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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), S Naisbett, P Tolson, J Roberts, J Hirst, J Nottingham, M Connell, S Guy, M Brown

In Attendance:

Clerk: Cllr S Naisbett took the minutes in the Clerk's absence.

Public: None

Press: None

MTC165/2022

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed Cllrs & members of the public to the meeting. Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated that as this was the last meeting of the current council, she would like to thank Cllr Nottingham for his 20 years' service as a councillor. This was acknowledged by all in attendance.

MTC166/2022

Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs Kath Taylor & M Burton have a leave of absence & Cllrs Mallinson, Hinchliffe, Bolt, Keith Taylor, and Sullivan sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Guy **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**.
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Guy **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Brown **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**

MTC167/2022

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.

None to declare

MTC168/2022

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 5th April 2023 including payments of **Nil** as a true and correct record. Cllr Roberts **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: 8 in favour Cllr Guy Abstained as he was absent from the meeting.**

MTC169/2022

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 and decide any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett reported no progress at present, a full report will be available at the next meeting.
2. To receive an update from Cllr Connell on Lamppost Banners and decide any action necessary - No update
3. To receive an update on Mirfield Library and decide any action necessary - The Clerk had provided a written report, which was read out by Cllr Lees-Hamilton.
4. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on Queen's Green Canopy tree planting in Ings Grove – Cllr Naisbett reported the tree would be planted on Friday 21st April (the Queens Birthday) Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked Mr. Grace on behalf of the council for providing the tree.
5. To receive an update on Coronation Banners, flags & bunting and decide any action necessary.

The Clerk had provided a report stating that CP Media would not be placing bunting on the Lampposts due to the irregularity of the lampposts and visual implication. Cllrs discussed the matter, and it was agreed that the Clerk be informed that Cllr Connell and Cllr Tolson were happy to put the bunting up. Cllr Connell to contact the clerk to arrange purchase of the bunting as previously agreed. Cllrs Connell and Tolson to erect the bunting along the shopfronts on the high street.

MTC170/2022

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. To agree Clerk April Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk Working Allowance April by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC April PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Clerk April Pension contributions by D/D
5. To agree Trinity Methodist April Room, Hire by Bacs £80.00
6. To agree Able Gardens April Maintenance by Bacs £90.00
7. To agree Zoom Monthly Pro by Bacs £14.39 (April payment is the last as this has been downgraded to a free version)
8. To agree YLCA Membership £1945.00
9. To agree Zurich Insurance renewal £1417.45
10. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 31/03/23 - **Noted**
11. To receive Monthly Budget to 31/03/23 - **Noted**

Cllr Hirst **Proposed** to pay items 1-9 en bloc & note items 10 & 11 Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC171/2022

Internal Matters:

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

1. To discuss the establishment of a Civic Award and decide any official wording, costs, or action necessary - Cllr Lees-Hamilton wished to discuss the establishment of a Civic Award. This would be at the Mayor's discretion for individuals or groups to thank them and acknowledge their exceptional service to Mirfield. Cllrs discussed at length. Cllr Tolson expressed his concerns relating to groups, as he felt that not everyone associated with groups contributed. Cllr Lees-Hamilton resolved to take a 5-minute recess. Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to set a limit of £150 for a Civic Award Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour** A discussion took place regarding the possible purchase of a ribbon for past Mayors to wear at any civic

function they may be invited to. Cllr Guy to research costs. Cllr Brown suggested a town councillor's badge, so that residents would know who the Cllrs were at events. It was resolved to ask the Clerk if any retired Cllrs had handed their badges back at the end of their term of office. Cllr Lees-Hamilton then informed the council that a framed certificate would be issued to T Wood as the first Freeman of Mirfield. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to honour a resident who had trained as a HGV driver, to enable her to transport humanitarian aid to the Ukraine, and be given the outgoing Mayors Mirfield Ambassador award Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10th May 2023 Annual Town Meeting followed by the Annual Town Council meeting.

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.30pm**.....

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