



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

M Ibberson (Chairman), V Lees-Hamilton, J Hirst, K Taylor, P Tolson, S Guy, M Bolt. A Burton, D Pinder, J Nottingham

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: 2 Residents in attendance

MTC251/2017 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Ibberson welcomed Cllrs to the meeting & reported on the sad passing of a young pupil at Mirfield Free Grammar. Cllrs, Clerk & Public all stood for a moments silence.

MTC252/2017 Public Question Time: None

MTC253/2017 Apologies For Absence

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

Cllrs: M Burton, C Walker, K Sibbald, J Taylor, P Blakeley, S Benson

Clerk to ascertain if reasons for absence have to be approved at the meeting

MTC254/2017 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 under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Guy declared a personal interest MTC256(1) member RBL

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

Cllr Bolt declared an other interest MTC259(3) Land at Slipper Lane

Cllr Pinder declared a personal interest MTC260(2)

Cllrs discuss the current Declaration of Interests form & Kirklees DI forms. Cllr

Pinder **Proposed** MTC remain with the current Declaration of Interests forms

Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllrs to send electronic updated form to Clerk by Tuesday 1st May and Clerk to upload to website omitting

signature & delete any personal addresses.

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk enquires with YLCA for any refresher courses for Declaration Of Interests & Hospitality Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Cllr Ibberson **Proposed to suspend standing orders & bring forward MTC258(1) & MTC260(1) Cllr Burton Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC255/2017

Confirmation of Minutes

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 20th March 2018 as a true and correct record including payments of **£2060.59**. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC256/2017

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 Clerk on Mirfield Memorial Park & decide and agree any action necessary – Clerk reports that she circulated an email from a partner at Ramsdens, who had answered in full the original question of ownership of the park. Cllrs agreed this was the case. Clerk to contact Kirklees officer dealing with Fields In Trust application and demand a response before Armed Forces Day (30th June).
2. To receive an update from the Flood Prevention meeting and agree any action necessary – Cllr Bolt reports he has asked the Environment agency for a cost for cutting the low hanging branches along the river. He also reports that the pumping system under the bridge at Butt End Mills is not performing as was hoped. Clerk to contact Cllr Benson regarding the urgency of the Flood mandate he was given at a previous meeting.
3. To receive an update on defibrillators and agree any action necessary – Clerk reports she has given the details of the MTC defibrillators to YAS. Cllr Guy reports that he will contact Croft House to arrange the installation of the Hopton Defibrillator and reports that the defibrillators are being used in Mirfield. Plaques required for all defibrillators to show MTC partnerships. Clerk to contact Cllr Blakeley who had previously sourced a plaque for the one at Battyeford Sporting Club.

MTC257/2017

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment:

APRIL		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	April Salary	£ 761.67
HMRC	April PAYE	£ 242.50
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 18.00
St Marys	April Room Hire	£ 21.00
Just Gardens	April Maintenance	£ 80.00
YLCA	GDPR Training Session	£ 45.00
TOTAL		£ 1168.17

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** items 1-6 payment en block Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

7. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/03/18 – **Noted**

8. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

MTC258/2017

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **Mirfield Arts Festival** – Chair of the Arts Festival is present and gives an update. Grant application was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. The grant is for £2500 for Marketing & publicity of the Arts Festival, Clerk confirms that there is provision in the budget for Annual Mirfield Events. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC sponsor the Marketing & Publishing of the event to the value of £2500 Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cheque is presented by Cllrs to the Chair of Mirfield Arts Festival.
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

