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town council

Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), S Naisbett, P Tolson, J Roberts, J Hirst, J Nottingham, C Mallinson, M Brown, M Sullivan, M Bolt

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: Member RBL, Members Mirfield Community Hub

Press: None

MTC148/2022 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed Cllrs & member of the public and members of Mirfield Community Hub to the meeting

MTC149/2022 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 Connell, Guy, Hinchliffe & Keith Taylor sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Sullivan **Seconded** **Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Sullivan **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**

MTC150/2022 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 declared

MTC151/2022 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 1st March 2023 including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Sullivan **Seconded** **Vote: 9 in favour Cllr Bolt Abstained as he was absent from the meeting.**

MTC152/2022 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 Naisbett on Christmas Lights 2023 and decide any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett reports that he did not attend the meeting at Bradford Festival Lighting and needs to re-arrange. He intends to

speak to Kirklees regarding the suggestion to hang the lights across the highway instead of on the buildings.

2. To receive an update from Cllr Connell on Lamppost Banners and agree any action necessary – Cllr Connell is absent, so the Clerk reports that she has invoiced CP Media for part October, November, December and January and will be shortly invoicing February which totals £1729.00
3. To receive an update on Mirfield Library and agree any action necessary – No update.
4. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on Queen's Green Canopy tree planting in Ings Grove – Cllr Naisbett reports that everything is now ready to go and that a date for the planting will need to be agreed. He also reports that all the Jubilee benches have been installed.
5. To receive an update on Coronation banners, flags and bunting and decide any action necessary – Clerk reports that she has obtained quotes for the various items. Coronation Flag £24, Bespoke Town Council Flag £75, 10m Bunting £21, Lamppost banners £150. She confirms that the total would be £1734 plus the bespoke flag, this amount can be taken from the revenue from the lamppost banners which totals £1729. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** to order 1 x Coronation flag at £24, 10 x 10m bunting, 10 x £150 lamppost banners and bespoke flag at £75 Cllr Sullivan **Seconded Vote: All in favour Cllr Bolt** mentioned the possibility of having a televised event in St Mary's Church as we did for the funeral of our Late Queen Elizabeth the Second. Cllrs were in agreement. Clerk reports that she has investigated obtaining a seal but needs more information for a quotation.

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Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. To agree Clerk March Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk March Working Allowance by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC March PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Clerk March Pension Contributions by D/D
5. To agree Trinity Methodist March Room Hire by Bacs £80.00
6. To agree Able Gardens March maintenance by Bacs £90.00
7. To agree Zoom monthly Pro by Bacs £14.39 – Resolved to reduce to free version due to lack of use
8. To agree Bradford Festival Lighting £10,176.00
9. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 28/02/2023 – **Noted**
10. To receive Monthly budget to 28/02/2023 – **Noted**

Cllr Brown **Proposed** to pay items 1-8 en bloc & noted 9 & 10 Cllr Naisbett

Seconded Vote: All in favour

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Community:

To receive an update/discuss/note on the following items

1. To receive a presentation from Mirfield Community Hub and agree any action necessary – Cllr Lees-Hamilton resolved to bring this item forward after MTC150. Lyndsey and Helen are present to give an update. Lyndsey reports that a Youth Strategy has been put together following consultation with various groups, demographics and services. The focus is the early intervention and prevention in Year 5 children – Open access youth provision – Holiday activities. Helen reports that she has done a lot of the groundwork for the project as her background is as an educational consultant. The hub is hoping to deliver a Mirfield Respect Programme, with a focus on respect for self, others & community and are hoping to launch a curriculum framework around this in September. There will be lots of resources available, training and activities and sessions to deliver to the students. They are also keen to involve the Secondary schools, with Year 7 students trained to be ambassadors and mentor the younger students. The heads of all the 5

primary and 2 secondary schools are keen to be involved in the programme. The programme aims to chip away at ASB, litter & graffiti and to contribute positively to community life skills, positive attitude, team skills, community skills and civic pride. There will be themed workshops in each term, term 1 Self, term 2 Others & term 3 Community. There will be community visits to the library, parks, resurrection & towpaths all aimed to enhance the local community, culminating in a Pride of Mirfield exhibition in the library. Cllrs discuss and agree it is great to see the schools working together, Cllr Naisbett states that Mirfield Show may be able to help with craft groups & sessions. Lyndsey states that they will be working hard for the schools to meet and share practices and build good relationships, all are excited by the concept and want to work in partnership with the hub. This is to help enhance the current PHSE curriculum as an annual programme, empowering children will be embedded in the programme. Lyndsey confirms that this is a local initiative as they wanted the local partners to be engaged. Helen states MTC can help by Mayor and Cllrs attending celebration events, gala evenings and help facilitate talks with the schools. Cllrs all agree this is an excellent project. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC supports the premise of the programme and encourages local businesses and funders to do likewise Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour

Cllr Lees-Hamilton resolved to continue with the format of the agenda

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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 5th April 2023

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.40pm**.....