



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

M Connell (Chairman), S Naisbett (Deputy), J Roberts, D Hirst, S Guy, M Bolt, M Sullivan, J Hirst, M Brown, V Lees-Hamilton, B Harrison, Itrat Ali

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: 1 x Resident, 1 x Member Friends of Mirfield Library

Press: None

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Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Connell welcomed Cllrs and members of the public. He wished the Clerk Happy Birthday and reported that he had attended Morley Charity Dinner, which was a very pleasant evening and thanked them for the invitation.

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Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs Imran Ali & M Hamilton sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
 2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
- Cllr Hinchliffe & Cllr Tolson were absent but did not send apologies

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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 Guy declared an **other** interest MTC174

Cllr Sullivan declared an interest MTC173(7) part 2 member MAGS

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Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 3rd April 2024 including payments of Nil Cllr Bolt Proposed the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All 10 in favour Cllrs Sullivan & Guy abstained**

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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 Mirfield Library and decide any action necessary – Cllrs discuss the information pack that was sent by Library Services, Cllrs all agree Friends group want to run events not run a business and apply for grants. A member is present and confirms that they have not had the information pack and the group is not considering an asset transfer, the volunteers do not have the skill set nor the wish to run a library. Out of the 8 libraries, 25% of them have said no to community led library so far and Cllrs still cannot see where the savings will be made. Cllrs discuss the state of the building and agree that nobody would take on a building in disrepair and as the current cost and condition were redacted, Cllrs do not know the costs. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk email Kirklees and confirm a discussion regarding asset transfer has taken place, the Friends group are not interested in an asset transfer, MTC may look at this, depending on the costs and condition of the building. MTC remain open to discussions Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update on Planning Application 2023/93539 at location Land adj, Ledgard Bridge Mill, Back Station Road, Mirfield, WF14 8NZ and decide any action necessary – Clerk updates
3. To receive an update on appointing Planning Consultant and discuss future potential controversial developments and decide any action necessary – Clerk reports that she has spoken to a Planning Consultant who will hopefully have an update next week. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to delegate to the Clerk to appoint a consultant to move this forward Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To receive an update on Lamppost Banners and decide any action necessary – Clerk reports that following the payment of the Mirfield Remembers banners, payment is now coming though again from the revenue for the sale of the space through CP Media. She asked if Cllrs wanted to consider banners for D-day 80. Cllrs discuss and ask Clerk to find out if any Mirfield Remembers banners were stored when removed. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** Clerk obtains quotes for D-day banners that can be used in future years if 80 is omitted Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. To agree Clerk April Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk Working Allowance April by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC April PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Clerk April pension contributions by D/D
5. To agree Trinity Methodist April Room Hire by Bacs £80.00
6. To agree Able Gardens April Maintenance by Bacs £110.00 (Increase)
7. To agree James Fletcher Marquee Mirfield Show Deposit by Bacs £2331.07
8. To agree First Impressions Hanging Baskets by Bacs £1934.40
9. To agree YLCA Annual Membership Fee by Bacs £2021.00
10. To agree Npower Christmas Lights by Bacs £472.57
11. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 29/02/24
12. To receive Monthly Budget to 29/02/24
13. To receive Bank Reconciliation 31/03/24
14. To receive Monthly Budget 31/03/24

To note the following paid under Clerk's delegated powers due to no March financial meeting

1. To note Clerk's March Salary, Working Allowance & Pension
2. To note HMRC March PAYE payment
3. To note Bradford Festival Lighting Christmas Lights £13,410.00
4. To note Kirkwells Ltd Neighbourhood Plan consultancy invoice £2774.40
5. To note Able Gardens March maintenance £90.00
6. To note Trinity Methodist March Room Hire £40.00
7. To note Williams & Co Fees Allotment Lease £1440.00
8. To note Kirkwells Ltd NP consultancy invoice £2080.80
9. To note Spirul Ltd NP Leaflets £2041.80
10. To note MCC Room Hire NP £30.00

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to pay items 1-10 en bloc & note items 11-14 & items 1-10 under Clerk's delegation Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted -Trinity Children's Centre Replacement H-vis vests £1000. Documents circulated prior to the meeting – A member of the trustees is present and explains that for safeguarding issues hi-vis vests & coats are required for staff to wear so they are visible and for children when out in community. She states they are not for profit and currently the cheapest childcare in Mirfield and struggling to break even. Vests for every age group are required which is quite expensive. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC approve the grant for £1000 & the group to have the town council logo printed on the vests Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Internal Matters:

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

1. To discuss a course of action and any costs involved for D-day 80 Anniversary celebrations including but not limited to implementation/lighting of a beacon and the purchase of a Flag of Peace – Clerk states that D-day 80 is only several weeks away and as no Armistice meeting, Cllrs need to consider what they want to do for D-day 80. Cllrs discuss various things. Cllr Connell states that local farmer has said he will let us use the field on Crossley Lane, he will double check this. Clerk confirms she emailed Lieutenancy in January but will chase. Lamppost banners discussed above. Cllr Naisbett will check with local singer to see if she can attend and sing 40's songs on the day and look into obtaining fairground rides. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk orders the Flag of Peace Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To discuss & decide a recipient for a Civic Award - The Mayor Cllr Connell would like to discuss and agree a recipient for a Civic Award in recognition of their exceptional service to Mirfield – Cllr Connell states that he wishes to give a Civic Award to a member of the business community who is also a member of Mirfield Show committee. The recipient has been on the Mirfield Show committee for 27 years and part of the business community for over 40 years and he wishes to acknowledge him with an award. Cllrs discuss and Cllr Bolt **Proposed** that he be awarded Honorary Freeman of Mirfield Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to prepare a special agenda for this prior to the start of the Annual Town Council meeting.

Clerk asked if she could order Civic Award Badges and Honorary Freeman badges so that there was a stock for these occasions. Cllr Bolt Proposed the Clerk sources a quote and orders the badges Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Community:

To receive an update/discuss/note on the following items:

1. To discuss the current proposal by Kirklees Council to implement Parking Charges in currently free car parks and decide a course of action (Requested by Cllr Bolt). Notice of Proposals, Statement of Reasons & off-street parking places no. 1 order 2024 circulated prior to the meeting – Cllrs discuss the timing of the intended charges being close to local elections Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk contacts YLCA to ask their advice if this breaches Purdah rules by influencing elections Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllrs discuss the possibility of appointing a planning consultant used by either Save Mirfield or GLAAG. Money raised from parking charges can only be used for transport purposes, Cllrs want this money spent in Mirfield if it goes ahead.

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Public Question Time:

None

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The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st May 2024.

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.36pm**.....