



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: 1 resident, 1 member Ambassador Panel

Press: None

MTC45/2024

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Naisbett welcomed Cllrs and members of the public. He reported that he had attended a YLCA training course on Chairing a meeting and read out the expectations for the meeting. He reported attending Saddleworth & Normanton events, Mirfield Beer Festival, Choral Society Summer concert with Cllr Harrison and South Kirkby Gala with Cllr Itrat Ali.

MTC46/2024

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, V Lees-Hamilton, Imran Ali & M Connell sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Guy **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr D Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Guy **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr D Hirst **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**
Cllr Hinchliffe was absent but did not send apologies nor reason for absence

MTC47/2024

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.

Cllr Guy declared an other interest MTC49(2)

MTC48/2024

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of the 19th June 2024 including payments of **£4756.30 plus Clerk Salary, Working Allowance, HMRC & NEST Pension**. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Sullivan **Seconded Vote: 10 in favour Cllr Brown Abstained**

MTC49/2024

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 Planning Application 2023/93539 at location Land adj, Ledgard Bridge Mill, Back Station Road, Mirfield, WF14 8NZ and decide any action necessary – Clerk updates that she sent reminders and telephone calls to the consultant but despite promises of a draft objection, nothing has been forthcoming. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk email Kirkwells and state that due to the lack of a satisfactory and prompt response, the council will reconsider any engagement with the firm including the Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update on Mirfield Library and decide any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett reads the email from the Friends group that he received. They mention possibly listing the Library as an Asset of Community Value and that they have asked Kirklees for a FOI for the same documents MTC requested but were redacted when received. Cllrs are concerned that by Friends and MTC asking Kirklees it may prove ineffective by duplicating. Cllrs feel that MTC and Friends should enter an information sharing agreement as MTC is the only body that could take over the library. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** Clerk emails Friends group to invite them to the next meeting, expresses the concerns regarding duplicating requests and refers them to the minutes of MTC meeting and email they sent stating they had no wish to be involved in an asset transfer and wish to remain purely an Events Committee and continue to support the library as in the past Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt reported that Cllr Scott had stated if she was still the leader of the council at the next meeting she would look into the Mirfield Library category
3. To receive an update on Christmas Lights and decide any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett reports that C Haigh has confirmed he will supply the tree again this year and that he is in talks with Kirklees to provide power to the lampposts on the green at London Park with the hope to provide ice lights 8.15pm Cllr Naisbett resolved to take a short comfort break

MTC50/2024

Community:

To receive an update/discuss/note on the following items:

1. To discuss the reinstatement of the Ambassador Scheme (Suspended during lockdown) and decide a course of action – Cllr Naisbett resolved to bring MTC50 forward. A member of the Ambassador panel is present and states that the original panel are happy to reinstate. The panel have suggested making an online form which is open and transparent with a small biography of the nominee which must be proposed and seconded with citation to justify nomination. The panel would also like the Ambassadors to be more proactive & promote Mirfield. Cllr Naisbett states that the new website can have a section for the online nomination form. Clerk recommends merging the Role Profile of the Ambassador and the amended Ambassador Criteria as suggested by the panel. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the amendments to the criteria suggested by the panel and to merge the 2 documents as recommended by the Clerk Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
7.55pm Member of panel leaves

MTC51/2024

Internal Matters:

To receive information on the following items and agree/decide any action necessary

1. To receive information from Cllr Naisbett on the recent Martyn's Law webinar he attended and decide any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett reports that he attended a webinar in which Kirklees have asked if Mirfield can become a template for other councils due to the parade and Mirfield Show, this will involve putting a guide together with MTC and Kirklees that the rest of the councils will follow. He reports that there is computer-based training course

that can be rolled out on ACT training. MTC to facilitate a Zoom or face to face meeting with Kirklees to discuss at a possible Armistice Committee meeting.

2. To discuss the purchases of Past Mayor badges and agree any actions, design or costs necessary – Designs circulated to Cllrs from ML Badges. Cllrs discuss options. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the design and cost from ML Badges, ML Badges being a local and specialist supplier, 1 badge per past Mayor, the basis being that the past Mayor be on the existing council and badges to be worn at Civic Functions Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt **Proposed** a blue ribbon to be ordered for past Mayors wishing to wear round their neck instead of being pinned to clothing Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC52/2024

The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Cllr Guy reported that the cricket marathon had raised £10k and was well attended & noted by the community. Cllr Naisbett reports MIB lunch on the day of judging 12.30pm 10th July, all Cllrs have been invited by MIB.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7.30pm

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.53pm**.....