



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 20th June 2017 at 7.00pm

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

Councillors Present:

P Blakeley (Chairman), A Burton, D Pinder, J Nottingham, J Hirst, S Benson, S Guy, K Sibbald, V Lees-Hamilton, K Taylor

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: N Triscott, R Levene, N Horne, K Faulkner, T Bell, H Bell, E Jerome, A Edmondson

Press: None

MTC41/2017 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

In the absence of the Chairman and Deputy Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** Cllr Guy chair the meeting until Cllr Blakeley arrived Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Cllr Guy Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC48(2), MTC50(1) & MTC48(1) Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC42/2017 Public Question Time:

NONE

MTC43/2017 Apologies For Absence

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

Cllrs: M Burton, J Taylor, C Walker, M Bolt, M Ibberson, P Tolson

MTC44/2017 Declaration of Interest

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda or not declared on the members register of pecuniary interests.

Cllr Blakeley declared an interest in Mirfield Show MTC48(1)

Cllr Benson declared an interest in Balderstone MTC49(3)

MTC45/2017 Confirmation of Minutes

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of **6th June 2017** as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Nottingham **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Lees- Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC46/2017 Matters Arising From The Minutes:

To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further

action where necessary.

1. To receive an update from Cllr Pinder and the Clerk on the current position of the public toilet closure – Cllr Pinder reports that despite several attempts, he has been unable to contact Matthew Garbutt. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the Clerk contacts Clan Services for a full steam clean of all the toilets prior to the termination of the contract, in case they are needed for the Mirfield Arts Festival Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update from the Clerk on legal fees for Mirfield Memorial Park and agree any costs and approve appointment of solicitors if required – Cllrs agree that an investigation into the allocation of Mirfield Memorial Park to Kirklees is required Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the Clerk appoints Ramsdens to proceed on behalf of MTC Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC47/2017

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. Clan Services Final Maintenance Fee £425.00 – **Noted**

| JUNE | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Payee | Description | Amount |
| Clerk L Staggs | June Salary | £ 789.62 |
| HMRC | June PAYE | £ 198.96 |
| St Marys | June Room Hire | £ 42.00 |
| Just Gardens | June Maintenance | £ 80.00 |
| Survey Monkey | Public Toilet Survey | £ 26.00 |
| First Impressions | Hanging Baskets | £ 1716.00 |
| TOTAL | | £ 2852.58 |

Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** items 2-7 payment en block Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

8. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/05/17 – **Noted**
9. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

MTC48/2017

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **Mirfield Show** – Cllr Blakeley declares an interest as a member of show committee. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that the event is hugely attended by the residents of Mirfield and is a huge success every year also bringing lots of people to Mirfield from out of the area. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC supports Mirfield Show by providing the main marquee for the benefit of the whole community under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
Cllr Guy Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Benson
Seconded Vote: All in favour. Cllr Guy handed the chair to Cllr Blakeley
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **Battyeford Boys U15 Holland Trip** – Members of the club are present and update Cllrs on the trip. They present MTC with a memory book of the trip which were sponsored by MTC. They report that the trip was a success with lots of team bonding and a learning of different football techniques from the

European clubs. They are a predominantly Mirfield team, who are hoping for a massive improvement next season following the trip. Cllrs thank the members for attending and sharing their experience with them and thank them for the memory book.

7.10pm Members of the club leave

MTC49/2017

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2017/91786 – **Noted**
2017/91649 – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to support the application Cllr Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2017/91927 – **Noted**
2017/91967 – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:
No Comments/Noted
3. To consider potential controversial applications: To discuss Pre-planning application Bellway Homes residential development at Balderstone and decide any action necessary – Cllr Benson reports on the pre-planning application from Bellway for development of 60 dwellings. He states that he has scrutinised the application and seems that site plateaux's have been removed from this application which would be cheaper for Bellway. Cllr Pinder reports that the National Press have previously reported that Bellway are the worst company for changing/amending plans. Cllr Lees-Hamilton believes that the site will be 'salami sliced' until the whole site has been developed. Cllr Benson reports that that the houses will be leasehold and not freehold, resulting in future revenue for Bellway. Cllr Benson **Proposed** MTC approaches Kirklees as a consultative body and request that they are consulted in this planning application, as MTC represent the residents of Mirfield. MTC to also contact Bellway and insist that they hold a public consultation to remain transparent in the application process Cllr Sibbald **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC50/2017

