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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Thursday 25th July 2024 at 7.32pm the rising of the previous meeting

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

Councillors Present:

S Naisbett (Chairman), J Roberts, S Guy, M Bolt, J Hirst, B Harrison, M Brown, V Lees-Hamilton, M Hamilton, P Tolson, I Ali, I Ali

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: 4 x Residents, 1 x Member Friends of Mirfield Library
Press: None

MTC53/2024

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Naisbett welcomed Cllrs and members of the public. He reported that June had been a very busy month and he had attended many events including South Kirkby Gala with Cllr Itrat Ali, Battyeford Primary Fete, Air Cadets parade with the Lord Lieutenant in addition to the MIB judging.

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Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs D Hirst, M Sullivan & M Connell sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
Cllr Hinchliffe was absent but did not send apologies nor a reason for absence

MTC55/2024

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 Guy declared an **other** interest MTC57(1)

MTC56/2024

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 3rd July 2024 including payments of Nil Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC57/2024

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

1. To receive an update on Mirfield Library and decide any action necessary –Member of Friends of Mirfield Library is in attendance. He reports that the Friends group want to keep dialogue open but still no clear answers and not said why placed in Category 3. Friends group do not want to take on the physical asset as cannot run it and do not want to just want to make the hub successful and build on it. Friends are ok with sharing information with MTC and there is a letter drafted ready to go to Kirklees to the new leader of the council. MTC & Friends to copy each other in any communication. Clerk to send FOI documents to Friends group.
2. To receive an update on Planning Application 2023/93539 at location Land adj. Ledgard Bridge Mill – Draft objection circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the draft response with the amendment for the community car park to include the planning lawyer to press for a funding precedence & policy from Section 106 and the planning lawyer to follow up on this response Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in Favour**

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Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment:

1. To agree Clerk July Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk Working Allowance July by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC July PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Clerk July pension contributions by D/D
5. To agree Trinity Methodist July Room Hire by Bacs £80.00
6. To agree Able Gardens July Maintenance by Bacs £110.00
7. To agree Clerk August Salary by Bacs
8. To agree Clerk Working Allowance August by Bacs
9. To agree HMRC August PAYE by Bacs
10. To agree Clerk August pension contributions by D/D
11. To agree Able Gardens August Maintenance by Bacs £110.00
12. To agree David Ogilvie Bench match funded with Battysford SC £746.40
13. To agree ML Badges Civic & Freeman badges £408.00
14. To agree Boom Marketing D-day 80 posters £58.50
15. To agree YLCA Chairman Training £70.00
16. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 30/06/24
17. To receive Monthly Budget to 30/06/24

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to pay items 1-15 en bloc & note items 16 & 17 Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC59/2024

Internal Matters:

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

1. To discuss a forward plan for Mirfield, to decide key ambitions for this period of council, Mayor & government and decide any action necessary – Defer to September due to meeting over running. Cllr Bolt stated this was to set out key issues for MTC due to new Mayor and new Government.
2. To receive & agree nominations for the Sporting Honours Board – Cllr Bolt reported that a call out was put on Mirfield Matters & Mirfield Word for nominations. A cross section of sporting panel has supported all the nominations. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the 5 nominations recommended by the panel Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC60/2024

Community:

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

1. To receive a presentation from Woven on community planning and use of celebratory textiles and agree any action necessary – A visual presentation was shown to Cllrs. The bi-annual event will take place next year, previous events have been well accredited. 2025 will see the

budget drastically cut but Woven hopes to raise awareness through social media channels & advertising. 36% of attendees in 2023 were outside of the area. Sustainability is the ongoing theme with the use of natural dyes, with schools taking part in charity shop challenges to being creative recycling clothes. There will also be clothes swaps, this is now a regular event in Dewsbury. Workshops will be run with every child challenges and a celebration of music. Grants will be applied for by Woven through Arts Council, Arts Funds & Heritage Lottery and local groups will then be able to apply to Woven for their projects.

Cllr Naisbett thanked Woven for the presentation and information.

8.10pm member Woven left

MTC61/2024

Public Question Time:

Cllrs to discuss and agree any action necessary following the questions

1. Question submitted by member of the public regarding the future use of land off Leeds Road and between Bracken Hill and Slipper Lane which is currently farm land but believe it to have been sold for potential development. Speakers: B & D Garside and J Daniels – Residents are concerned of the possibility of building in the field behind Bracken Hill. Cllr Bolt confirms the land is still greenbelt, he reports that Kirklees put a call out for land development as insufficient housing over next 5 years. Government have also announced that there needs to be more building and possibly on greybelt. The local plan is to be revised and this will then allocate land for building so be vigilant. MTC objected to Mirfield 25 and employed a planning consultant to help fight the development but still went ahead, should have brought in jobs and apprenticeships but never did. Clerk to email residents if anything comes from Planning.
2. Question submitted by member of the public regarding speeding/anti-social driving on Stocks Bank Road. Speaker: J Daniels – residents concerned at the speeds of cars and buses and noise. Concerned that the Satnavs are sending down Stocksbank Rd when the road is not fit for this and not enough fatalities to impose speed reductions. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states as a driving instructor she is also concerned, she will ask for extra police patrols of the area and happy to put a request in to Kirklees for data strips after the school holidays when traffic is back to normal. Resident states that Stocksbank Drive area and Kitson Hill junction worst areas. A further member of the public who was listening to the discussion states that he would be happy to fund/part-fund a traffic sign. Cllrs Lees-Hamilton, Bolt & Itrat Ali to approach Kirklees first. Cllr Bolt confirms whilst in discussion he has emailed the police regarding extra patrols.
3. Resident asks if he can discuss the Certificate of Lawfulness at 45 Manor Park, application for residential home. Cllr Naisbett resolved to allow this discussion under Chairman's discretion. A discussion takes place regarding the company who submitted the application and planning protocols regarding officer delegation at Kirklees. There will be 3 children and 6 adults on a shift pattern residing at the premises. Residents concerned about the impact on highways, ASB, business waste care & allocation of parking spaces with minibus. It was resolved to send objections based on these issues to the planning officer.

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The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th September 2024

Time Meeting Closed.....9.15pm.....