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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

S Naisbett (Chairman), M Connell, J Roberts, D Hirst, S Guy, M Sullivan, J Hirst, J Hinchliff, M Brown, Imran Ali, B Harrison

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: 1 x resident, 3 x members TPU, 1 x member MCT

Press: None

MTC119/2024

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Naisbett welcomed Cllrs and members of the public to the meeting. He reported attending Trinity Children's Centre Nativity and Christmas Light switch on which was enjoyable despite the weather. Cllr Guy, through the Chairman, reported from RBL AGM that this year's Poppy Appeal raised over £20,000, he stated that some people question groups who take part in the parade, but Route 62 & Mirfield Originals raised £1000 and always lay wreaths and fundraise. He thanked the generosity of Mirfield residents.

MTC120/2024

Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs Itrat Ali, M Bolt, V Lees-Hamilton, M Hamilton & P Tolson sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr D Hirst **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr D Hirst **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC121/2024

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 D Hirst declared an other interest MTC124 as a user of the Community Centre

MTC122/2024

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 20th

November 2024 including payments of **£7593.80** plus Clerk Salary, Working Allowance, HMRC & Nest Pension as a true and correct record. Cllr Sullivan **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr J Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC123/2024

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 website design and decide any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett stated the website was almost ready to go.
2. To receive an update on Speed Indicator Device for Stocksbank Rd and decide any action or costs necessary – No update. Resident confirmed £1000 investment if Kirklees not involved, reduced investment if they were.

MTC124/2024

Grant Application:

To consider grant applications submitted – Mirfield Community Trust £5384.00 to develop a reception area (documents circulated prior to the meeting) – A member of MCT is present and reports that the trust asset transferred the community centre in 2018, shell of building sound with a new heating system installed, new kitchen and Asda grant for the hall. The last part is the reception area and entrance. They have applied for a grant from Suez Community Fund but need a third party contribution. The area will make a big difference to the centre with better access, an office and the update will hopefully be more attractive to increase usage, every improvement to the centre has increased usage. Clerk asks if centre at 100% capacity, member confirms not at 100% and Sundays are the quietest days, but hoping the improved entrance will attract parties etc. Member confirms that they will only need funding from MTC if they are successful with Suez. Cllrs ask questions regarding heating costs and capacity. Cllr Brown **Proposed** to grant the full amount applied for of £5384.00 subject to the Suez funding being successful Cllr Roberts **Seconded Vote: All in favour** 8.46pm member leaves

MTC125/2024

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. To agree Clerk Dec Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk Working Allowance Dec by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC Dec PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Clerk Dec Pension contributions by D/D
5. To agree Trinity Methodist Dec Room Hire by Bacs £40.00
6. To agree Able Gardens Dec maintenance by Bacs £45.00
7. To agree Hammonds Band Remembrance Parade £900.00
8. To agree Richard Haigh's Christmas Tree 2024 & 2025 £800.00
9. To agree Karen Clegg Singing at Xmas Lights £150.00
10. To agree Charlestown Installation Christmas Lights £5160.00
11. To agree Toilets on the go Christmas Lights £216.00
12. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 30/11/24 – **Noted**
13. To receive Monthly Budget to 30/11/24 – Clerk stated that due to the website column 1 was in the red, recommendation to transfer £5K from General Reserves to column 1

Cllr Guy **Proposed** to pay items 1-11 en bloc & note items 12 & 13 and transfer £5K from General Reserves to column 1 as per Clerk's recommendation Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC126/2024

Community:

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

1. To receive an update/presentation from TransPennine Route Upgrade regarding TPU in Mirfield – 4 members are present. They report that there is still interest from the new government on this project. Mirfield Station Platform 2 has been taken out, new platform commencing, with new entrance and lift open 1/4/25. 1/4/25 platform 1 will go and temporary platform installed. A further business case will have to be put forward for a car park. Nothing in current design for Café but will look at possible alternatives with local cafes, maybe a mobile alternative. Cllr Connell asks if there is a potential for main line to move to Ravensthorpe. TPU state that there is not enough footfall but Cllr Guy states this could change with the Dewsbury Riverside development. TPU state they are holding workshops to encourage people to use public transport to get to stations and also encourage people to use cycles. Clerk states at the previous meeting, MTC asked about cycle lockers. TPU state that from surveys with Tour de Yorkshire and other groups, cycle lockers are not used and the Sheffield stands are preferred as more visible. TPU have had conversations with MIB regarding planters on the station and they will continue supporting MIB with funding. One member states that Northern are working with local high schools regarding job opportunities for the next 10 years. TPU doing a desktop exercise for the greenway along the entire route as there are sections missing that need connecting. Member from Northern states that the ex-service community have access to supported travel and would like to know of any memorials along the route as these will be maintained. Members of Northern would like the opportunity to march in the Remembrance Parade in 2025 and will send a link to be added to the new website regarding the support of ex-service community with rail travel. Cllr Naisbett thanks TPU for the update. 8.24pm TPU members leave.

MTC127/2024

Internal Matters:

To receive information on the following matters and agree and decide any action where necessary

1. To receive an update from the Clerk on Mirfield Neighbourhood Plan costs (Deferred from previous meeting) – Clerk confirms that the grant has been approved at a reduced amount within the Locality budget due to Kirkwells confirming much of their quote cannot be actioned by 31/3/25. Clerk confirms that MTC will have to revisit costs for the finalisation of the plan next financial year but reports Kirklees have confirmed they will bear the full cost of the referendum.

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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 8th January 2025

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