



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: M Commons
Press: None

MTC307/2019 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Mayor Cllr Bolt welcomed Councillors to the meeting and reported that he had attended Hull Fair and that Civic Events would be commencing.

MTC308/2019 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 & Keith Taylor sent apologies with reasons for absence
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to accept the apologies and reasons for absence **Seconded: Cllr Nottingham Vote: All in favour**

Cllr J Hinchliffe was absent but sent no apologies

MTC309/2019 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.

None

MTC310/2019 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 28th September 2021 including payments of Nil. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC311/2019 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

1. To receive an update on Granny Lane Appeal – Cllr Bolt reports that there will be a full hearing, which means people will have more say, however, this also means costs for the appeal could increase. He states that MTC agreed to

underwrite the shortfall not fully fund and he hopes that Save Mirfield and GLAAG will continue to fundraise. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that volunteers are marshalling at the Bonfire event in the hope to raise funds and contribution from Mirfield Roundtable and they have put a call out for donations. Clerk reports that Save Mirfield put her in touch with the Clerk to the Barrister and that she has paid them the initial cost of £1500 as agreed in the previous meeting MTC304/19.

2. To receive an update on Christmas Lights and receive a quotation for 2021 Christmas Lights installation and agree the cost and any action necessary – Cllr Bolt reports the Clerk emailed the Chief Executive and leader of the council but received no reply. However, the interim Service Director Highways & Streetscene replied. Cllr Bolt reads the email to Cllrs. The Clerk spoke to the Principal Engineer at Street lighting who commented “Business as usual for Mirfield”. Unfortunately, when the Clerk contacted Hardcastles she was informed that due to the events of the previous week, they were unable to install the lights as one of the employees had taken a full-time job and the vehicle used for the installation was out of MOT and road licence. Cllr Bolt therefore contacted an alternative contractor, who installs the lights for Birstall, and Cllr Naisbett has been in touch with him. Following a conversation with the Clerk, Hardcastles have emailed to say they can do a scaled down version of the lights this year only, due to timescales. Clerk has asked for a quotation and programme, but this has not yet arrived. Cllr Naisbett spoke to D Exley who confirmed he would be able to install the lights over a weekend rather than 4 weeks of evenings that Hardcastles do, but he would need to hire a cherry picker. Cllrs discuss a scaled down installation, dates for switch on and “soft” switch on, opposed to the usual switch on event. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC have the full installation of lights with a switch on for Sunday 5th December, with a “soft” switch on, possible livestream on Facebook and to delegate the engagement of the installers to the Clerk allowing a maximum 10% increase to the annual cost by the alternative supplier Cllr Mallinson **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllrs discuss the Best Shop Window Display. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** MTC look at costs to purchase a small engraved trophy and to award certificates for participation and 1st, 2nd & 3rd place Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk reports when speaking to Kirklees, they confirmed Mirfield would receive a Christmas Tree for the Library Garden. However, there may be a small fence erected around the tree for health & safety.
3. To agree a course of action and lead Councillor for a Mirfield Market following the approval of the motion 28/9/21 MTC303(3) and to begin planning future progress - Cllr Bolt reports that a management company will hire out the stalls for a fee and look after the general running of the market. Ideas for a venue are a central point in town. Cllr Bolt reports that an area in the Library car park could be a good location. Cllrs agree that a Sunday market would not be beneficial as the majority of shops are closed. Cllr Guy mentions the possibility of a charity having a stall on a rotating basis. Cllr Tolson suggests to trial it in 2021. Cllr Bolt states that the lead Cllr would need to involve the community and local businesses and discuss with the market manager. Cllr Naisbett volunteers to be lead Cllr and M Commons agrees to assist. Clerk to complete the licence.

