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town council

Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 8.15pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: Members Mirfield In Bloom, Representatives from Morbaine Ltd, River Steward

Press: None

MTC57/2019 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Bolt welcomed Cllrs & members of the public. Cllr Bolt reported that judging had taken place over 2 days for Britain In Bloom and the outcome would be notified in September. He thanked members of Mirfield In Bloom for all their hard work and engaging the community.

MTC58/2019 Public Question Time:

None

MTC59/2019 Apologies For Absence

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

Cllrs: M Ibberson, S Benson, V Lees-Hamilton

It was resolved that absences were accepted

MTC60/2019 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 under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Pecuniary Interests.

Cllrs Bolt declared an other interest MTC66(3ii) property close by but not an adjoining property

Cllr K Taylor declared a pecuniary interest Heavy Woollen Planning & Kirklees Licensing

Cllr Tolson declared an other interest MTC63(9) member of Mirfield Team Parish

Cllr Brown declared an other interest in Mirfield Allotments

MTC61/2019 Cllr Bolt resolved to bring forward MTC64 & MTC66(4)
Confirmation of Minutes

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 2nd July 2019 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: 12 in favour** Cllr Keith Taylor abstained as absent from that meeting.

MTC62/2019 **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 Cllr Ibberson on Ambassadors Board and agree any action or costs necessary – Defer as Cllr Ibberson absent.
2. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on Defibrillator Plaques & agree any action or costs – Cllr Guy reported logos had been circulated and agreed. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to delegate future defibrillator match funding to Cllr Guy & Clerk & report expenditure back to MTC Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on Mirfield Water Safety Initiative and agree any action or costs necessary – No update
4. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on Community Warden & agree any action or costs necessary – No update.
5. To receive an update on Community Right to Bid & agree any action or costs necessary – No update.
6. To receive an update on Mirfield Matters Survey Portfolio areas & template and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Connell circulates a template for the portfolio areas, to report back key issues & responsibilities. Templates need to include timescales, when the action was raised and date of close. Cllr Connell **Proposed** to bring templates to first meeting in September. The Cllrs already allocated portfolio areas, to look at liaising with community & groups Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

9.10pm Cllr Burton leaves. It is confirmed that the portfolio areas will have no delegated powers and will have to bring any decision making to MTC. First action to bring portfolio reports to September meeting. Second action look at timescales i.e. Short/medium/long term with a 4 year delivery plan, with most important and easiest fixes. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** amendments to the members of Portfolio areas with initial names of portfolio leads, with the understanding members can support more than 1 area and they may seek to involve the community Cllr Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**

PORTFOLIO	MEMBERS
Living in Mirfield	M Brown, J Hirst
Health Services	M Connell, Jake Hinchliffe
Leisure Facilities	V Lees-Hamilton
Transport	M Bolt
Crime & ASB	S Naisbett, P Tolson
Information & Communication	S Guy, M Connell
Environment	J Roberts, J Nottingham

MTC63/2019 **Finance:**

To approve the following accounts for payment:

JULY		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	July salary	£ 820.27
HMRC	July PAYE	£ 301.11
Clerk L Staggs	Nest Pension July	£ 77.82
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 18.00
Clerk L Staggs	August Salary	£ 794.32
HMRC	August PAYE	£ 283.46
Clerk L Staggs	NEST Pension August	£ 75.04
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 18.00
St Mary's	July Room Hire	£ 42.00
Just Gardens	July Maintenance	£ 80.00
Wild About Gdns	Bankfield Hedges	£ 180.00
James Fletcher	Marquee hire Mirfield Show	£ 7390.94
TOTAL		£ 10,080.96

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** items 1-12 payment en block Cllr Kath Taylor **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour

13. To receive a bank reconciliation to 30/06/19 – **Noted** Cllr Bolt commented that there was a healthy balance due to the prudence of the Conservative Council over the past 4years
14. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget – **Noted**

