



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 7.00pm

Held at: St Mary's Community Centre, Church Lane, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: 2 Residents
Press: None

MTC69/2019 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new term. He reported that Mirfield Show was a success and great day out and that Lord Lieutenant had attended. He reported a £2.9 billion investment on the Trans Pennine Route and that public consultations would be held next week. He wished the Clerk a Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary and it was confirmed that there was no intention by anyone present to record the meeting.

MTC70/2019 Public Question Time:

None

MTC71/2019 Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: No apologies received

MTC72/2019 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 Bolt declared an other interest MTC78(2i) Land at Slipper Lane, as his home was nearby

Cllr Guy declared an other interest MTC76(2) Member RBL

Cllr Brown declared an other interest an allotment holder

Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in Heavy Woollen Planning & Kirklees Licensing

Cllr Connell declared an other interest MTC76(3)

MTC73/2019 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 16th July 2019 as a true and correct record including payments of **£10,080**. Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read. To add a record of the

Portfolio members/leads on Mirfield Matters Survey MTC62(6) Cllr Bolt **Proposed** once the addition was made the minutes were a true & correct record Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC74/2019

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 Ibberson on the Ambassador Book & Board and agree any action or costs necessary – Defer
2. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on Defibrillator Plaques & agree any action or costs necessary – Defer
3. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on Mirfield Water Safety Initiative & agree any action or costs necessary – Defer
4. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on Community Warden & agree any action - Defer
5. To receive an update on Community Right To Bid & agree any action or costs necessary - Defer

MTC75/2019

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive information on the following items and decide any action where necessary. Reports to be submitted to Clerk and circulated by email with the agenda. **Cllr Nottingham circulated an update on Mirfield Community Hub prior to the meeting.**

MTC76/2019

Mirfield Matters:

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

1. To update & Progress Mirfield Matters Survey including agreement of any Terms of Reference for delivery of survey by members – Cllr Connell **Proposed** a Social Media Policy with Cllrs following MTC Code of Conduct, giving facts and not opinions, acting as per MTC Role of Town Councillor Policy and acting within the Nolan Principles. The introduction of a quarterly newsletter structured to each portfolio header and for each lead to produce an update in an effort to raise the profile of MTC. In addition, the introduction of a Facebook page for information only with Communications Portfolio leads. Clerk & Mayor to oversee and update accordingly along with MTC website Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to check security of website as possible virus threat. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** a Project Team to highlight where work is required, key areas, individual work templates & collate comments in to areas with communications from Portfolio leads, Clerk & Mayor to be Project Team but to bring any expenditure back to MTC for approval along with the agreed flow process for actions with the Portfolios Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** 7.20pm Cllr Burton arrives. Cllrs Nottingham & Roberts had prepared & circulated Terms of Reference for the Environment Committee. Cllr Nottingham **Proposed** to accept the Terms of Reference Cllr Roberts **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive information from Mirfield Armistice & Memorial Committee to vary existing allocation of funding – Cllr Bolt reports that the committee have been looking at events to coincide with 75 years VE Day celebrations next May. The idea being to hold events in Mirfield Showground on 8th, 9th & 10th May, with a Vintage theme to incorporate the honouring of veterans. The theme of 'Holidays at Home' to encourage residents to celebrate in Mirfield. Due to the huge undertaking the committee have sourced an events company who could organise the weekend for a fee. Cllr Lees-Hamilton asks for full costings from the events company. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC take the lead role in the event & underwrite the estimated costs of £20k to start the project, with the understanding that the

committee be proactive in sourcing sponsorship/promotion & sales from other areas to reduce the cost to MTC. MTC to support under the powers of Section 137 Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

