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town council

Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), M Bolt, S Naisbett, P Tolson, J Roberts, J Hirst, M Connell, J Nottingham, M Connell, M Sullivan, M Brown

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: Member Upper Hopton Cricket Club

Press: None

MTC17/2022

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Mayor Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports attending a meeting with Cllr Naisbett, local MP & Kirklees on anti-social behaviour & break ins. She reports gaps in CCTV and encourages Cllrs to attend a future meeting at CCTV control centre. There is a need to maintain the CCTV and identify the gaps. Kirklees were previously asked to use Section 106 monies unallocated to increase CCTV but this has been placed in an unallocated housing pot. MTC to look at holding a meeting and invite Mayor of West Yorkshire, Deputy Mayor of policing & cabinet member for town centres, potentially Salvation Army as a venue. Clerk to look into securing the venue under delegated powers.

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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 Kath Taylor, M Burton & J Hinchliffe have a leave of absence & Cllrs Mallinson & Keith Taylor sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Guy **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Guy **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**

MTC19/2022

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.

Cllr Guy declared an other interest MTC21/2022(1)

Cllr Naisbett declared a pecuniary interest MTC23/2022(3)

MTC20/2022

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting of 4th May 2022

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including payments of £6898.39. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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 agree any action necessary – Clerk reports that despite sending email reminders she has not had confirmation from Kirklees to attend.
2. To receive a report from Cllrs Naisbett & Connell on lamppost survey – Cllr Connell confirms that the spreadsheet is complete and he will email to the Clerk. Clerk reports that she contacted Kirklees Street Lighting to ask for a survey on the lampposts along Huddersfield Rd but this had not been forthcoming from Kirklees.
3. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on Falklands Memorial Service and agree the costs from Mirfield Team Parish of the organist & refreshments totalling £105.00 – Cllr Guy reports that Wednesday 25th May is the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands War. A Mirfield man lost his life on HMS Coventry and some of his family members will be present at the service. The costs for the organist £95 are over and above his normal duties and these will be charged by him to Mirfield Team Parish. In addition, refreshments will be served at a cost of £10. The memorial service commences at 7.30pm at St Mary's. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC reimburses Mirfield Team Parish £105.00 for the organist & refreshments Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment:

1. To agree Clerk May Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk Working Allowance by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC May PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Trinity Methodist May Room Hire £60 by Bacs
5. To agree Able Gardens April Maintenance £90 by Bacs
6. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 30/04/22 - Noted
7. To receive Monthly budget – **Noted**

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to pay items 1- 5 en bloc Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Internal Matters:

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

1. To consider purchase of one Bespoke Jubilee Bench at £1650 + VAT + Delivery and agree any action necessary – Clerk reports that the company providing the 5 ward Jubilee benches make a Bespoke bench and invited Cllrs to discuss the purchase and location. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC purchase one Bespoke Jubilee bench and locate it in Ings Grove Park & delegate the Clerk to source a contractor to install all 6 benches & associated works Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To agree & approve payment of Mayor's remuneration for 2022/2023 year of £1000 – Cllrs discuss possible increases due to rising fuel costs but Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that invitations have decreased since Covid and £1000 is adequate and is the amount allocated in the budget. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to approve the £1000 payment for 2022/2023 Mayor remuneration Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To receive an update from Cllr Lees-Hamilton on a joint venture with GLAAG on a road safety campaign and agree the purchase of signage to assist with this, to a maximum of £200 on a 50/50 basis – Cllr Naisbett left the room having declared a pecuniary interest. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that in October 2019 speed trips were introduced along Steanard Lane, which

reported a 38.9mph average speed in the residential area, the area of the Hungry Horse pub, and by Doctor Reddys. GLAAG have become Granny Lane Road Safety Group and are looking to erect Road Safety signage. An online petition has been set up and Cllr Lees-Hamilton urges councillors to sign it. She reports that the company producing the correx signs have donated 12 for free, GLAAG have some minor funds remaining and looking to purchase more signage. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC fully fund the cost of the signage as road & public safety is a core responsibility of the council Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to send MTC logo to GLRSG for the signage. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that this signage could be placed in other areas of Mirfield. She confirms she will keep pushing for a 20mph zone on Steanard Lane.
Cllr Naisbett returns.

MTC24/2022

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: Upper Hopton CC removal of old and installation on new playing surface – Grant application form and accompanying documents circulated prior to the meeting. UHCC member reports that the club has been at Jackroyd Lane for 60 years and in force for 120 years. The original square is 60 years old; the club has spent funds on improving drainage, fencing and seating areas and the drainage has highlighted how bad the square is and unsafe for Junior players. It is not feasible to do strip by strip or half and half. Work will begin in September. UHCC are looking for a grant of £2500 from MTC, £1000 from Mirfield Educational Charity and to fundraise the balance. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC underwrite the full amount of £10,000 plus VAT and UHCC best endeavours to raise the balance in fundraising and possible grant. Invoice to be sent to MTC to recover VAT element Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Funds to be taken from Regeneration budget.

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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 15th June 2022**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.10pm**.....