Community

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

1. To receive a presentation from Nicola Triscott & Ruth Levene on Water Management Issues within the Calder area, discuss and agree any course of action – Nicola begins by thanking Cllrs for the meeting and explaining that she is to commission & develop new 3 year projects with artists around science & technology funded by the Arts Council and other sponsors. **7.15pm Cllr Blakeley arrives.** She refers to a project 2013-2016 in Leigh on Sea & Southend which has been adopted by Historic England. She states that the interest is with the Calder water system & history of flooding. Ruth states that her interest is in mapping and initially the project will involve discussions with residents, local experts & community groups. Nicola states that the legacy is to create greater public understanding of how water impacts on wellbeing, making publications that can be accessed and holding local events to build resilient communities & eco systems. Ruth & Nicola explain that they are not planners/consultants or waste engineers, so they have no hidden agenda. They want to hold workshops & events with groups who want to be involved and have historical knowledge of the Calder. They hope to build small model projects that give local people a voice and bring test sites together and involve the Welcome Trust, who may be able to influence at a higher level. Cllr Lees-

Hamilton **Proposed** MTC supports the project Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Guy thanks Nicola & Ruth for the presentation and asks them to liaise with the Clerk if they need any further meetings or contact details.

7.55pm Nicola & Ruth leave

2. To receive a report on the Flood Risk study, discuss and agree any action necessary – Cllr Benson circulated a report prior to the meeting. He reports that not much has been done by Kirklees by way of flood resilience to the Calder. He states that in his professional opinion a Spillway of 6m wide which would release 18 cubic metres of water per second, could be installed at the wear by the Ship, which would speed up the retreat of water into the river which would result in less residue being left behind after a flood. Cllr Benson also has concerns for the flood plains network in which high level land drains and high inverts can be installed. Both items missed from the report. Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** MTC invite the author of the report to a meeting and put these 2 questions to him Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC asks Kirklees if it would reconsider the issue of a Spillway Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC51/2017

Internal Matters

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

1. To approve Annual Return annual governance statement 2016/17 – Cllr Guy **Proposed** to approve Annual Return annual governance statement 2016/17 Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve Annual Return accounting statements 2016/17 – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to approve Annual Return accounting statements 2016/17 Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To appoint Internal Auditor for 2017/18 first visit in November – Cllr Guy **Proposed** to appoint Internal Auditor Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To agree purchase of necessary stationary items – Cllr Guy **Proposed** the Clerk orders/purchases any necessary stationary items required Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
5. To agree and approve Chairman's Allowance of £1000 – Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC approve and pay the Chairman's allowance of £1000 Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
6. To discuss the bi-annual trimming of Bankfield Hedges and discuss possible change of contractor – Cllr Burton reports that the contractor did not cut the hedges on the date agreed, but that the Clerk had to make several emails before the job was finally completed on Friday. Cllr Burton **Proposed** the Clerk contacts the contractor and that he gives an assurance of 2 dates every year (May & Sept/Oct) in which he will trim the hedges, with a clause that if he is in breach of this that a 10% discount is given Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC52/2017

Correspondence

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

1. YLCA Plunkett Foundation Call to action - **Noted**
2. YLCA Fields In Trust – **Noted**
3. YLCA Weekly Bulletin – **Noted**
4. YLCA Data Protection Reform - **Noted**

MTC53/2017 5. Fields In Trust Have a Field Day – **Noted**
Matters for Report and Information

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

Cllr Pinder reports of a meeting with the cyclists and Kirklees regarding the cycle track in Ladywood. A track will be cleared by the cyclists with Kirklees providing the expertise to clear the track and MCP providing a forum for the groups to meet. Cllr Guy reports on Armed Forces Day at Old Colonial with attendance from Deputy Lord Lieutenant.

MTC54/2017 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 4th July 2017**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.32pm**.....