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## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm

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

### **Councillors Present:**

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

### **In Attendance:**

Clerk: Lisa Staggs  
Public: None  
Press: None

### **MTC133/2019 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Bolt welcomed Cllrs It was confirmed that there was no intention to record the meeting. Cllr Bolt reports that at a youth football match, the Mirfield team wore Poppy's which shows young people are engaging with the Poppy Appeal. He thanked Cllrs who attended the Remembrance Parade and reported that the Deputy Lord Lieutenant had attended and was impressed by the parade. He also reports that local schools and bands attended the Armistice Day Service on 11/11/19.

### **MTC134/2019 Apologies For Absence**

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

**Cllrs:** P Tolson, Cllr M Ibberson

**Cllr Tolson sent apologies & it was resolved the absence was accepted**

Cllr Ibberson has an extended leave of absence.

### **MTC135/2019 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 MTC143(3i) property close by but not an adjoining property

Cllr Brown declared an other interest in Mirfield Allotments

Cllr Benson declared a pecuniary interest MTC143(3i) employed by the developer

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

Cllr Hinchliffe declared a pecuniary interest MTC143

**MTC136/2019**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**. Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC137/2019**

**Matters Arising From The Minutes:**

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

1. To receive an update on Mirfield Riverside Project from Cllrs Roberts & Cllr Nottingham – Cllr Roberts gives a full report on the project so far. He reports that some of the costs have been reduced as the riparian owners along the riverbank have paid for the Knotweed treatment. Clerk reports that Kirkburton PC will consider funding their area of riverbank in February. Cllr Roberts reports Canal & River Trust in support but have not offered any financial backing. Cllrs are in agreement to use Mirfield precept for Mirfield and not other wards. Concentrate on Mirfield & publicise and await advices from Kirkburton PC & Canal & River Trust. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** that MTC delete the Litter, Debris & routine tree Stewardship days on the quotation to the value of £6000 as Cllrs fear the winter weather would undo any work undertaken. Leave until Spring in line with Mirfield In Bloom. Leave the area bordering Kirkburton Parish until a decision from them has been received. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the quotations are sent to the Clerk for publication on the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting agenda. Therefore, the quotation is to be received by the Clerk no later than the Tuesday prior to the meeting so that this can be viewed and added to the agenda for agreement at council Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on Christmas Light Switch On and agree and action or costs necessary – Cllr Naisbett reports that the posters have been designed and have been circulated around the town. He reports the Library is fully booked for the craft stalls & refreshments and that the Shop Window competition has been put out on social media. The fun fair will be open from Noon on 1<sup>st</sup> and the stage will have live music and entertainment from 2.00pm-6.00pm with Switch On at 6.00pm. Clerk to email Kirklees for a date for implementation of Christmas Tree in front of the library.

**MTC138/2019**

**Finance:**

To approve the following accounts for payment:

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk L Staggs	November salary	£ 783.62
HMRC	November PAYE	£ 275.99
Clerk L Staggs	Nest Pension October	£ 73.88
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 18.00
St Mary's	November Room Hire	£ 42.00
Just Gardens	November Maintenance	£ 40.00
Ben Hardcastle	Christmas Lights	£ 5995.00
Wild About	Bankfield Hedges	£ 180.00

Gardens River Stewardship	Knotweed Treatment	£ 3468.00
EJ Events	VE75 Event	£ 2768.06
EJ Events	VE75 Flyers	£ 94.00
Newton Flags	West Riding Flag	£ 168.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 13,906.49</b>

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

13. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/10/19 – Noted

14. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget – Noted

**MTC139/2019**

**Grant Applications:**

1. To consider grant applications submitted: Mirfield In Bloom – Defer December meeting. Cllr Bolt states the group are wanting £15k which equates to £2.25 per household. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states this is value for money considering the litter picks and the work that is done by Mirfield In Bloom around the town.

