



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), D Pinder, K Taylor, J Nottingham, J Hirst, M Hamilton, J Taylor, A White, S Guy, S Benson, E Armitage, T Hirst, A Mapplebeck

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: None
Press: None

MTC196/2014 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone in attendance

MTC197/2014 Public Question Time:

None

MTC198/2014 Apologies For Absence:

Members are reminded that apologies should be sent to the Clerk or Chairman if they are unable to attend.

Cllrs: M Bolt, A Burton

MTC199/2014 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 K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning

Cllr S Guy – Royal British Legion & Mirfield Library

Cllr S Benson – Project Mirfield

MTC200/2014 Confirmation of Minutes:

- i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 27th January 2015 as a true and correct record including payments of £4145.21 Cllr Pinder stated that MTC188 ii should read "Cllr Pinder confirms that the Burns night was successful and a cheque was presented to Kirkwood Hospice", he **Proposed** that once this amendment was made the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr J Taylor **Seconded Cllr Hamilton & White Abstained Vote: 11 in favour**

- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.
Cllr Pinder informs MTC of the Nature Walk on 21st February sponsored by Canal & River Trust & Groundwork.

MTC201/2014

Finance:

To consider and decide any action where necessary on the following matters:

FEBRUARY		
Payee	Description	Amount
S Harding	Renewal Go Daddy Reimbursement	£ 164.64
Total		£ 164.64

Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** payment of £164.64 to S Harding
Cllr Armitage **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC202/2014

Planning:

- To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2015/90222 60 Knowl Rd Increase in roof height to create additional accommodation – **Noted**
2015/90152 4 Sands Lane Demolition of garage and single storey flat roof extension & erection of single storey flat roof extension and erection of single storey extensions & detached garage – **Noted**
2015/90223 21 Old Bank Rd Erection of single storey side and rear extensions, increase in roof space to create living accommodation and erection of garage -**Noted**
2015/90257 16 The Nab Erection of extensions and external alterations - **Noted**
2015/90259 13 Water Royd Avenue Erection of two storey extension - **Noted**
- To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council
No Comments/Noted
- Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllr Benson explains SUDS in relation to the proposed development. He states that the developer will use SUDS as the cheapest option. He states that he is concerned who will look after SUDS once the development is built. He uses the McInerney development as an example of bad land drainage. He states that Yorkshire Water accepted the design of the drainage in principal but never approved it. He states in his opinion, if a management company is appointed by the developers at Balderstone, the land drainage will be wrong. He would like to investigate further and send any information via the Clerk to R Halstead. Cllr Lees-Hamilton asks Cllr Benson to send any information he has to the Clerk, so that this can be circulated.

MTC203/2014

Mirfield Matters:

To receive information (if available) on the following items and decide any action where necessary.

- Asset of Community Value – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reads the minutes from October 2013 MTC119 (4) & MTC132 (4) nominations for Community Right to Bid. Cllr Guy thanked Cllrs J & K Taylor for

helping to set up Friends of Mirfield Library. Cllr Guy explains that rather than just submit an online petition, people should be encouraged to use the library, as active users bode better than just a petition, he states the user figures are calculated from the date of request to 12 months prior, therefore if residents become members now, the figures will count. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that Roger & Alma have the latest user figures. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that the Cllr who was researching Community Right to Bid scheme is no longer a member of Mirfield Town Council. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** that the list MTC132 (4) be sent to Kirklees to note as Assets of Community Value Cllr Armitage **Seconded Vote: All in favour** secondly Cllr Pinder **Proposed** that he look into a Town Square concept including Black Bull Building, Natwest, Former Post Office Building, Salvation Army Building, Former Vale cinema, Trinity Church, Library Garden, Former Eastthorpe School & Gardens, Speights Lighting Building and Council Offices and investigate having this area classified as a Town Square/Area of Importance to the town Cllr K Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC204/2014

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To accept updates (if received) and decide any action where necessary.
None

MTC205/2014

Internal Matters:

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

1. Budget Proposals - (All Cllrs have a copy of the Budget Proposal)
Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that she is proud Mirfield Town Council will not be increasing the precept for Mirfield Residents, despite the fact that MTC have taken over the management and maintenance of the Public Toilets and only receive £1000 festive lighting grant from Kirklees in excess of the precept. This amount is a sixth of the actual cost for the Christmas Lights. She states that Mirfield Christmas Lights Switch On provides an excellent evening of entertainment for the residents. She concludes that MTC are managing their budget better than Kirklees do theirs, MTC is running leaner and more efficient than Kirklees. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** to accept the budget and columns Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. Use of premises for May Election – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** that in the interest of the residents of Mirfield to have a central polling station, Kirklees may use the building on 7th May 2015, but election staff must leave the building in the way it was found, unlike last year or MTC will reserve the right to charge Kirklees accordingly for the cleaning of the building Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** that the New Council in May upholds this recommendation Cllr K Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC206/2014

Correspondence:

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

1. HTF Events & Training – **Noted**
2. Nature Walk (Groundwork) – **Noted**
3. February Fields In Trust Update – **Noted**

4. YLCA Inspiring Yorkshire - **Noted**

MTC207/2014

Matters for Report and Information:

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

Cllr Nottingham informs MTC that there will be a Towpath Clearing event on Saturday 14th March 10.00am at Shepley Marina with Canal & River Trust & Community Payback.

Cllr J Taylor reads an email sent from Cllr Bolt regarding Mirfield Railway Station and Cllr Pinder updates MTC in his absence. He states that WYCA declared Kirklees thought Ravensthorpe Station to be a priority; however statistics prove Mirfield is third in the area with users, behind Huddersfield & Dewsbury. Possible changes are to remove the central platform and possibly acquire the Builders Merchants land, which would give a disabled access and be better for electrification. Possibly looking into a land swap with the builders merchants before the tenancy runs out. WYCA are also looking at additional parking ASAP using the land adjacent to the existing parking and possible new frontage with disabled access, café and newsagents. He states the environment agency are looking at reclassifying flood plains and if so there may be a possibility that land south of the station be used for car parking. He concludes by saying that it was a very constructive meeting with all agencies in favour of Mirfield Railway Station. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to write to Secretary of Transport and invite him to a meeting with MTC and Friends of Mirfield Railway Station Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Cllr Lees-Hamilton reads a letter from Towns Women Guild in support of MTC retaining the Council Offices Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC write and ask them if MTC may forward this letter to Kirklees, S Reevell and the press Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC208/2014

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked Cllrs for their attendance and support with John Heneghan.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 24th February 2015**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.50pm**.....