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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

M Connell (Deputy), M Bolt, P Tolson, J Roberts, J Hirst, J Nottingham, M Sullivan

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: 1 x members MAGS, S Moore City Fibre

Press: None

MTC40/2022

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Deputy Mayor Cllr Connell welcomed Councillors and members of the public to his first chaired meeting. He reported that in Cllr Lees-Hamilton absence he had attended the 868 Sqn presentation which was a fantastic experience seeing 40 young cadets, with the sqn growing. They were showing skills and D of E achievements. Sqn leader P Doubell was celebrating 44 years. He also reported attending the Choral Society event alongside the Mayor of Kirklees, which was an enjoyable evening. In addition, he was attending the judging of MIB on Thursday & Friday for Yorkshire In Bloom. Cllr Bolt stated it was good to see civic events starting up and meeting groups. Clerk to draft a thank you letter to send to various groups to thank them for the invitations.

MTC41/2022

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 Lees-Hamilton, Naisbett, Taylor, Mallinson, Brown & Guy have sent apologies Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – All Cllrs sent a reason for absence Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Hirst **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**

MTC42/2022

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 Sullivan declared a pecuniary interest in MAGS

MTC43/2022

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 15th June 2022 including payments of £1532.39 plus Clerk Salary, HMRC & Working Allowance

MTC44/2022

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Nottingham **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 – No update
2. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on Christmas Lights – Cllr Naisbett had circulated an update via email as he was absent. Cllr Connell reports the working party held a productive meeting and actions were put in place. Cllr Taylor to contact businesses and ask if they are interested and what they would like to see from the switch on. Cllr Roberts to try contact D Exley. Cllr Connell states they will try to utilise the lampposts for power points. Cllr Bolt reminds Cllrs that the remit was to establish a working party and liaise with the community. Cllr Connell states that a working party has been set up and had a meeting which was a fact-finding exercise and Cllrs brought different ideas to the table. Cllr Bolt states that after the negative feedback last year on social media, MTC need to liaise with the public. Clerk confirms with Cllr Bolt that a post was put on Mirfield Matters and she confirms that she will put a further post on the Mirfield TC Facebook page to try engage the public. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the working party produce a report for the next meeting including any costings, events, contractor details and any additional lighting requirements, engage with shopkeepers and businesses and sign off before recess Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To receive an update Cllr Connell on lamppost banners & brackets – Cllr Connell reports a telephone conversation with Impact Education as a banner was loose. He met with CP Media who have agreed there is a potential for a commercial partnership to sell advertising space with 50/50 revenue split. CP Media to attend a future meeting to do a presentation.

MTC45/2022

Community:

To receive information on the following and decide any action necessary

1. To receive a presentation from City Fibre and agree any action necessary – S Moore is in attendance to update MTC. He states there are 2 issues to discuss the Why and How. City Fibre are the 2nd largest wholesale provider in the ground with 200 – 300 meg download and 2 cables-internet/phone. Last 5 years 100% of UK homes were copper cabling, now changing to fibre optic. During the pandemic the need for a fast broadband was required with 10M using Zoom pre-pandemic and 300M using during pandemic. Kirklees started pre-pandemic using City Fibre and City Fibre are supplying 8 million homes in the UK. The government want to see broadband pillar policy by 2025 which is the largest civil engineering project in the UK. The govt originally wanted this to 100% of homes by 2025 but have dropped to 85%, BT-City-Virgin. This will unlock lots of benefits in different areas for health services, schools and care services etc. 80,000 homes within Kirklees will have City Fibre with 2 digital exchanges, with 480 homes in primary mode which involves trenching the footpaths with a box in the footway or on a pole, using Openreach poles not network. Once this has been done, they will then come back & sell. Talking to ISP who will sell City Fibre network estimated cost 900mg at £35. ISD's will come to sell when the build is complete. City Fibre contractors work with Kirklees Highways & have to get permits for road space, the works are supervised & only sign off if to a good standard. Some roads are in a poor state of repair, so once machinery starts, it can make a mess. Traffic management is a legal requirement and many of the ground workers are very experienced i.e. Yorkshire Water etc. It can be disruptive but this is due to the amount of work required for the level of investment to get to 85% by 2025.

Cllr Bolt stated that residents had complained temporary traffic lights were out of order. Steve states that there is a 24/7 triaged contact number on the permit board with the permit number on and that meetings with council liaison happen on a regular basis. Residents can go on City Fibre website and do a postcode check to find out who is their provider. Steve states that Virgin are not a competitor for ISD but they are for ISP. ISP will take a lot of the market from Virgin in the future as City Fibre is unique due to the scale. North Kirklees should be complete by the end of 2024, with a few months from the install to sell. Cllr Bolt asks how much scrutiny there is from Kirklees.

Highways issue the permits and Kirklees coordinate with other utilities on a weekly basis. MHG follow the Kirklees process to apply for all permits for works on behalf of City Fibre through to Kirklees streetworks team. Prior to permits being granted, the Kirklees team will review the permit submission to ensure whereabouts don't clash with other utilities and follow a criteria, which is in line with street works act 1991 (NRSWA). Cllr Sullivan explains the technicalities of the cables to Cllrs. Steve confirms that each exchange supplies 55,000 homes and allows capacity to deal with the public sector. He states fibre is pretty limitless and City will also will be upgrading to 5G. Cllrs thank S Moore for his presentation. 8.20pm S Moore leaves.

2. To receive the following motion and agree - Mirfield roads policing - This council recognises the public concern at increasing anti-social and criminal use of vehicles and encourages anyone seeing such behaviour to report to the police by the appropriate means. In addition to the scheduled patrols and tasking by the police. Mirfield Town council therefore resolves to enter into dialogue with WYP and our ward councillors to investigate such a partnership to deliver targeted activities to make our roads safer – Cllr Bolt states in principle MTC wants to see action. In the past additional work has been funded then we can shape what we want from it. Look at partnership and funding but agree the principle. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the above motion Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC46/2022

Internal Matters:

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

1. To appoint members to Outside Bodies – Kirklees PROW Cllr Bolt stated it was a point of contact as the PROW meetings were open to the public. Cllr Connell **Proposed** to appoint Cllr Nottingham to Kirklees PROW Outside Bodies Cllr Sullivan **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update from Outside Bodies and decide any action necessary – Cllr Nottingham had circulated an update from Mirfield Community Hub via email. Clerk updated in the absence of Cllr Naisbett that he had attended a meeting of MCT and was welcomed by all members. Cllr Naisbett had circulated a short report via email.

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Public Question Time:

NONE

MTC48 /2022

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting **Wednesday 20th July 2022**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.35pm**.....