newton & Newton Coronation Bunting & Flags £280.20
13. To agree M L Badges Freeman Badge £120.00
14. To note Ravensthorpe with Hopton United reformed Coronation Lunch £100.00 paid under Clerk’s delegated powers in line with council Powers & Duties
15. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 30/04//23 - **Noted**
16. To receive Monthly Budget to 30/04/23 - **Noted**

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to pay items 1-13 en bloc & note item 14 Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Cllr Bolt asked the Clerk to check with Kirklees if there were any election costs due to uncontested election.

MTC21/2023

Internal Matters:

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

1. To report the receipt of funds from Mirfield Sports Council – Clerk confirms that the sum of £679.97 was deposited on 11th May
2. To discuss and agree future actions for the Sporting Honours Board based on the current criteria – Cllr Bolt reports Mirfield Sports Council agreed to transfer the funds as long as MTC maintained the board. He states that the ethos of previous recipients should not be changed. Continue with the Sports Council criteria for Mirfield recipients,

- approach sports groups in Mirfield to see if they have any nominees.
Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to set up an independent panel of 3 Cllrs & members of the community Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To agree & pay Chair's Allowance of £1000 as per the budget – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the payment of £1000 remuneration Cllr Harrison **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC22/2023

Public Question Time:

None

MTC23/2023

The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th June 2023. Clerk reports that she will be on annual leave and will not attend the next meeting, at present only updates so possible cancel. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** that as the Clerk sets the agenda, she decides if a meeting is required Cllr Lees-Hamilton

Seconded Vote: All in favour

Time Meeting Closed.....**7.30pm**.....