MTC64/2019

Community

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

1. Cllr Bolt Proposer Cllrs Nottingham & Naisbett Seconders: This Council recognises that the statutory remit of the Environment Agency and canal and River Side Trust with regards to residual detritus blighting our riverbanks is for navigation and flood relief, not for aesthetics. Council accepts that in order to prevent the recurring cycle of rubbish being trapped in the trees and bushes along the banks of the River Calder in Mirfield a different approach is needed. This council therefore resolves to work with the River Stewardship Company, local groups volunteers and individuals to bring forward a programme of professionally overseen clearance and removal together with other measures identified as being beneficial to the Calder Corridor and commits the funding to underwrite such works on the understanding that we will seek financial support as well as support in volunteer time and effort from interested parties. Mirfield Channel Maintenance Proposal Circulated with agenda – Cllr Bolt states that MTC should agree 1) The motion in principle & 2) Financial aspect & profile. Member of River Stewardship reports that after 2015 Boxing Day floods, litter was left along the canal and river side with no statutory duty for anyone to clear it. She believes that if River Stewardship, MTC, Canal & River Trust, Mirfield Marina and other groups come together this can be addressed. 1) Cllrs discuss the principle. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the motion set out above Cllrs Brown, Naisbett & Nottingham **Seconded** **Vote: All in favour.** 2) An estimate of costs totalling £96,840 over a 3 year period is included in the maintenance proposal and Cllrs discuss. River Steward reports that costs are based on sample areas as it is a huge scale as one of the worst rivers affected by litter. Cllrs are concerned at the costs of the

volunteer days, estimated at £15k in the first year. River Steward reports that this is based on 2 salaries/waste disposal & vehicle overheads. She believes the salary costs could be reduced if Safe Anchor Trust could deliver the volunteer sessions. Cllrs state they would like to see monetary support from the names that have pledged support i.e. Kirklees and financial involvement from other businesses along the river like Dr Reddy's and John Cottons. **7.55pm Cllr Hinchliffe arrives.** River steward states that they would involve Riparian landowners. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to set up an Environment Committee, who would identify landowners and engage with them and the community to commit their support. Cllrs Roberts & Nottingham to lead with all Cllrs eligible to join and committee to produce Terms of Reference Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC underwrite Year 1 costs of £50,690, MTC to underwrite on the understanding that they would receive financial and other support from other groups/landowners & businesses. The financial investment to be revisited if support from other groups/businesses is not forthcoming Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
8.03pm Members Mirfield In Bloom & River Steward leave.

MTC65/2019

Correspondence

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

1. YLCA NALC Chief Exec Bulletin – **Noted**
2. YLCA Joint Annual Meeting – **Noted**

MTC66/2019

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
 - 2019/92303 – **Noted**
 - 2019/92204 – **Noted**
 - 2019/92160 – **Noted**
 - 2019/92054 – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:
No Comments/Noted
3. To consider potential controversial applications:
 - i. **2017/94124** Outline application for erection up to 60 dwellings Land at Dunbottle Lane – No update
 - ii. **2019/90756** Land at Slipper Lane – No update
 - iii. Dewsbury Riverside Development – Cllr Brown reports she is assisting with Allotments
 - iv. To receive a presentation from Morbaine Ltd Land Kenmoor Caravans, Huddersfield Rd Outline application with all matters reserved except access, for the demolition of existing buildings an erection of Class A1 retail unit, together with access, car parking, servicing, landscaping and associated works – 2 representatives from Morbaine Ltd are in attendance and give a presentation of the application to MTC. They report that the proposal is for a 20,000 sq ft retail outlet with 101 car park spaces, single occupancy and a build of 12 months. Cllrs discuss at length with Morbaine Ltd, who state they are happy to attend future consultations as are Kenmoor. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** MTC submits the following comments to Kirklees: MTC recognises that Kenmoor Caravans business remit has changed, requiring smaller premises. However, MTC has concerns for the following and reserves final comment until it has received answers from Kirklees on these points. MTC has concerns

on the impact to highways, especially the locality of the application from Doctor Lane and the right turn on to Huddersfield Road. Also, MTC are concerned on the right turn exit from the development on to Huddersfield Road due to the amount of traffic that passes along this highway. MTC has concerns for residents accessing the site as there is limited crossing facilities along this stretch of road with a vast number of elderly residents and young children living locally, MTC feels that any development would benefit from Pelican Crossing. MTC also has concerns regarding the locality of the River Calder and any pollution from the development and also air pollution from additional vehicles during construction. MTC would have liked to have seen a Master Plan of the site with possibility of dual use ie. Small office space and the impact the development will have on the neighbouring residential properties. Finally, MTC would like to see electric car charging points within any retail development in Mirfield Cllr Hinchliffe **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
8.57pm Morbaine Representatives leave.

MTC67/2019

Matters for Report and Information

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

1. To note the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting – **Noted**
Cllr Guy reports he attended Centenary Parade for Treaty of Versailles in Leeds as RBL Standard Bearer along with a local cadet who was companion to Lord Lieutenant and a local Cornet player.

MTC68/2019

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 3rd September 2019**
Time Meeting Closed.....**9.15pm**.....