



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: Members 868 Squadron
Press: None

MTC342/2019 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Mayor Cllr Bolt welcomed Councillors to the first meeting of 2022. He reports a memorial will be held at Hartshead Moor Services on 8th February for the 1974 IRA coach bombing. He thanked former Cllr Burton for the work preparing the Holocaust Memorial and Cllr Tolson and former Cllr Pinder for their talks on NATO forces involvement in former Yugoslavia. He reports a seminar 13th March to learn about the Jewish Community.

MTC343/2019 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 have a leave of absence & Cllrs Naisbett, Mallinson & Brown 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 Hinchliffe was absent but did not submit apology

MTC344/2019 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 Sullivan Declared a Pecuniary Interest as a member & treasurer of MAGS committee

MTC345/2019 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 24th November 2021 including payments of Nil. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC346/2019 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

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

1. To receive an update/report on Christmas Lights from Cllr Naisbett and agree any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett is absent. Cllrs discuss the comments on social media regarding the lights but also note that no members of the public ever come forward to offer support. Cllr Bolt reads the report sent by Cllr Naisbett. He reports that this year there will have to be more planning as Kirklees require paperwork earlier. He reports a possible £3k cost to enhance for 2022, which will need to be incorporated in the budget. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** a vote of thanks to Cllr Naisbett for sorting out the 2021 Christmas lights in a difficult year Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
Cllr Bolt asked the Clerk to keep Mirfield Library on matters arising on future agendas.

MTC347/2019

PLATINUM JUBILEE:

To receive an update, discuss, agree costs on the following.

1. To consider any suggestions for community events, activities or memorials for the Queens Platinum Jubilee and agree any costs involved and actions necessary – Cllr Bolt reports that on 6th February it is the 70th year of the Queen's accession to the throne. Communities are being asked to light beacons and are calling on all Choirs to sing the Song for the Commonwealth on the June Bank Holidays. Cllr Bolt, on behalf of MTC, wished her Majesty all the best for the Jubilee year and thanked her for her 70 years' service. Cllrs discuss if MTC should facilitate or organise events. Cllr Bolt reports he has been in touch with the farmer that owns the field on Crossley Lane to hold the lighting of the beacon there and a possible fun fair as in previous years. Maybe look at a Jubilee Park. Members of 868 squadron confirm they will be holding a Big Jubilee Lunch on the Sunday the day dedicated to street parties with the cadets using the Jubilee pudding recipe. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC facilitates events rather than organising them and offers groups grants to carry out Jubilee events Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC purchases 5 Jubilee benches, 1 for each Ward and Cllrs to look at suitable positions in their wards. Also, MTC to facilitate match funding for Jubilee benches Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Tolson **Proposed** to plant a sizeable tree dedicated to her majesty in a commemorative area and plant in Ings Grove Park if permission can be sought from Kirklees Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
Clerk to email Kirklees with MTC plans for the Jubilee and seek permission to plant a tree in Ings Grove Park.
8.03pm Members 868 Squadron leave.

MTC348/2019

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 November & December
 - Payment of Just Gardens Maintenance of Eastthorpe Gardens November & December £80
 - Payment of Monthly Zoom Pro at £14.39 per month x 2 (Nov, Dec)
 - Payment of 2 x wreaths RBL £50
 - Payment of Smiths of Derby - St Mary's Clock £312.00
 - Payment of Wel-Medical - MCC Defibrillator £1033.50
 - Payment of Brian The Brush - Ambassador Board £2850.00
 - Payment of Trinity Methodist - Room Hire x 5 £150.00
 - Preparation of VAT return & refund of £2645.74
 - Appointment of Yorkshire Internal Audit Service 1st Audit
2. To receive and note Bank reconciliation to 31/12/21 – Bank reconciliation was

circulated prior to the meeting – **Noted** Cllrs note £4058.10 of uncommitted funds with the balance either budgeted or rolled forward.

3. To receive and note monthly budget to 31/12/21 – **Noted**
Cllr Bolt reports that Mirfield In Bloom have been asked again to represent Yorkshire in Britain In Bloom

MTC349/2019

Internal Matters:

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

1. To receive an update and review previous decisions on the Decisions Summary - Circulated prior to the meeting – Cllrs discuss the decisions and it was agreed: 120/18 be revisited using the Defib programme as the catalyst. 186/18 delete as this has been taken as far as possible. 15/19 delete as the Easement Deed is now signed. 76/19 Delete and roll into Environment Agenda. 140/19 Cllrs to meet and agree a criteria for inclusion, include schools. 140(2)/19 Community Partnerships to refund cost of banners to Impact Education Academy who want to then donate to MTC to use for community activities. Impact Education Charity to be provided with access to the Town Notice Board. 206/19 Continue with this as good potential to link young people with MTC, liaise with Community Hub. 262/19 Delete. Delay with Kirklees approving PROWS, if Kirklees change then can be discussed later. 272/19 leave on and progress in MTC meetings. 272(2)/19 Delete and include in Environment agenda. 268/19 delete as objection sent. 286/19 leave on as ongoing. First phase to commence at Lowlands. 303/19 leave on Cllr Naisbett to liaise with Kirklees. 338/19 leave on Cllr Mallinson investigating hosting of website and Domain names.
2. To agree the Schedule of Meetings to August 2022 – Circulated prior to the meeting – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to accept the Schedule of Meetings, exclude the 1st meeting of June due to Jubilee bank holiday and set the annual meeting for 4th May Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To adopt the updated Kirklees Code of Conduct – Circulated prior to the meeting – Cllrs discuss the updated Code of Conduct Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to adopt the Kirklees Code of Conduct with amendments made by Clerk Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To note Tax Base of £6818.29 and proposed CTR Grant of £695.50 (Final Kirklees approval 16th February 2022) - **Noted**

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Public Question Time:

NONE

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The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 15th February 2022**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.40pm**.....