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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

M Connell (Chairman), S Naisbett, J Roberts, J Hirst, D Hirst, P Tolson, M Brown, M Sullivan, S Guy

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: 1 resident
Press: None

MTC152/2023

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Connell welcomed Cllrs and members of the public. He introduced the new Mirfield PCSO who gave Cllrs a brief introduction of herself and the role, main focus being ASB and bicycle crime.

MTC153/2023

Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs V Lees-Hamilton, B Harrison, Itrat Ali, & M Bolt sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Connell **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Guy **Seconded** **Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Connell **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Guy **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**
Cllrs Hinchliffe, M Hamilton, Imran Ali were absent but did not send apologies

MTC154/2023

Declaration of Interest:

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

Cllr Guy declared an other interest MTC156(1)

Cllr Sullivan declared an other interest MTC157(2)

MTC155/2023

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of the 21st February 2024 including payments of **£380.10 plus Clerk Salary, pension & HMRC**. Cllr Sullivan **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Naisbett **Seconded** **Vote: in All favour**

MTC156/2023

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 Mirfield Library & Changing Places funding and

decide any action necessary – Clerk had received an email from the Chair of Friends of Mirfield Library and reads this to Cllrs. Cllr Connell confirms sending an email to Sir Patrick Stewart but has not received a response. Cllr Guy reports that he has looked at the figures briefly provided by Kirklees on the proposed savings, but these do not seem to add up. Clerk confirms FOI been sent to Kirklees.

2. To receive an update on Planning Application 2023/93539 at location Land adj, Ledgard Bridge Mill, Back Station Road, Mirfield, WF14 8NZ and decide any action necessary – No update since last meeting
3. To receive an update on appointing Planning Consultant and discuss future potential controversial developments and decide any action necessary - Clerk reports that she has contacted a planning consultant who charges £100 per hour and can retained on a case-by-case basis.

MTC157/2023

Internal Matters:

To receive information on the following and decide any action necessary

1. To receive an update on a new Mirfield Town Council website and agree any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett reports that he has contacted a few local companies and quotes have varied significantly. Cost from £18-£20k from one company, Novus £6-7K and he reports a verbal quote from a company of £1800 plus VAT for basic template and £3800 plus VAT for bespoke with a £20 annual hosting fee and £100 annual SSL fee.
2. To discuss obtaining a .GOV.UK domain with Clerk & Cllr emails and decide any action necessary – Clerk updates Cllrs on the old .GOV.uk domain that MTC had and the problems that she had with it. Cllr Sullivan gives Cllrs an overview of a .GOV.uk domain and the pros and cons involved. Cllrs have a lengthy discussion and resolved not to pursue a .GOV.uk domain but look at using the current MirfieldTownCouncil.com domain to host emails for all Cllrs and try to tie in with new website.

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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 20th March at 7.30pm

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.30pm**.....