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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 7.00pm

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

Councillors Present:

S Naisbett (Deputy), P Tolson, J Roberts, J Hirst, S Guy, M Brown, M Hamilton, D Hirst

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: 2 residents & MIB Member

Press: None

MTC79/2023

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Deputy Chairman Cllr Naisbett welcomed Cllrs to the meeting and reported that the Civic Service went well, he thanked the caterer and MTC Protocols advisor.

MTC80/2023

Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs V Lees-Hamilton, M Bolt, Itrat Ali, M Sullivan, B Harrison, M Connell, Imran Ali 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**
Cllr Hinchliff was absent but did not send apologies

MTC81/2023

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 Guy declared an other interest MTC83(3)

MTC82/2023

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 4th October 2023 including payments of **Nil** as a true and correct record. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr J Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC83/2023

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 that he met with Bradford Festival Lighting and they had discussed the additional power to the lampposts to add additional lights to 9 lampposts and trees in Ings Grove. Clerk reports that Kirklees have quoted £1100 for a Christmas tree that was previously provided FOC. Cllr Naisbett reports he has got a quotation from Haigh's for a 30ft tree at a cost of £400 plus lights, they have also stated they can supply a living tree, but a place in the library grounds needs to be sourced for this. Clerk confirms the tree will be covered on insurance as long as a risk assessment is carried out. Cllr Hamilton **Proposed** MTC purchase the tree from Haigh's and lights from Bradford Festival lighting at a total cost of £600 Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour** MIB Member arrives just before the close of the meeting and reports that she has been in talks with John Cottons and they have agreed to sponsor the Christmas tree and lights at a cost of £600. Cllr Guy **Proposed** to accept the sponsorship from John Cottons Cllr Robers **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update from Cllr Connell on Lamppost Banners and decide any action necessary – Clerk updates on RBL banners.
3. To receive an update on Mirfield Library and decide any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett reports the meeting with Kirklees was cancelled and will now take place on 26th October, he will be attending.

MTC84/2023

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. To agree Clerk Oct Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk Working Allowance Oct by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC Oct PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Clerk Oct Pension contributions by D/D
5. To agree Trinity Methodist Oct Room Hire by Bacs £80.00
6. To agree Able Gardens Oct maintenance by Bacs £90.00
7. To agree Hammonds Band Remembrance Parade by Bacs £900.00
8. To agree Lindley Band Remembrance Parade by Bacs £500.00
9. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 30/09/23 – **Noted**
10. To receive Monthly Budget to 30/09/23 - **Noted**

Cllr Brown **Proposed** to pay items 1-8 en bloc & note items 9 & 10 Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC85/2023

Internal Matters:

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

1. To receive an update on Remembrance Parade and agree any costs associated with the parade as per the budget heading Civic & Cultural events and agree any action necessary – Clerk asks Cllrs if there are any quotations to agree other than the bands. Cllr Guy confirmed 2 x wreaths, which Clerk confirms are included in her delegated powers. There has been an estimated cost of £2262 plus VAT provided by Kirklees sent to the Clerk for the labour only for the driving of the block vehicles. The vehicles are provided FOC by Kirklees. In the past the full service was FOC. Kirklees have also agreed that if needed they will allow MTC to defer the payment to 2024. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** to accept the quotation given on the estimated cost and agree final costs

when invoice received Cllr Roberts **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** MTC decline the offer to defer the payment to 2024, if Kirklees demand payment for the 2024 parade, then MTC would be paying double the cost from next year's budget Cllr Roberts **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllrs agree it is unacceptable to spring this huge cost on MTC just 1 month from the parade.

2. To consider and agree a nomination to YLCA to the Royal Garden Party: The council meeting may nominate any councillor who has given outstanding service to the council meeting and community. The council may consider an individual's contribution to the council meeting over many years or, alternatively, may consider a noteworthy contribution over a short time which has significantly improved the council meeting and the community. Should the nominated person decline the opportunity to be nominated, they could ask for their nomination at any future year if circumstances or preferences have changed – Cllr Guy **Proposed** the longest standing member of MTC be put forward for nomination and future years, the next in line of longest standing. Should the nominated person decline the opportunity to be nominated, they could ask for their nomination at any future year if circumstances or preferences have changed. The nomination would be offered to the next in line Cllr J Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Before voting, a second motion was proposed, Cllr Brown **Proposed** that all Cllr's names be placed in a ballot, as it was not necessarily the longest standing Cllr that did the most for the community Cllr Roberts **Seconded** but then retracted this. Cllr Brown also retracted the proposal. Without a seconder the original resolution was voted on and passed.
3. To consider and agree a resolution proposed by Cllr Bolt - Mirfield Heritage: This Council recognises the benefits to residents and visitors of celebrating our heritage, it not only informs but preserves history. Following the demise of the Civic Society, which looked at many issues there is no organisation other than the Town Council now in a position to safeguard heritage. The town council will therefore investigate the legality for placing blue plaques to mark places of heritage and history within the borders of the former UDC area. It will later create using both technology and traditional paper means a heritage trail around the town. To take this forward it will constitute a committee of which all members can be involved by with the flexibility to meet and progress issues, this committee will be open to members of the public interested in these matters to join with the terms of reference as above. Funding will be provided through the Clerks delegated powers on submission of business case or approved plans through the committee – In the absence of Cllr Bolt, Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** to agree the principal and establish a committee to review the national situation, liaise with R Butterfield and investigate planning, a criterion & what other areas use Cllr D Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Committee to be agreed at a later meeting.

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Public Question Time:

None

MTC87/2023

The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st November 2023.

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.12pm**.....