



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

M Bolt (Chairman), J Roberts, S Guy, J Hirst, K Taylor, J Nottingham, S Naisbett, C Mallinson, P Tolson

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: M Commons
Press: None

MTC324/2019 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Mayor Cllr Bolt welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

MTC325/2019 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 have a leave of absence & Cllrs M Connell, M Brown, V Lees-Hamilton & M Sullivan sent apologies with reasons for absence
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Taylor **Proposed** to accept the apologies and reasons for absence Cllr Naisbett **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**
Cllr J Hinchliffe was absent but sent no apologies

MTC326/2019 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 on the members register of pecuniary interests.

None to declare

MTC327/2019 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 20th October 2021 including payments of Nil. Cllr Tolson **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC328/2019 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 Christmas Lights and decide any action necessary – Clerk reports that she is still waiting for the contractor to send information so that she can complete the Cherry Picker permit, the Kirklees license and grant forms. Cllr Naisbett reports that the contractor now needs to install over

2 weekends and not 1 as originally thought, but needs to pick up from Bradford and to save 2 journeys is looking for storage facilities. Cllr Naisbett reports the contractor has not had to complete the Kirklees forms for Birstall installation, so thinks it will be ok to proceed with Mirfield without this. Clerk confirms that she is not happy to allow the installation without this and would need sign off from Kirklees and a disclaimer from the contractor, however the license for the Cherry Picker is still a necessity. Cllr Naisbett confirms that he is meeting with the contractor to conduct a lamppost survey and will send the details to the Clerk. Clerk is still sceptical and will contact Kirklees to confirm.

2. To receive an update Remembrance Parade – Clerk updates Cllrs on the recent events, informing them that the cones have been ordered from Kirklees, who have agreed, for this year to waive the deposit fee, payment for the PA system has been sent and the Clifton Band cannot attend due to lack of players and most importantly no percussion to lead the band. Clifton confirmed to the Clerk that Hammonds could easily lead the parade and that 2 bands are not required. Clifton confirmed that they had told the parade organiser at least a month prior that they were struggling for members and that due to the age of the players, the walk up Station Rd was tiring and would be better to start on Huddersfield Rd, the parade organiser declined this request. Cllr Bolt confirms that he has spoken to Kirklees to place sand around the cenotaph, check the electrical connection and address serious maintenance issues around the cenotaph. Cllr Mallinson stated if the care home had a water supply, he had a petrol jet wash, he would be happy to clean the floor around the cenotaph. Cllr Guy confirms a meeting of the Marshalls on Friday evening and that Cllrs Mallinson & Connell were helping him put the cones out on Saturday night. 11th November there will be a service with schools attending at the Cenotaph and Cllr Guy is collating wreath orders as per previous years and organising a plan for the wreath laying.

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Mirfield Matters/Community:

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

1. To receive an update on Holocaust Memorial Event 26 - 28th January 2022 at Mirfield Library from Armistice and Memorial Sub Committee Member A Burton – A Burton is present and updates Cllrs. He reports that the event will be held over 3 days as per the previous one that concentrated on the Bosnian genocide. Day 1 26th Jan Mirfield Library will be all genocides and the holocaust. Hopefully Rob Rinder will be attending to do a talk, with possibility of 150 seats. If he can't attend, he will do a virtual talk and Q & A. Day 2 27th Jan Talk on 1 or 2 genocides which will be Tigray genocide and/or Darfur genocide depending on availability of speakers. Day 3 28th Jan Holocaust survivor will be speaking. A Hungarian survivor hiding in Budapest in non-Jewish homes who was liberated by the Russians. A Burton reads an introduction to the speech. Cllr Bolt thanked A Burton for attending and organising the event, stating there is a potential to stream to schools etc. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC agree to offer travel expenses to the speakers or if they forego expenses, MTC will donate to a charity of their choice. Facilitate the cost of a coach trip to the Holocaust Education Centre in Nottingham if any schools are interested and supply refreshments over the 3 days of the event Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update from M Commons on Mirfield Music Festival Saturday 18th June 2022 and decide any action necessary – M Commons is present and has an updated visual presentation. She confirms meeting with Mirfield Show committee who have given lots of advice, they are very supportive and will get the committee involved, she has also been asked to join the show

committee. There is an event management plan, emergency procedure plan, risk assessment, disclaimer and safe conduct plan all ready to be sent to Kirklees. She has appointed a H & S officer, premises supervisor, production manager & stage manager. She has an increased budget including a contingency totalling £9452. Cllr Bolt asks about set up costs & staff costs and also along with the Clerk confirms that for a grant, she would have to set up a group with a constitution and bank account. She confirms that there are no staff costs as it is all voluntary other than security. Cllr Guy suggests insurance and she confirms she will contact Hiscox as suggested by the show committee. She will have income from traders and if the mobile bar keeps the profits, they may attend FOC. Cllr Bolt states he believes the festival will be beneficial to Mirfield and for MTC to assist with costs in Year 1, with possible £10K underwritten. M Commons to review sales when tickets start to sell and come back to MTC in January with an idea how much grant is required.

3. To receive an update on Mirfield Riverside Project, discuss costs involved & percentage of work covering riverbank bordering Lowlands Allotment Site and agree a course of action – Cllr Bolt reports that the Clerk has been in discussions with local Tree Surgeons regarding the Riverside Project and has obtained quotations. Cllr Roberts **Proposed** that once all the quotations are received MTC concentrate on the area of riverside bordering Lowlands Allotments that is owned by MTC and make this the starting point of the project Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Taylor **Proposed** MTC contribute to the maximum of one third of the cost for sections of the riverside not owned by MTC and that landowners/riparian owners contribute the remaining two thirds or the whole cost if they offer Cllr Mallinson **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to delegate to the Clerk the approval of the works with the contractor once the quotations are received Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To review & discuss Mirfield Grant Criteria and decide any amendments or action necessary – Cllrs discuss the current criteria and recent grants in which MTC awarded a grant but were not given any recognition in their PR. Cllr Tolson **Proposed** the Clerk add an extra condition to the grant criteria, that groups must acknowledge the contribution made by MTC in any PR, social media, Newsletter or Programmes so that the residents of Mirfield are aware of the grant funding given by MTC. Clerk to have delegated powers to scrutinise grant applications that she receives and to only put on an agenda for MTC to consider if all documentation that is on the criteria is received in good time to circulate to Cllrs. Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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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 December 2021**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.48pm**.....