



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm

**Held at:** Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

**Councillors Present:**

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), K Taylor, D Pinder, J Nottingham, S Harding, T Hirst, A White, J Hirst, E Armitage, C Walker, M Hamilton

**In Attendance:**

Administrator: Lisa Staggs  
Public: Peter Dawson  
Press: None

**MTC177/2013 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone in attendance

**MTC178/2013 Public Question Time:**  
**NONE**

**MTC179/2013 Apologies For Absence**

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

**Cllrs:** A Mapplebeck, J Taylor, J Fearn, A Burton, M Bolt

**MTC180/2013 Declaration of Interest**

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda.

Cllr K Taylor – Member KMC Heavy Woollen Planning

Cllr D Pinder – Royal British Legion

Cllr S Harding – Tax Assist, Mirfield

**MTC181/2013 Confirmation of Minutes**

- i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 as a true and correct record including payments of Nil
- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.

Cllr K Taylor **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded** **Vote: All in favour**

**Cllr Pinder made comment on MTC171(1) that he had not yet had the lease from Adam Cockcroft to circulate to Cllrs.**

**MTC182/2013 Worksheet of Decisions**

To consider and receive information to update

The worksheet was circulated and the following items to be noted as

Actioned:

46/2012, 86/2012, 110/2012, 113/2012, 128/2012,  
146/2012

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61/2012 Code of conduct to be placed on next agenda

108/2012 Car Park Survey to be placed on March 11<sup>th</sup> agenda

78/2012 Consider Jubilee View Point - Cllr Armitage **Proposed** that as the beacon had moved closer to the existing Golf Club monument the two together constitute a Jubilee Landmark and due to budget funds that MTC not carry this forward Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

1. Grit Bins – Cllrs from Crossley Ward nominated Greenside Court, Cllrs from Battyeford Ward nominated Bank Street and Cllrs from Northorpe Ward nominated Shillbank View

### MTC183/2013

#### Finance

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

1. BT Direct Debit £44.71 - **NOTED**
2. Payments

<b>DECEMBER</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Administrator L Staggs	January Salary	£470.92
HMRC	Dec PAYE	£119.20
Ben Hardcastle Custom Group Ltd	Balance Christmas Lights Castle Hall Grant	£2747.50
Wild About Gardens	Nov, Dec, Jan Maintenance	£455.00
Kirklees Council	Grit Bin Parker Lane/Crowlees	£276.00
		£1560.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£5628.62</b>

**MTC183(8) & MTC183(9) still in dispute and to be challenged.**

3. Administrator Recommends transfer of £12,000 to current account Cllr K Taylor **Proposed** en block and to accept administrator's recommendation Cllr White **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

### MTC184/2013

#### Grant Application

1. To consider grant applications submitted:
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants:

**Castle Hall Academy MTC171(4) NOTED**

### MTC185/2013

#### Planning

1. To consider \*planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
**No Objections/Comments**
2. To consider \* planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council  
**No Comments/Noted**
3. Mirfield Moor – No Update keep on agenda

4. Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllr Taylor confirmed to MTC that Bellway had refused a meeting with Project Mirfield. Save Mirfield & Project Mirfield have action groups set up. Keep on agenda

**MTC186/2013**

### **Community**

To receive an update/discuss/note:

1. Mirfield Public Toilets – No update
2. Mirfield Allotments – Administrator updated the council of the situation with the leak at Lowlands
3. Mirfield Allotments – Administrator confirmed that the diseased tree had to be removed and that a verbal quotation of £200 had been given to The Allotments Society. Administrator to obtain written quotation for next meeting.
4. Health & Safety – No update keep on agenda
5. Community Right To Bid – Peter Dawson tells MTC that he has researched monies and buildings that were given to the people of Mirfield i.e. Knowl House & in 1974 when Mirfield became part of Kirklees Council all assets were taken over by Kirklees and only the Allotments have been returned to Mirfield. Cllr Taylor states that many of the buildings are in such a bad state of repair that it would cost a fortune to repair them. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC raises the issue with Kirklees that any monies received from the sale of Mirfield buildings should be given back to Mirfield. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**  
**Cllr Lees-Hamilton asks Peter Dawson for more information and asks Cllrs to approach any existing members of Mirfield Urban District Council for same and item will be kept on the agenda.**
6. Mirfield Ambassadors – Cllr Lees-Hamilton explains that unfortunately the independent panel could not meet prior to the Council meeting and **Proposed** that this be carried forward to next council meeting Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
7. Hopton Village in Bloom – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reads an article regarding the nomination of Hopton In Bloom to represent Yorkshire for Britain In Bloom 2014 in association with R.H.S. She states that this is a massive achievement by a small village and small number of volunteers. July/August will see judges from R.H.S in Hopton; they are therefore looking at extra planters and railing planters for the railings surrounding Croft House. Cllr K Taylor **Proposed** under section 137 that MTC donate £500 plus VAT to Hopton In Bloom to buy planters of their choice and in addition supply a plaque and certificate from MTC Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC187/2013**

### **Correspondence**

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

1. PROW – **NOTED**
2. Civic Office – **NOTED**
3. Kirklees Sarah Hill – **NOTED** Cllr Lees-Hamilton explains the **grant allocation to Cllrs**
4. NALC - **NOTED**

**MTC188/2013**

### **Internal Matters:**

To receive information on the following items and decide any action

where necessary.

1. Website – Cllr Harding updates Cllrs on her progress with the website. She gives a small presentation on her laptop of pages created through Yola.com who charge £3.95 per month for 2GB and 5 pages or £8.95 5GB and 25 pages or Free 1GB and 3 pages. Cllr Hamilton asks if Yola is a British company, if not could see possible complications with helplines. Cllr Harding confirms she will look into this. Cllrs agreed to keep the website simple. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to carry forward to next agenda and Cllr Harding to confirm helpline details Cllr Nottingham **Seconded**  
**Vote: All in favour**
2. Eastthorpe Gardens – 5 tenders were submitted. Cllr Taylor believes that MTC should look at planting perennials and bulbs instead of summer and bedding plants and that any Cllrs with gardening knowledge should be proactive with this. Cllr T Hirst asks if MTC should look at stopping the maintenance late autumn and start again in March. Cllrs discuss and it is agreed that Cllr Taylor and Cllr Armitage will meet at Eastthorpe gardens, take photographs and create a summary of what they think is required and bring back to next meeting.

### **MTC189/2013**

#### **Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Pinder informs MTC that in St Mary's newsletter it informs residents that they intend to lower the entire wall at the front of the church with approval from English Heritage. He tells Cllrs that they intend selling Old English Daffodil bulbs for £1 (with a permanent record kept) to create a daffodil embankment.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton informs Cllrs that the precept will have to be set at the next Council meeting to be put to Kirklees for 14<sup>th</sup> February. She asks that Cllrs think of any projects they have in mind for next year's budget and bring to next council meeting with approx. costings.

**Planning application 2013/93718 sent in late by Kirklees has no comments and is noted.**

### **MTC190/2013**

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

Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked everyone for their attendance.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.45pm**.....