



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 20th 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, K Taylor, J Nottingham, M Sullivan, S Naisbett, C Mallinson, P Tolson

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: M Commons
Press: None

MTC315/2019 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Mayor Cllr Bolt welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

Cllr Bolt asks Cllrs & members of the public to observe a minutes silence following the tragic death of Sir David Amess who was killed while serving his constituents.

Cllr Bolt reported that MIB had not had the success nationally but picked up other awards. Congratulations to all involved this year with Mirfield In Bloom.

He reports that the Granny Lane appeal will now be a formal hearing with the inspector on 15th December.

He reports that Phase 1 Dewsbury Riverside will be commencing shortly, this impacts immensely on Mirfield Highways & educational demands.

Cooper Bridge proposal will be subject to a Scrutiny Call-in.

MTC316/2019 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 & M Connell sent apologies with reasons for absence
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the apologies and reasons for absence Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**
Cllr J Hinchliffe was absent but sent no apologies

MTC317/2019 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 Brown declared an other interest as an allotment holder

MTC318/2019 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 12th October 2021 including payments of Nil. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the minutes were a true &

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correct record of the meeting Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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 Christmas Lights and receive a quotation for 2021 Christmas Lights installation and agree the cost and any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett reports that he has received a quotation from Aaron Electrical a local contractor who also installs Birstall's lights. £2000 installation, £1250 hire of Cherry Picker & £500 to collect lights from depot in Bradford. He confirms that he has still not received the quotation from Ben Hardcastle who usually installs the lights, however the initial conversation with Ben Hardcastle was that it would only be installation of the festoons. Cllrs had previously resolved a full light installation. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** that MTC accept the quotations totalling £3750 from Aaron Electrical as a local installer able to supply a full light display Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Note: Quotation for £4000 was emailed to Cllr Naisbett from Ben Hardcastle during the meeting but after the motion was agreed
2. To receive an update on Mirfield Market – Clerk reports she had started the application process, however there were questions that she could not answer until a meeting with the Market management team. Cllr Bolt stated he would liaise with Kirklees to arrange a meeting with the Clerk, Cllr Naisbett and management company to gauge the level of interest. Cllr Bolt reports that lots of broken glass around recycling area where the market was proposed, so this will be moved to the area by the public toilets. Kirklees to redesignate the area behind the library to staff only as currently they are having to park in the main car park that has a 3-hour limit.
3. To receive an update Remembrance Parade – Cllr Bolt reports a Festival of Remembrance on Friday 12th November in Huddersfield Town Hall. Cllr Guy reports a meeting is to be convened for the Marshalls, in line with requirements for the parade. He has had offers from Cllrs to place the cones the night before the parade and will check google maps where to place them. There is a build up of algae around the cenotaph that needs addressing. Cllr Bolt reports Kirklees will arrange for a bucket of sand for around the Cenotaph and to check the electrical connection and he reports the Clerk is in touch with Combined Services Parades Associate to send suppliers details direct to her to authorise payment as agreed at the last meeting. Cllr Bolt asks Cllr Guy how many Hymn sheets are left from previous years, if he can find out so that these can be circulated too on the day as they have been professionally printed in the past so that they can be re-used year on year. He reports that former Cllr Burton has registered for events relating to Holocaust Memorial Day 27/1/22.

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Clerk's Report

1. To note the following decisions made between meetings by the Clerk under Delegated Powers as agreed in the Full Council Meeting 12th May 2020 & upheld 5th May 2021
 - Payment of Clerk Salary, Working Allowance, NEST Pension & HMRC for September
 - Payment of Just Gardens Maintenance of Eastthorpe Gardens September £80.00
 - Payment of Monthly Zoom Pro at £14.39 per month
 - Payment of Yorkshire Internal Audit £350.00
 - Payment of Wild About Gardens Hedges £180.00
 - Instruction & payment to Williams & Co Lease Renewal £660.00
 - Instruction & payment to Kings Chambers GLAAG £1500.00

Cllrs Noted the above items in line with the Clerk's delegation.

2. To receive and note Bank Reconciliation 30/09/21 – **Noted**
3. To receive and note monthly budget to 30/09/21 – **Noted**

Mirfield Matters/Community:

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

1. To note/amend as needed the allocation of members to external bodies, and Mirfield matters portfolios – Cllr Bolt asks colleagues on Outside Bodies to press groups for meetings. Cllr Naisbett to send introduction to MCC & MCT.
2. 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 – Cllr Bolt had circulated an appendix from Spirul listing the individual comments from the survey. Cllrs to collate to their portfolios. Reports should include Who is responsible to address issues, possible refresh of community consultation to get back on track. If MTC cannot address, then Cllrs to seek appropriate body and direct responsibility to them. Cllr Bolt reports that the Deputy Mayor for Police & Crime is looking to organise a Clinic to address issues and answer questions. CCG looking at health provider boundaries. Cllr Bolt states that there is £975K from Mirfield 25 in Section 106 monies, look to enhance Knowl Park facilities. Ward Cllrs doing a perimeter walk around Knowl Park and badgering Kirklees for improvements. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states with funds they can deliver a multi-age park at Knowl, possible funding from Olympic body. She states with funding, a better circuit could be made as older skaters look after the younger ones, giving a good youth community. Cllr Bolt stated that Cllrs should add relevant bits to their reports & look at delivery & timescales.
3. To receive a presentation from M Commons for hosting an event at Mirfield Showground. Mirfield Music Festival to take place on Saturday 18th June 2022. To discuss a potential grant application to help fund the event - M Commons presents: Music Festival 18/6/22 1.00pm – 10.00pm with local artists and bands across 2 stages, possible 2000 people with 7 stalls, 2 bars & firework displays and festoon lighting throughout the trees. Aimed at grass roots musicians, support local businesses with footfall and encourage music tourism. Aimed at families & children 18-55 with 50/50 split. Strong brand identity with highly trained event managers from BIMM Manchester, Huddersfield University & Backstage Academy. Contact with residents to raise awareness of event through social media, radio and local advertisement. Draft budget of £6684 with ticket prices £10 per adult £25 Family. Looking for potential grants from local businesses, no profits for Music Festivals until 3rd year. She will have volunteers from university assisting with the festival. Cllr Guy asks how the budget has been prepared and are there any quotations? Risks assessments need to be done and to show the impact on local residents. M Commons confirms that she has done risk assessments at university as part of her course and that she has got email quotes from Popular Music and Indie bands & DJ's. Cllrs ask about marquees and how they will be used. M Commons confirms the main tent will be a bar area, with smaller ones behind the stages for staff and one to be used for ticket sales. Cllr Naisbett states that the quotation for 5 security guards is not adequate for 2000 people and that Mirfield Show employ 25 for 5000 people and also security is required the day before and day after the event. M Commons thanks Cllr Naisbett and confirms she will readdress this. She confirms that she has a stage management plan and intends to have other performers in

between band sessions. Cllr Bolt asks Cllrs if they agree the concept, although there is more work to be done in the planning. All Agree. Cllr Bolt suggested milestones during the planning and a business plan to bring forward for a grant application. Cllrs agree it is a good idea to make it an annual event and to use the knowledge of Mirfield Show committee and consider a SAG risk assessment as Kirklees will insist on this. Cllrs suggest slight modifications to the plan and movement of stages to prevent people watching from the roadside and not buying tickets. Cllr Brown **Proposed** to support the idea in principle and to return with a firmed-up business plan and road map Cllr Mallinson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC322/2019 **Public Question Time:**
NONE

MTC323/2019 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting.**
Date of next meeting **Wednesday 20th October 2021**
Time Meeting Closed.....**8.46pm**.....