



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 11th February 2014 at 7.30pm
Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), D Pinder, J Nottingham, S Harding, T Hirst, J Hirst, M Hamilton, K Taylor, J Taylor, C Walker, A Mapplebeck, A white

In Attendance:

Administrator: Lisa Staggs
Public: Chris Breare, Tony Hollands
Press: Richard Mirfield Reporter

MTC191/2013 **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**
The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone in attendance

MTC192/2013 **Public Question Time:**
None

Apologies For Absence

Members are reminded that apologies should be sent to the Administrator or Chairman if they are unable to attend.

Cllrs: M Bolt, E Armitage, A Burton, J Fearn

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders to discuss MTC 195/2013 Cllr K Taylor Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC193/2013 **Declaration of Interest**
Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda.

Cllr K Taylor – Member KMC Heavy Woollen Planning

Cllr D Pinder – Royal British Legion

Cllr S Harding – Tax Assist, Mirfield

MTC194/2013 **Confirmation of Minutes**

- i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 28th January 2014 as a true and correct record including payments of £5628.62
Cllr K Taylor **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: 10 in favour 2 Abstained**
- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.
Cllr Lees-Hamilton relates to MTC182 78/2012 and asks Cllr

Pinder if a letter was ever written regarding the view point Cllr Pinder confirms that a letter was not written to the Golf Club MTC resolved to write letter. Cllr J Taylor asks if the grit bins noted in the spreadsheet can be checked as it shows 2 at Bracken Close and non at Bracken Grove. Administrator confirms she will check this.

MTC195/2013

Ambassadors

Chris Breare and Tony Hollands representing the Independent Panel explain the nominations and reasons for the nominations to MTC. Chris confirms the 3 nominees that they recommend are Christine Sykes, Helen Butler and James Dedman. Chris confirms that Christine received 2 nominations for her voluntary work with Trinity Methodist and community, Helen for the work she has done with the church and other voluntary areas and James who will represent Mirfield on an International scale. Tony comments on the quality of the candidates. Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanks the panel and appreciates the effort made. Cllr Pinder asks to use his nomination as outgoing Mayor for Grahame Forster. Cllr J Taylor states committee done an excellent job with the brief documentation supporting the nominations and thinks that next year MTC should send out a more detailed form including character references. Cllr Lees-Hamilton asks if any other endorsements/questions/recommendations if not Chris and Tony can leave. Chris thanks MTC for the generous donation toward Hopton In Bloom on leaving chambers. 7.45pm Chris and Tony leave. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states the ambassador award is for community service & nominees who have otherwise brought credit to Mirfield and feels MTC should support the younger generation. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC accepts Panel recommendations and endorses previous Mayor's nomination to honour Grahame Forster Cllr J Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Nottingham Seconded Vote: All in favour

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Finance

1. BT Direct Debit £44.71 – Noted
2. Yorkshire Internal Audit Services - £300
Cllr Pinder **Proposed** payment en block Cllr Walker **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. Budget – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirmed that the precept must be set to avoid charges from Kirklees. She confirms the Parish Grant of £8209.01. The proposed budget and bank reconciliation is passed to Cllrs. Cllr Lees-Hamilton explains the columns and figures and states that significant savings in columns 1-3, she explains what relates to each column and confirms the ring fenced costs for the election fund. She comments that the council has saved on wages/phone bills and stationary and has been more prudent this year. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that even with final costing from Public Toilets & possible grant applications to year end the maximum spend will be around £45k and does not wish to burden residents by increasing the precept. Cllr Pinder congratulates administrator on being both efficient and cost efficient and agrees that there is no need to raise the precept. This is echoed by Cllr T Hirst and Cllr Nottingham. Cllr Lees-Hamilton

thinks in view of 2013/2014 spend and looking to the future regarding Mirfield Library and Council Offices that neither should MTC reduce the precept. Cllr K Taylor congratulates Cllr Lees-Hamilton on the spreadsheet & suggests budget be done next year by Finance & General committee.

4. Precept – Following discussions relating to the budget Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the precept be set at £44,390.99 plus Parish CTR Grant of £8209.01 giving a total of £52,600.00 Cllr Pinder

Seconded Vote: All in favour

Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated that the Budget Headings will be looked into at next meeting and could Cllrs bring comments to this meeting.

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Planning

1. To consider *planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
No Objections/Comments
2. To consider * planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council
No Comments/Noted
3. Mirfield Moor – **No Update keep on agenda**
4. Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllr K Taylor confirms no updates but does mention that Bellway Homes had blocked a footpath and she believed that PROW may have been contacted. Cllr J Taylor confirmed speaking to Bill Topping and that an application had not been received as yet from Bellway.

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Mirfield Matters:

To receive information (if available) on the following items and decide any action where necessary

1. Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder asked MTC for authority to approach Ramsdens to go ahead with proposed changes recommended by Adam Cockroft. Cllrs looked at and consulted about the changes Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC authorise Cllr Pinder to instruct Adam Cockroft to renegotiate the lease with Chadwick Lawrence Cllr K Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
Cleaning of toilets – Cllr Lees-Hamilton asked Cllr White to take photographs of the toilets as it was evident cleaning was not carried out properly and Cllr K Taylor suggested that Cllr White keep a log of the condition. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the payment of the cleaning invoices be adjourned to next meeting Cllr Harding **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr K Taylor **Proposed** that MTC place on social media/Mirfield Matters Facebook for quotations from cleaning contractors Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To accept updates(if received) and decide any action where necessary
Cllr Nottingham gave an update on PROW and Historic Building Trust he confirmed Wellhouse Moravian had lost faith with KHBT and were seeking private tenders.

MTC200/2013

Internal Matters:

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

1. Website Update- Cllr Harding confirmed that Yola.com was based in San Francisco so she had sourced another provider GoDaddy.com who had 24/7 UK Helpline. 1st year cost of £15.58

for 4 pages and 1GB 2nd year to 2016 £43.82 hosting and £9.14 registration of Domain Name. She confirmed the website was built and almost ready to go and gave Cllrs a demonstration. She confirmed that she was unable to speak to Kamal @ Kantara and was reluctant in view of events to send him details. Cllrs agreed the site was user friendly & easy to upload documents and fit for purpose for MTC. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** that GoDaddy.com was cost effective, based in UK and appropriate for MTC needs and to proceed Cllr Walker **Seconded Vote: All in favour Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked Cllr Harding for all her work on the project.**

2. Eastthorpe Gardens – Cllr K Taylor confirmed that she and Cllr Armitage had met and taken photos. She confirmed speaking to David Hudson from Westfield Nurseries who would be happy to provide a quotation and give his opinion on what needs doing. Cllr Lees-Hamilton asked for a tender.
3. 61/2012 Code of Conduct – Cllr Lees- Hamilton **Proposed** to move this item to next meeting Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC201/2013 **Correspondence**

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

1. NALC – **Noted**
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3. YLCA – **Noted**
4. HTF – **Noted**
5. YLCA Referendum Principles – **Noted**
6. Developing Commercialism - **Noted**

MTC202/2013 **Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Nottingham informs Cllrs of the Tow Path clearing event and confirms Community Pay Back & Rotary Club will be volunteering. Cllr J Taylor mentions that he has seen Fly tipping on Crossley Lane. Cllr Pinder reports that food has been dumped in Mirfield Showground and Hurst Lane. CCTV on Hurst Lane is discussed. Cllr Lees-Hamilton informs MTC of a forthcoming meeting she is having with Lady Heton Action Group.

MTC203/2013 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 25th February 2014**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.45pm**.....