



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

M Bolt (Chairman), J Roberts, P Tolson, M Brown, K Taylor, V Lees-Hamilton, M Burton, J Hinchliffe, S Naisbett, S Guy, J Hirst, J Nottingham

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: 2 Residents, Chair of MAGS
Press: None

MTC210/2019 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Mayor Cllr Bolt welcomed Councillors and members of the public. It was confirmed the meeting would not be recorded. Cllr Bolt reported that he had attended 100th birthday celebrations of a local resident and presented her with flowers on behalf of MTC. He also reports attending 868 squadron inspection for the Morris Trophy and wished them luck with their entry.

MTC211/2019 Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: Keith Taylor, M Connell

Cllrs sent apologies and it was resolved that absences were accepted

Cllr Benson & Cllr Ibberson were absent but no apologies received

MTC212/2019 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 Bolt declared an other interest MTC219(3i) Land at Slipper Lane, as his home was nearby

Cllr Brown declared an other interest in Allotments

Cllr Kath Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in Heavy Woollen Planning & Licensing

Cllr Tolson declared an other interest MTC219 2019/90510 living nearby the planning application

MTC213/2019 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 18th February 2020 as a true and correct record including payments of **£13,545.31**. Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read. Cllr Naisbett

Proposed the minutes were a true & correct record Cllr Tolson **Seconded**

Vote: All in favour

MTC214/2019

Matters Arising From The Minutes:

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

1. To receive an update from the Clerk on the breach of Code of Conduct by Cllr Benson which has been referred to Kirklees Monitoring Officer - Clerk reports that she sent a reminder to the Monitoring Officer but has not had a response or update.
2. To receive an update from Cllr Lees-Hamilton on Mirfield Town Council Youth Forum & Community Hub and agree a course of action – Cllr Lees-Hamilton had circulated the action plan, remit & scope by email prior to the meeting, she stated that the remit was to involve 5 Wards with 3 Cllrs taking ownership from each Ward. Cllr Bolt reports that the Community Hub Coordinator role is a sustainable position. He states that he hopes MTC will look favourably at obtaining relevant insignia for Youth Mayor. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC accepts the remit and scope of the MTC Youth Forum Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded**

Vote: All in favour

MTC215/2019

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive information on the following items and decide any action where necessary. Reports to be submitted to Clerk and circulated by email with the agenda. **None Received**

MTC216/2019

Internal Matters:

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

1. To receive a schedule of work for March from River Stewardship Company for Mirfield Riverside Project and agree any action and costs necessary – Clerk had circulated information from RSC by email prior to the meeting. As there was no project schedule for March enclosed in the documents, Cllr Bolt reiterated that the updated agreement had been delegated to the Clerk to check and sign off. Having looked at the project proposal, Cllr Bolt stated that it still did not show the distance for both banks and elements not being paid for by MTC are still showing in the overall distance. He reports that MTC has still not had a response from Kirkburton regarding their element of the project but states that their precept is 50% higher than Mirfield. A resident is present who has been involved in the clean ups and states that she attended a meeting of Mirfield Waterways and they are using local resources to reduce costs. Cllr Bolt states that a letter of support was received from Mirfield Waterways but no invite to the meeting or a monetary contribution offered. Chair of MAGS states that the Japanese Knotweed along the allotment's riverbank has not been treated. Clerk to contact RSC for documents and amend as discussed in meeting 6th February.
2. To consider producing a newsletter for residents to update on MTC activities - Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the Project Team of Cllrs Bolt, Guy, Connell & the Clerk look at producing a newsletter. Any councillors involved in projects need to communicate this to be included in the newsletter Cllr Guy **Seconded** **Vote: All in favour**. Cllr Bolt stated that MTC's first year as a new council was coming to an end and a good time to show residents what it had done. See how successful it is and then look at either quarterly or half yearly newsletters.
3. To discuss Nab Lane Allotment site easement and agree a course of action or any costs regarding the Legal Title, Deed and Land Registry – Documents were circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to delegate to the Clerk to source a solicitor and recover full cost from MAGS. Clerk to liaise with MAGS to release funds

from the allotment account for the easement Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: 11 in favour Cllr Brown having declared an other interest abstained.**

MTC217/2019

PLANNING:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council
2019/94106 – **Noted**
2020/90534 – **Noted**
2020/90510 – **Noted**
2020/90401 – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to support the application as it is trying to improve site lines Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2020/90366 – **Noted**
2020/90264 – **Noted**
Cllr Bolt reported that following MTC comments on Kenmore application regarding a moss wall, Kirklees had responded stating that landscaping would be considered at a later date. Clerk to email the Kirklees officer stating he missed the point of the moss wall, that it was to help absorb omissions and improve air quality not for landscaping.
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council
No Comments/Noted
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications
 - i. **2019/90756/91971/93367/93202/93526/94152** Land at Slipper Lane to receive an update and agree any action or costs necessary – Clerk shows Cllrs via screen photos of the junction layout and pedestrian/cycle path crossings along with a comparison from a Bradford development. Cllrs agree the Bradford junction is far better and safer than the Slipper Lane junction. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** Clerk send a photo to planning of the Bradford Junction and confirm that MTC objects to the current layout due to highway safety as far too close to the junction. Clerk to ask if the junction conforms to the Highway Design Statement and needs highlighting in anti-skip paint Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Cllr Bolt reports that there will be a second-round consultation at Mirfield Community Centre March 17th & 21st by Network Rail. He reports that the bridge over the railway at Colne Bridge/Bogg Green Lane is to be replaced and out of action 6-12mths. Cllrs to inform local businesses. If Network Rail replace, MTC to consider writing to Kirklees & Canal & River Trust to replace the bridge.

MTC218/2019

Correspondence:

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

1. YLCA White Rose Update (For Information) – **Noted**
2. NALC Chief Executive Bulletin (For Information) – **Noted**
3. NALC Spring Conference (For Information) – **Noted**
4. YLCA South Pennine Branch Meeting (For Information) – **Noted**
5. BT Consultation Removal of Phone Boxes (For Information) – **Noted**
6. NALC Study Tour (For Information) – **Noted**

MTC219/2019

Matters for Report and Information:

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

To receive the revised Civic Protocol MTC261/17 – Member of the public is present with knowledge and experience of Civic Protocols. Clerk shows protocols and Mayor Attendance forms on screen. Having previously delegated this to the Clerk & Mayor, it is agreed that the protocols and attendance form be uploaded to the website. Cllr Bolt thanks the resident for his assistance with this.

MTC220/2019 **Public Question Time:**

None

MTC221/2019 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 17th March 2020**

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Annual Town Meeting take place 7th April 2020 Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Annual Town Council Meeting take place 12th May 2020 Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.46pm**.....