



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: J Tomlinson Walsh
Press: None

MTC118/2017 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Clerk called the meeting to order. She reports the Mayor and Deputy have given apologies. Cllr K Taylor **Proposed** Cllr Lees-Hamilton chair the meeting
Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC119/2017 Public Question Time:

Jenny Tomlinson Walsh is present for an update on the Mirfield Arts Festival and Mirfield Maltings. She reports that Friends of Mirfield Library, Mirfield Arts Festival & Mirfield Maltings are all individual groups to secure their future. She reports that Mirfield Arts Festival is now a limited company, limited by guarantee with a community ethic. Each subscriber would pay £1 which would be ring fenced in a separate account. Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked Jenny and all the volunteers for their hard work.

7.40 Jenny leaves.

MTC120/2017 Apologies For Absence

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

Cllrs: M Burton, C Walker, P Blakeley, J Hirst, K Sibbald, M Ibberson, M Bolt

MTC121/2017 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 under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Pecuniary Interests.
Cllr K Taylor declared Heavy Woollen Planning and Kirklees Licensing as pecuniary interests.

Cllr Burton declared a pecuniary interest MTC127(2)

Cllr Guy declared a personal interest MTC123(2) member RBL

Cllr Benson declared a personal interest MTC126 member Project Mirfield

MTC122/2017

Confirmation of Minutes

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of **3rd October 2017** as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Burton **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour who attended previous meeting.**

MTC123/2017

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 the Cllr Tolson Fields In Trust Hopton Recreational & Cricket Ground – Defer keep on agenda
2. To receive an update from Clerk on Mirfield Memorial Park & decide and agree any action necessary – No update defer keep on agenda
3. To receive an update from the Flood Prevention meeting and agree any action necessary – Cllr Benson reports that in his opinion there are lots of inaccuracies within the report and from the hydrologist during the meeting at the Salvation Army. He states that they showed no evidence why proposals made by Cllrs would not work. He states if there are no flood preventions adopted the new Lidl will flood in the next 5 years in his opinion. Cllr Benson believes the NPPF is a great policy to work with. He states that information is not being released regarding the unusual events of the water on Boxing Day 2015. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC gives Cllr Benson a mandate to put an outline case together, email to all Cllrs for their input before sending the full response from MTC Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To receive an update on the benches and decide & agree any action required – Clerk reports that complaints have been received regarding anti-social behaviour around the picnic bench at Stocksbank Park. Cllr Bolt has spoken to the resident to try to resolve and Cllr Lees-Hamilton reported this to My Community Safety Officer at NMG. Cllr Pinder reports the vandalised Library bench has been repaired. Cllr Benson asks why the Crossley Ward bench was to be moved from Jenny Lane to Crossley Lane as many elderly residents use this. Clerk to check the minutes in which it was agreed to move the bench and circulate to Cllrs.

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Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment:

OCTOBER		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	October Salary	£ 779.42
HMRC	October PAYE	£ 222.86
St Marys	October Room Hire	£ 42.00
Just Gardens	October Maintenance	£ 40.00
Salvation Army	Room Hire	£ 30.00
Rentokil	Early cancellation charge	£ 40.91
Ben Hardcastle	1 st Payment Christmas Lights	£ 3000.00
Npower	Standing Charges Non-metred supply	£ 88.94

PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fees	£ 360.00
TOTAL		£ 4604.13

Cllr Guy **Proposed** items 1-9 payment en block Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

10. To receive a bank reconciliation to 30/09/17 – **Noted**

11. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

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Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **Gilder Hall Youth Foundation** – Clerk reports that the application form had not been sent in on time despite her best efforts and that Cllr Bolt had reported via email that funding had been given by Mirfield Educational Charity. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the Clerk obtain clarification regarding the funding and if a grant is still required, to include on 21st November agenda Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**
Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.

2017/93199 – **Noted**

2017/93260 – **Noted**

2017/93319 – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports she has been in contact with Carl Pickering and advised him to request the application go to Heavy Woollen Planning. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC resend their supporting comments from previous application to Kirklees Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: 8 in favour Cllr K Taylor Abstained**

2017/93362 – **Noted**

2017/93311 – **Noted**

2017/93366 – **Noted**

2017/93047 – **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:
No Comments/Noted

3. To consider potential controversial applications: **None**

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Community

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

1. To discuss and agree sponsorship of Trinity Methodist Tree Festival, agree any costs and decide any action necessary – Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated she is happy to support the tree festival by once again decorating a tree. Cllr Burton **Proposed** MTC sponsor a tree at the Festival and purchase new decorations to the value of £50 Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cllr Benson gave the Clerk a £20 donation towards the new decorations. Cllrs Burton, Benson, Tolson, Pinder & Lees-Hamilton volunteered to decorate the tree. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC provide the £25 prize to the winner as in previous years Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cllr Burton thanked Cllrs Pinder, K Taylor & J Taylor for decorating the tree in previous years.

2. To receive a report from the Christmas Lights/Festival Working Party and agree any costs and any action necessary – The report was circulated via email prior to the meeting. Cllr Burton reported the events of the meeting and stated Big Keg Little Keg would be donating a % of their takings to Mirfield Maltings. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC accepts the

recommendations from the Working Party Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour.** Clerk to apply to Kirklees for relevant licenses.

MTC128/2017 **Correspondence**

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

1. YLCA Chief Executive Bulletin – **Noted**
2. Fields In Trust Awards 2017 – **Noted**
3. Friends of Mirfield Library - **Noted**

MTC129/2017 **Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Pinder reports the death of Hugh Bowden. Cllr Pinder attended the funeral on behalf of MTC as Hugh Bowden was a Mirfield Ambassador. Cllr Pinder reports Mirfield Community Partnership have secured funding to renovate the canal path and Darren Smith is renovating the benches along the path. Cllr Guy reports that the Remembrance Parade is on Sunday 12th November & a short service at the Cenotaph on Saturday 11th November. He also reports that the Poppy Appeal are looking for volunteers for the stand in the Coop.

MTC130/2017 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 7th November 2017**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.33pm**.....