3. To discuss NALC request for Council's to sign up to the Tree Charter and agree any action and/or costs necessary – Cllr Bolt reports that Cllr Connell was instrumental in the tree planting at Knowl Park, where MTC acquired 400 saplings from Woodland Trust. Cllr Bolt reports that if the Cooper Bridge Bypass goes ahead there will be destruction of mass woodland and no plans from Kirklees to replace trees. Cllr Guy also refers to the Local Plan allocation of Bradley Golf Course and loss of soak aways. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC delegate the Mayor & Clerk to complete the necessary registrations and delegate anything further to the Environment Committee and fully support this in line with NALC's 10 principles Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To receive information from lead member of the Christmas Lights Working Party on the progress of the Christmas Light Switch on & agree any action necessary – 8.01 Cllr Guy leaves the room. Cllr Naisbett reports he has emailed Cllr Ibberson for assistance with this but he is on annual leave. He has contacted the contractor from previous years and confirms the cost will be similar to last year. A date is yet to be agreed for the Switch On. He confirms that the lights will be extended to Ings Grove. Coop have agreed to the use of the car park. Contractor would prefer a Sunday due to earlier closing of Coop, however Cllrs are concerned that small children may not be able to attend a Sunday Switch on as the following day is a school day. 8.05pm Cllr Guy returns.
5. To receive updates on Communications and Information from Cllrs Connell & Guy – See MTC76(1)
6. To receive an update on the Mirfield Riverside project from Cllrs Roberts & Nottingham – No update

MTC77/2019

Correspondence:

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

1. NALC Chief Executive Bulletin (For Information) – **Noted**
2. YLCA White Rose Update (For Information) – **Noted**
3. NALC Chief Executive Bulletin (For Information) – **Noted**
4. NALC Annual Conference (For Information) – **Noted**
5. BT Consultation Removal of Payphone (For Information) – **Noted**
6. NALC Nomination Larger Councils (For Information) – **Noted**

MTC78/2019

PLANNING:

1. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council
No Comments/Noted
2. To consider potential controversial planning applications.
 - i. **2019/90756 & 2019/91971** Land at Slipper Lane to receive an update and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Bolt 2 incidents that have been reported to Kirklees with notices issued prior to enforcement. Originally the application was for high grade manufacturing but has now changed to warehousing & storage. Right turns from Huddersfield Road and left turns from Roberttown will be banned by means of emergency temporary powers with no prior public consultation, which is again developers getting preferential treatment over residents. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC asks Kirklees for information on traffic flows before the changes on the road layout and after and any work on air quality before or now Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC

ask Kirklees what policy and powers they have used to implement the temporary traffic works Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

- ii. Dewsbury Riverside Development – Cllr Bolt reports that a new train station will be built at Ravensthorpe, closer to Mirfield to facilitate the new development. MTC are concerned that Kirklees are not planning correctly and that Section 106 monies are not being collected in line with procedures from the developers or that there is any evidence of any proper transport planning.
Cllr Bolt resolved to add an urgent item to the agenda iii.
- iii. Cooper Bridge Bypass – Cllr Bolt reports that the ‘drop in’ session with the 3 options did not show evidence to support any of the options. Following a meeting Cllr Bolt had attended earlier in the day at West Yorkshire Investment Panel, the Deputy leader of Kirklees had confirmed that the scheme had been delayed and downgraded, although the cost had increased from £69M to £77M. Cllr Bolt also reports that a similar idea in Holmfirth was scrapped following residents opposition, MTC hopes that Kirklees will consult with local residents in the same manner with this proposal. The environmental appraisal for the bypass was underestimated by the supplier and Kirklees are unable to source & appoint an alternative following termination of the original supplier. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC writes to WYCO CEO, Kirklees CEO & CEO Calderdale Council with the following: There has been a considerable lack of feedback following consultation of the 3 options & cross boundary promises & undertakings with no evidence from original consultations, no information from new proposal or details of the company that failed to deliver the environmental report or costs involved. The transport model is poor and unable to deliver the criteria underpinned in the Local Plans. MTC would like the councils to revisit their Local Plans and confirm if the transport model is still adequate Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to ask local MP’s Sheriff, Brabin, Whittaker & Sherman to join with MTC and ask of Kirklees why the original company failed and the cost implications involved and send to CEO Kirklees Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC79/2019

Matters for Report and Information:

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

None

MTC80/2019

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 17th September 2019**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.38pm**.....

Cllr Bolt reminded Cllrs of a 7.00pm start for the next meeting due to Planning training.