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Mirfield Matters/Community:

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

1. To receive an update and review previous decisions made on Decisions Summary – Decisions Summary was circulated by email prior to the meeting. Cllr Bolt reports **MTC50/18** Ambassador Board has been made and French

polished and is having the final sign writing done. Cllr Guy reports **MTC120/18** Cadet force are checking the legalities around providing First Aid training for third parties. Cllr Guy suggests MTC may need to approach other providers. To make a Facebook post to ask if public are interested and if so then proceed. Cllr Naisbett reports that Mirfield Show are providing a First Aid course that may be able to incorporate this. Cllr Bolt reports **MTC186/18** that he attended a 2-hour meeting in which no answers were given by Kirklees and it has been approved by Cabinet to progress. He reports when completed it will save approx. 1-3 minutes journey time. Clerk reports **MTC15/19** Kirklees have now agreed with MTC solicitor the easement and they will be issuing the engrossment deed. Clerk reports that Kirklees are seeking costs for their legal fees. Clerk confirms that MAGS Chair agreed to indemnify MTC of all maintenance and repair of the pipes and to cover costs of all legal fees. MTC agreed £1000 towards the easement to be paid from the Allotment account. Prior to MTC involvement the site manager agreed with Kirklees the cost of the easement and Kirklees fees. Cllr Bolt reports that the Clerk spends many hours a week on allotment issues and that her duties consist of invoicing MAGS and settling accounts. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** that extra hours for the Clerk be billed against the allotment rent and MTC fully support the Clerk and have full confidence that she will stand by the agreement made between MTC & MAGS in 2019 Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cllr Bolt reports **MTC76/19** is ongoing, **MTC140/19** defer in absence of Cllr Taylor. Cllr Connell reports **MTC140/19(2)** Castle Hall were approached by CP Media to produce & install banners. Cllr Connell has spoken to CP Media as the brackets and installation of banners lies with MTC and CP Media have no right to sell the space. CP Media have agreed to only charge for the design of the banners and refunded the rental cost. Castle Hall have agreed to donate the cost of the monthly rental to MTC to use for community events. CP Media to do a presentation in a future meeting to MTC. Cllr Connell to carry out an audit of the brackets. Cllr Brown suggests funding books for schools due to issues with the reading age of children due to lockdowns. Cllrs Bolt & Lees-Hamilton confirm that Mirfield Educational Charity could look at a grant for this, as granted £7000 to Crossley Fields for books. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports **MTC206/19** unfortunately due to school closures and lockdowns this was never actioned. The young people interested, have since moved on to higher education etc. Cllr Lees-Hamilton to contact the organisers of the Community Hub to progress this. Cllr Bolt reports **MTC262/19 & MTC272(1) & (2) & MTC286** are covered under the Environment Committee and ongoing. Cllr Bolt reports **MTC268/19** Kirklees put forward a formal objection to the TWA. **MTC303/19(3)** discussed above.

2. To note/amend as needed the allocation of members to external bodies, and Mirfield matters portfolios - **Defer**
3. To decide a course of action for Mirfield Matters. For portfolio holders and others to begin to formulate the production of consultation materials/events on areas highlighted by the residents in the survey, each action to be completed on the template previously agreed and each portfolio report will need the addition of the comments made in the survey - **Defer**
4. To receive quotations for 2021 Remembrance Parade and agree any costs and decide any action necessary – Cllr Bolt reports a conversation with Combined Services Parades Associates. He confirms that he needs support and volunteers. The Remembrance Fund receives donations from customers of The Old Colonial but due to pub closures, has not raised anywhere near enough funds for this year. Historically MTC have covered the PL for the event and paid £400 Clifton band. Two bands play during the march and Salvation Army play during the hymns. Costs to agree: £800 Hammonds

Band, £400 Clifton Band, £200 PA System, £150 printed Hymn sheets & approx. £400 deposit for cones etc Cllr Guy reports he has spoken to a local group who he hopes will help marshal and is awaiting confirmation. He also needs a few Cllr volunteers to help put the cones out the night before. Cllrs discuss the need for printed Hymn sheets and discuss the possibility of a download from MTC Facebook & Website. Clerk suggests that in 2022/23 MTC look at organising the parade as it is now covering the costs and this could possibly be included in the budget as the cost is approx. £2000. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to agree the costs provided and delegate to the Clerk to organise and pay the invoices Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Roberts **Proposed** to proceed with the download, inline with the council green agenda and look at printing a small amount of hymn sheets in black & white to hand out Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllrs Connell & Tolson stated they would print the hymn sheets FOC.

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Public Question Time:

NONE

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The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting **Wednesday 20th October 2021**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.01pm**.....