MTC259/2017

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2018/91015 – **Noted**.
2018/90833 – **Noted**
2018/90847 – **Noted**
2018/90962 – **Noted**
2018/90637 – **Noted**
2018/91249 – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC supports the application as it is for a housebound resident to access outdoor space Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:
No Comments/Noted
90535 – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports the family thank MTC for their support of the application
3. To consider potential controversial applications:
2017/93935 Erection of 61 dwellings with associated access, drainage, open space & landscaping Land off Woodward Court – Cllr Benson is currently working on the drainage report. Cllr Bolt reads an email from the planning consultant appointed by MTC. The report states that the main issue is highways and Cllr Bolt reports that Kirklees are also challenging Bellway on highways. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC email Kirklees; if Kirklees are minded to approve a traffic regulation order in respect of developers, it is conditioned that the traffic regulation order is conducted & achieved before the development begins Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC requests that all developments and new dwellings in the Kirklees area are deducted from the estimated total of dwellings quoted in the Local Plan Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to email planning consultant and thank him for answering all MTC questions and for his help so far.
2017/94124 Land at Dunbottle Lane Outline application erection 60 dwellings – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC email Kirklees Chief Exec; MTC understands that a review is to be conducted of all land suitable for development. Are the cabinet willing to consider the Land at Dunbottle for Homecare and hold any development in abeyance until Homecare housing is resolved **Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2018/91005 Land at Slipper Lane – Cllr Bolt reports reads the report from the planning consultant. The main issue with the proposed development is with Highways. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC instructs a Highways Consultant to act on behalf of MTC. Clerk to contact Save Mirfield for details of their highways consultant or ask the planning consultant for any recommendations for drainage and highways consultants and that MTC

set aside £2000 for each consultant Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC260/2017 **Community**

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

1. To receive an update from Friends of Mirfield Library & discuss and agree any action necessary – Member of the Friends group gives an update. She reports that there will be 2 information days in the Co-op and open day at the library regarding the consultation. That the business plan and petition has been delivered to Kirklees. Public consultation ended April and awaiting the decision sometime in July. She reports that Cllr Pinder has been voted as the new Chair of Friends of Mirfield Library. Cllrs all thank the previous Chair for all her hard work so far for the library service. The member reports that £28k has been withdrawn from Mirfield Library for a new boiler and given to Heckmondwike along with a further £92k. Cllrs concerned at this investment in Heckmondwike Library when all Libraries in Kirklees are on hold whilst in consultation. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC recognises the hard work over the past 3 years from Friends of Mirfield Library, in progressing activities, business plan and asset transfer of the building. MTC expresses its concern in delays from Kirklees in forming an opinion or decision which will affect the long-term future of the library building and library service in Mirfield. MTC questions why investment in Mirfield Library is on hold, when other Libraries within Kirklees are having significant investment, all Kirklees libraries should have the same constraints. MTC asks the Chief Executive to reflect on the 7 Nolan Principles of Openness, Integrity, Accountability, Selflessness, Honesty, Objectivity & Leadership and would appreciate a reply within that spirit Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: 9 in favour Cllr Pinder Abstained**
Cllr Ibberson Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour
2. To note Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting notes & Project Planner - **Noted**

MTC261/2017 **Internal Matters**

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

1. To discuss General Data Protection Regulation and agree any action necessary & costs involved – Cllr Bolt had attended a training workshop and reported on the content. He reports that the Full Council are responsible & accountable as Data Controllers, Clerk is the Data Processor & YLCA to provide the service of Data Protection Officer to Town & Parish Councils in Yorkshire. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC accepts and appoints YLCA as it's DPO Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk confirms she will be attending a training workshop the following week. Cllrs discuss training from Kirklees. Clerk to use delegated powers if required to secure places.
2. To discuss a policy for the request of attendance of the Mayor/Deputy to Community/Civil events and agree any action necessary – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the Mayor & Clerk liaise and compile a suitable form to upload to the website Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To consider nominations for 2018/19 Mayor & Deputy Designate and agree any action necessary for these nominations – Cllr Guy **Proposed** Cllr Ibberson as Mayor Designate Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Tolson **Proposed** Cllr Lees-Hamilton as Deputy Designate Cllr Taylor

Seconded 9 in favour Cllr Burton Abstained Cllr Ibberson **Proposed** Cllr Bolt as joint Deputy designate **Cllr Taylor Seconded Vote: 9 in favour Cllr Burton Abstained.** Cllrs Lees-Hamilton & Bolt to be joint Deputy Mayor. Cllr Pinder to donate an appropriate insignia for Cllr Bolt.

MTC262/2017

Correspondence

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

1. Fields In Trust Have a Field Day - **Noted**
2. Friends of Mirfield Library Minutes - **Noted**
3. Adult Care Consultation - **Noted**

MTC263/2017

Matters for Report and Information

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

Cllr Nottingham reports on the Arts Catalyst visit in which he was the only Cllr in attendance. He reports that high profile officers from London & Sheffield attended and the visit went well and he provided them with the information they required.

MTC264/2017

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 15th May 2018**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.40pm**.....