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

**MTC140/2019**

**Internal Matters:**

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

1. To discuss the following motion Proposed By Cllr Bolt Seconded by Cllr Keith Taylor: This Council recognises the benefits to the community of the Mirfield Sporting Honours board on display in the Library. This ensured that sporting achievement was preserved and promoted as recognition for the athlete, as inspiration to future generations and to promote all that is best in Mirfield. Since the demise of the Mirfield Sports Council there have been no additions to the board and this is a loss to the town. This Council therefore resolves to investigate what criteria was previously used for recognition and inclusion on the board, and to form an invigilation and ratification body to ensure that the board is updated annually - Cllr Bolt reports that following the demise of the Sports Council the board in the Library has not been updated for some time. MTC to set up a Sporting Honours similar to the Ambassador awards. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Cllr Keith Taylor take the lead and work with local sports groups, continue investigations and contact local groups and report back to MTC Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2. To discuss the delegation of Lamp Post Banners by Kirklees to MTC and to decide a procedure and framework including costings/administration & materials – Cllr Bolt reports that the larger lamp post brackets were paid for by the Area Committee, Kirklees rolled out the installation of banners and gave to an advertising company. This is an opportunity for Mirfield to showcase business and community groups. A stock check of the brackets is required and ask Kirklees to check if they are fit for purpose. Cllr Connell to contact sales companies to find out cost per banner and possibly set up new email for orders. Look at charging a set fee for businesses and possibly free for community groups.

**MTC141/2019**

**Community:**

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

1. To receive an update on Mirfield Matters Survey Portfolio areas and agree

any action or costs necessary – No updates

## MTC142/2019

### Correspondence

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

1. NALC Chief Exec Bulletin (For Information) – **Noted**
2. YLCA NALC Guide to tackling loneliness (For Information) – **Noted**
3. YLCA Important Consultation for Parish Sector (For Information) – **Noted**
4. YLCA
5. NALC & YLCA Membership Subscription Fees (For Information) – **Noted**
6. YLCA White Rose Update (For Information) – **Noted**

## MTC143/2019

### Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2019/93660 & 2019/93659 Land off Fox Royd Drive & Land off Kitson Hill Crescent – Cllrs view the planning applications. Cllrs are concerned how many houses the current track (adopted courtyard) at Kitson Hill Crescent is serving as this is a driveway and not a highway. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC send the following holding objection to Kirklees. MTC object to the 2 developments on the grounds of access/design/sustainability & impact in addition object to Land off Kitson Hill Crescent relating to how many houses are currently using the access track as this is not a highway and to email Chief Executive, Strategic Director & Cllr Scott asking what safeguards are there for the occupants of the dwellings and asking what designs are in place for any loss of mobility or extra care living. Clerk to add a date for a response Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Cllr Naisbett **Seconded**

**Vote: All in favour**

**8.37pm Cllr Burton leaves.**

2019/93663 – **Noted**

2019/93528 – **Noted**

2019/93594 – **Noted**

2019/93211 – **Noted**

2019/93590 – **Noted**

2019/93645 – **Noted**

2019/93645 – **Noted**

2019/93587 – **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:

**No Comments/Noted**

3. To consider potential controversial/controversial applications:
  - i. **2019/90756/91971/93367/93202/93526** Land at Slipper Lane – 8.47pm Cllr Benson leaves the room. Cllr Bolt reports that road lays are out until after 1.00am. Roadworks at A62 in suspension. He reports that water mains are not phased and that all utilities should have been laid and completed before units occupied. Kirklees are allowing technical breaches of planning regulations and are not enforcing planning conditions that are not been carried out. He reports Taylor Wimpey have drained the basin and they are looking at a direct drainage system. Clerk to invite Kirklees officers to a future meeting to give an overview of planning enforcement and 106 policies.
  - ii. **2017/94124** Land at Dunbottle Lane – Clerk reports that she has emailed Chief Exec & Strategic Director for a meeting to discuss options. Strategic director emailed to say that a meeting may not be required but will confirm further details. Cllrs agree a meeting is

required.

iii. Dewsbury Riverside Development – No update

**MTC144/2019**

**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 Steering Group - **Noted**

**MTC145/2019**

**The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.05pm**.....