



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm

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

### Councillors Present:

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

### In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs  
Public: R Hartley  
Press: None

### **MTC131/2017** Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Blakeley welcomed Councillors and members of the public.

### **MTC132/2017** Public Question Time:

None

### **MTC133/2017** 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, K Sibbald

### **MTC134/2017** 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 on the members register of pecuniary interests.

Cllr Guy declared a personal interest MTC136(2) member of RBL.

Cllr Ibberson declared a personal interest MTC138(2) member of My Mirfield  
Cllr Taylor declared Heavy Woollen Planning & Kirklees Licensing as pecuniary interest

Cllr Benson declared a personal interest MTC137(3) & MTC138(1) member of Project Mirfield

### **MTC135/2017** Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 as a true and correct record including payments of **£4604.13**. Cllr Lees-Hamilton

**Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Burton **Seconded**

**Vote: All in favour**

### **MTC136/2017** 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 Clerk & Cllr Tolson current position Upper Hopton Recreational & Cricket Ground relating to Fields In Trust – Cllr Tolson reports that he has no update at the moment. Defer
2. To receive an update from the Clerk on Mirfield Memorial Pak & decide and agree any action necessary – Clerk reports that she circulated an email from Ramsdens for Cllrs to read but that she was unable to open the attachment. Cllr Bolt & Guy report that the land search related to Ings Grove Park. Clerk to check this with Ramsdens.
3. To receive an update on the flood prevention from Cllr Benson and agree any action necessary – Cllr Benson reports that Cllr Lees-Hamilton is helping him. He reports that he has found many reservoirs were full to capacity during the Boxing Day floods, which could have added to the events. He doesn't feel that questions were answered at the meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Bolt asks the Clerk to circulate the points from the 19<sup>th</sup> September meeting to Tom Ghee, Trefor Hillas & Joanna Arnold.
4. To receive an update from Battyeford Cllrs regarding the picnic bench at Stocksbank Park – Cllr Ibberson reports he has passed several times and has not seen any anti-social behaviour. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that no reports of anti-social behaviour have been sent to Neighbourhood Management Group. Cllr Bolt reports that Kirklees will be carrying out a consultation regarding Section 106 monies and confirms he will liaise with the officer to arrange a meeting with MTC. Clerk to update Rob Dalby on situation.

#### **MTC137/2017**

#### **Planning:**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2017/93460 – **Noted**  
2017/93494 – **Noted**  
2017/93470 – **Noted**  
2017/92877 – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council  
**No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications.  
Bellway/Balderstone potential planning application – Cllr Benson reports that Bellway are trying to change safeguarded land to building land. He confirms that he has drafted a document to send to Kirklees. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Cllr Benson sends the report to the Clerk for her to upload this onto MTC letterhead, circulate to Cllr Lees- Hamilton to add highways and then send to Yvonne Parker Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

#### **MTC138/2017**

#### **Mirfield Matters:**

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

1. To receive an update from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, discuss and agree next course of action – Christine Sykes had circulated notes of the Steering Group meeting to Cllrs. Cllr Bolt stated the heading should read 'To note a report from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group'. Cllr Benson states he is worried that there is not enough community involvement with the plan and is worried a referendum would fail as residents have not been involved. Cllr Pinder states that the 2015 Mirfield Matters Survey indicated what is relevant to residents. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirmed that the survey topped other surveys undertaken even ones by Kirklees. Cllr Bolt states that every household received a postcard for the initial meeting at St Paul's and also the Mirfield Matters Survey, so evidence can be provided if needed that MTC have been transparent with

community involvement. No course of action was agreed. Clerk to upload Steering Group notes to MTC website.

2. To receive a presentation from My Mirfield and consider sponsorship of My Mirfield Awards – Richard Hartley is present and reports that the email for sponsorship was sent to all previous sponsors as a courtesy. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that MTC has supported in the past and the awards are well attended and promote the town. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC incorporate the awards in the budget and sponsor the Lifetime Recognition Award annually and that MTC sponsor the award this year at a cost of £250 Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To discuss the purchase of a Defibrillator for the Hopton Ward and agree any costs and action necessary – Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that Hopton is an active community, with first aid courses being run by Village In Bloom, she states it would be a benefit to have a defibrillator in Upper Hopton. Cllr Lees-Hamilton to source match funding from local groups.

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**Outside Bodies:** (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

**None**

**MTC140/2017**

**Internal Matters:**

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

1. To discuss the current Ambassador Scheme & criteria and agree any action necessary – Cllrs discuss what if anything is expected of an Ambassador once they receive the award, should they be asked to continue to promote Mirfield and attend community events. Cllrs discuss having a possible Code of Conduct for Ambassadors. Cllrs Burton & Benson state the Ambassadors have been recognised for the work they do for the community and MTC shouldn't expect them to do more, when they have been recognised for exactly that. Cllr Pinder believes it reasonable to state "As an Ambassador MTC hope you will continue the good work for Mirfield & continue to be an Ambassador and promote the good name of Mirfield". Clerk reports that when she informs the nominees that they have been selected as Ambassadors, they ask her what is expected of them and if it involves any duties for the town. Richard Hartley who is an Ambassador, states that he agrees with Cllr Pinder and that the people recognised for the work they do, will still continue to do good for the town whether MTC require it or not. Cllrs discuss a book/board of honours to be located in the Library. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Cllr Pinder drafts an Ambassador role description and sources book/board and costs Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To discuss the location of the Crossley Ward seating bench and agree any action necessary – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to leave the bench on Jenny Lane Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to inform Amanda Poulson at Kirklees. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** a letter of thanks to Michael Barber for renovating the bench on Crossley Lane Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To discuss and agree a date for a meeting with WYPW regarding the lease for Eastthorpe Gardens – Clerk to email WYPW and ask if they would attend a council meeting to discuss the lease.
4. To receive a report from the Employment Committee for the Clerks Annual Review and consider and agree any recommendations made – Cllr Lees-Hamilton had prepared a report for the Clerks Annual Review and circulated this to Cllrs at the beginning of the meeting. 8.40pm R Hartley & Clerk leave the room. 9.00pm Clerk returns. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed**

MTC accept all the recommendations in her report Cllr Blakeley **Seconded**  
**Vote: All in favour**

**MTC141/2017**

**Correspondence:**

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

1. YLCA NALC Chief Exec Bulletin – **Noted**
2. YLCA South Pennine Branch Meeting – **Noted**
3. NKCCG Engage & Invite Newsletter – **Noted**
4. YLCA NALC Chief Exec Bulletin – **Noted**
5. YLCA Membership Subscription Fees 2018/19 – **Noted**
6. YLCA General Data Protection Regulations – **Noted**
7. PCC Newsletter - **Noted**

**MTC142/2017**

**Matters for Report and Information:**

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

Cllr Pinder thanked the Mirfield Roundtable for the bonfire. He reported that Kirklees are laying drainage in the Showground up to the school. He asks Kirklees Cllrs if they can look at the issue of the emptying of the rubbish bin near the play area in Memorial Park as it does not get emptied. Cllr Guy reports Remembrance service on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am at the Cenotaph and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Parade. Cllrs to meet at Lowlands at 1.30pm.

**MTC143/2017**

**The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.00pm**.....