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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), P Tolson, J Roberts, M Sullivan, K Taylor, J Nottingham, M Connell, M Brown, J Hirst

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: Members Men's Talk Performance, I Ali

Press: None

MTC134/2022 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed Cllrs & members of the public to the meeting

MTC135/2022 Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs Kath Taylor, M Burton & J Hinchliffe have a leave of absence & Cllrs Bolt, Guy & Naisbett sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Connell **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Brown

Seconded Vote: All in favour

2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Connell **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Brown **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**

Cllr Mallinson was absent but did not send apologies in time.

MTC136/2022 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.

None pertaining to the agenda

Cllr Lees-Hamilton resolved to bring forward MTC139

MTC137/2022 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 15th February 2023 including payments of **£668.25 plus Clerk Salary, pension & HMRC**. Cllr Nottingham **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: 7 in favour Cllrs Sullivan and Taylor Abstained as they were absent from the meeting**

MTC138/2022 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 Naisbett on Christmas Lights 2023 and decide any action necessary – In the absence of Cllr Naisbett, Clerk reports that Cllr Naisbett will be visiting Bradford Festival Lighting on Thursday to carry out an inventory on the lights
2. To receive an update from Cllr Connell on Lamppost Banners and decide any action necessary – Cllr Connell reports that the Clerk has invoiced for Nov, Dec & Jan and that having queried the October payment, CP Media have agreed a part month payment of £188. Cllr Connell reports CP Media had started from 1st November as a clean start, but he states the money is better in the pocket of MTC.
3. To receive an update on Mirfield Library and agree any action necessary – No update but Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that at the Kirklees meeting there was an endorsement for keeping library services.
4. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on Queen's Green Canopy tree planting in Ings Grove – In the absence of Cllr Naisbett, Clerk reports that the plaque has been finished and is with the cage supplier for attaching and that Cllr Naisbett will contact T Grace this week to order a tree.
5. To receive an update on Community Recognition and decide any action necessary – Clerk updates on her investigations regarding the recognition. It was resolved to convene a special meeting at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15th March prior to the Full Council Meeting at 7.30pm and exercise its powers under Section 249(5) and (6) of the Local Government Act 1972.
6. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on installation of Jubilee benches and agree any action necessary – In the absence of Cllr Naisbett, Clerk reported that Cllr Naisbett was meeting with the contractor on Friday to look at the proposed sites and obtaining a cost for installation. Clerk confirms bench at Sunnybank was installed by Haigh's in goodwill. MTC thank Haigh's for their kind contribution.

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Community:

To receive an update/discuss/note the following items

1. To receive a presentation on Men's Talk Performance & Suicide Memorial Quilt Roadshow June 2023 and decide any action necessary – Sharni from Kirklees and Stuart from Community Links are present. Sharni reports that the Suicide Memorial Quilt will be taken on the roadshow throughout Kirklees, the quilt is made up of sections that bereaved families have made with a memory or personal item. There will be workshops throughout June with a Men's Talk Performance also taking place on the roadshow, in the hope of preventing, educating and breaking the stigma around suicide & suicide prevention, with coping strategies and early interventions. Sharni reports that there is a lot of self-harm in care homes, mostly brought on by isolation, that she is wanting to address and is looking at a project for the elderly generation she is also looking into support for minority communities, where often language is a barrier. Leeds Mind will also be on the roadshow and a University health & Wellbeing mobile clinic. Stuart reports that Clear is an adult based recovery group and referral service with lots of activities and coping strategies. He states that 75% of suicides are men and it is the largest killer in men under 55. They can also assist with Suicide Prevention training. Sharni states that isolation and loneliness play a huge part and that anyone suffering can be signposted to the crisis team at Kirklees, anyone can access support. Cllrs ask if there are any statistics of suicides within the town that can be shared, where there may be clusters and then look at cluster support groups. Cllr Brown **Proposed** to support the roadshow and hold one in the town for Mirfield residents to attend Cllr Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Sharni confirms that she has pencilled in Tuesday 27th June for Mirfield. Clerk to source a venue.

8.21pm Sharni & Stuart leave.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton resolved to reinstate standing orders after a 5-minute comfort break.

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Internal Matters:

To receive information on the following and decide any action necessary

1. To agree the date for the Annual Town & Annual Town Council Meeting – Clerk reports that it is good practice to hold the meeting no earlier than 9th May, she recommends Wednesday 10th May 2023. Cllr Brown **Proposed** to accept the Clerk recommendation and set the Annual Town & Annual Town Council meeting on Wednesday 10th May 2023 Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To discuss the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend commencing 5th May 2023 and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllrs discuss the upcoming Coronation weekend. Clerk confirms the revenue from the lamppost banners and Cllrs discuss installing Coronation banners and bunting. Cllr Connell **Proposed** to purchase Coronation lamppost banners from the revenue from CP Media and purchase bunting for the high street Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Connell to contact CP Media for costs, Clerk to look at costs for bunting, flags and a council seal. Cllrs discuss whether to facilitate events or offer grants to groups providing events as per the Jubilee. Cllr Connell **Proposed** MTC set a maximum of £500 per grant, abiding by grant criteria Cllr Sullivan **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk recommends that a maximum amount is set aside for Coronation grants from the Grants budget heading. Cllr Connell **Proposed** to set a maximum amount of £2000 Cllr Sullivan **Seconded**, Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated this was not enough and **Proposed** to amend the motion from £2000 to £3000 maximum Cllr Tolson **Seconded**. With a proposal and an amendment, Cllrs voted. Cllr Connells Proposal received 3 votes in favour & 6 against, Cllr Lees-Hamilton amendment to the proposal received 6 votes in favour and 3 against **Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposal to amend to a maximum limit of £3000 for Coronation Grants Secoded by Cllr Tolson was carried.**

Clerk to upload details to website and state first come first served basis.

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Public Question Time:

NONE

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The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Special Meeting: Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.00pm

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Time Meeting Closed.....**9.00pm**.....