



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 11th March 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, A Mapplebeck, A white

In Attendance:

Administrator: Lisa Staggs

Public: D Aveyard, Peter Morgan, Martin Connell, Donal O'Driscoll & Members Project Mirfield

Press: Richard Mirfield Reporter

MTC219/2013 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone in attendance

MTC220/2013 Public Question Time:

Darren Aveyard asks if any Cllrs will be attending Heavy Woollen Planning Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that she will be.

MTC221/2013 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, C Walker, K Taylor, J Taylor

MTC222/2013 Declaration of Interest

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda.

Cllr D Pinder – Royal British Legion & Mirfield Community Partnership

Cllr S Harding – Tax Assist, Mirfield

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders to hear MTC 226 Item 4 & MTC225 Item 5 respectively Cllr Pinder

Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC223/2013 Confirmation of Minutes

i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 25th February 2014 as a true and correct record including payments of £553.12

Cllr Pinder **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct

record Cllr T Hirst **Seconded Vote: 8 in favour Cllr Harding**

Abstained

- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.
Cllr Lees-Hamilton states she will check the location of the Grit Bins on Bracken Close with a view to moving one of them.
MTC216 Knowl House Cllr Lees-Hamilton states she has not yet found a solicitor but reports that Mirfield Reporter were told by Kirklees that Knowl House was not for sale.

MTC224/2013

Worksheet of Decisions

To consider and receive information to update

1. Code of Conduct – Defer
2. Declaration of Interest – Remove from agenda
3. Car Park Survey – Cllr Lees- Hamilton **Proposed** that MTC invite cabinet member to ask what support MTC would get if MTC proposed a levy on the library car park Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC225/2013

Planning

1. To consider *planning applications received from Kirklees Council. **2014/90505 Cllr Lees-Hamilton reported that anti-social behaviour on the footpaths had resulted in this decision and had the full support of the tenants & residents association Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed MTC support this application Cllr White Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To consider * planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council **No Comments/Noted**
3. Mirfield Moor – Planning application submitted for B1c, B2, B8 and planning for 166 dwellings. Plan not uploaded on website at the time of meeting therefore Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to put on the next agenda as a full item Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. Lady Heton Action Group – Peter Morgan informs MTC of the flaw in BE12 policy he confirms that Kirklees Internal Guidance document is not a clarification but a fundamental change that impacts on both existing residents and new residents and is looking to MTC for full support. Cllr Lees-Hamilton asks Cllr Harding & Cllr Nottingham who were absent from last meeting if they will support LHAG. Both Cllrs agree they will support this. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that if BE12 is left as is, a terracing effect may happen Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC inform Kirklees that it condemns the doubt surrounding the BE12 clarification and after closer examination it appears BE12 in the Internal Guidance Document is a material amendment and MTC demands that this document is rescinded forthwith Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Peter Morgan confirms his appreciation for the backing from MTC with this and other builds Cllr Lees-Hamilton states MTC are happy to back this and states it has been a pleasure working with LHAG who have been proactive and diligent. LHAG leave at 8.10pm.
Cllr Pinder Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr J Hirst Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC226/2013

Mirfield Matters:

To receive information (if available) on the following items and decide

any action where necessary

1. Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reads an email sent from Cllr Bolt regarding the payment of the Cleaning Invoices she also confirms that the toilets were not cleaned on 4th, 6th, 7th & 8th March to her knowledge and the disabled toilet has still not been cleaned. She also states that additional keys need cutting. Cllr Nottingham asks about possible graffiti and Cllr Lees-Hamilton states she has had a conversation with Churches Together Outreach Worker regarding a ‘Mural’ of Graffiti Art in the toilets and that they are very interested. She states that although the cleaning has been inappropriate MTC has allowed it to continue. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC welcome Cllr Bolt’s initiative and that Cllr Bolt pursue this with all despatch Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cllr Pinder confirms that the padlocks for the Ladies Toilets need replacing. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC authorise Cllr Pinder to get estimates for padlocks and proceed with the cutting of additional keys and to instruct Elaine Ellis to cease cleaning and Tracy at Well Polished to commence **Cllr White Seconded Vote: All in favour** Administrator confirms that the invoice for 2014/2015 Business Rates has arrived and is for NIL.
2. Hanging Baskets – Defer until Cllr K Taylor present
3. Health & Safety Paperboys/Girls – No response from H & S Executive item deferred
4. Donal O’Driscoll Mirfield Music Festival – Donal gives MTC a brief outline of past events he has organised. He confirms that he has lots of bands lined up for Mirfield and would like Brian Robinson to open with the link of the Tour De France. He confirms that he has applied for a Premises Licence from 12.00 noon – 10.30pm Sunday 25th May. He confirms it will be both a ‘Family’ Festival and well stewarded and that Kirklees Hospice will be the beneficiary charity. He states that ticket sales have been slow to start but picking up, he confirms that he needs to turnover £36k in total, but hopes much of this will be in sales of alcohol and soft drinks. Cllr Pinder asks about the licence. Donal informs MTC that the licence will be from Friday-Sunday, but only intends to sell alcohol during the hours he has mentioned and that there will be a team of cleaners for the end and bin liners available during the festival. Cllrs ask if there will be a police presence and road safety i.e. people congregating by the wall. Donal states he will be informing the police but as it is stewarded, would not expect a police presence. He also confirms that the fair rides and children’s activities will line the perimeter wall, so this will obscure viewing from the roadside. Cllr Lees-Hamilton comments that this is well thought out and will be a good event for Families and the young people of Mirfield and thanks Donal for his presentation.
Donal leaves at 8.00pm

MTC227/2013

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To accept updates(if received) and decide any action where necessary

MTC228/2013

Internal Matters:

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

1. Civic Service – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that this has all been booked for 6th April at 3.00pm and invites gone out to relevant groups and individuals Cllrs to arrive no later than 2.45pm
2. Budget Headings – Cllr Lees- Hamilton **Proposed** to keep budget headings as per previous year as enough allocated to regeneration for Public Toilets and as not over or under spent from last year's headings no need to amend Cllr T Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. Website- Cllr Harding confirms that Kirklees do not use Kantara for hosting and that she still cannot get in touch with Kantara. Cllr T Hirst confirms that he does not receive emails at his MTC.gov account but is happy to receive them via his personal email – Defer to next meeting
4. Kirklees European Election – Confirm MTC happy to offer premises for election

MTC229/2013

Correspondence

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

1. YLCA – Consultation on openness of Local Government bodies Regs 2014 – **NOTED**
2. Rural Action Yorkshire –**NOTED**
3. NALC 2014 Events – **NOTED**
4. Creative Arts Hub Workshops – **NOTED**
5. Fields In Trust Newsletter – **NOTED**
6. YLCA White Rose Update -**NOTED**

MTC230/2013

Matters for Report and Information

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

Cllr Nottingham reports that the Towpath clearance was a success with a good turnout and 14 bin liners of rubbish collected. Cllr Pinder states that the Yorkshire Regiment celebrating its centenary will hopefully send a detachment to march at the Remembrance Parade. He confirms that North England Poppy Appeal raised over £2m. Cllr T Hirst confirms that the MTC agenda was displayed on a social media site and received unnecessary scrutiny he states that this particular page is not MTC online news page and shouldn't be used as such.

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The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

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

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.20pm**.....