



To: All Councillors
Press
Notice Board (members of the public are welcome to attend)

Lisa Staggs – CLERK.

Dear Councillor,
You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of:

MIRFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

To be held on: Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 7.30pm or at the rising of the
previous meeting of the Armistice Committee
To be held at: Trinity Methodist Church, 4 Trinity Street, Mirfield, WF14 8AD.

A period of 15 minutes will be allowed during the meeting for questions and comments from members of the public on matters relevant to the Town council. There should only be one speaker per topic, each member is allowed three minutes in which to speak (approximately). Questions **MUST** be received 7 days prior by email or post to the Clerk to mirfieldtowncouncil@gmail.com, with details of what they wish to speak about including the wording.

Recordings may be made at the meeting by attendees. Anyone intending to record proceedings should inform the Chairman or Clerk of the meeting of their intentions to record prior to commencement of the meeting. Anyone intending to record a meeting or part thereof, will be asked by the Chairman to identify themselves. All recordings must be made in accordance with any regulations relating to such matters and in accordance with Mirfield Town Council Recording Policy.

AGENDA

MTC176/2024	CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REMARKS:
MTC177/2024	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> 1.To receive apologies 2.To approve reasons for absence. (Members are reminded that apologies MUST be sent to the Clerk or Chairman if they are unable to attend.)
MTC178/2024	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> To receive any declarations of interest to any item on the agenda including any pecuniary interests whether they have been declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Pecuniary Interests For members to declare if they have been lobbied on any matters on the agenda
MTC179/2024	<u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:</u> To approve the minutes of the ordinary town council meeting of 19 th March 2025 as a true and correct record including payments of £1645.02 plus Clerk Salary, Clerk Working Allowance, Pension & HMRC.

MTC180/2024	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:</u></p> <p>To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To receive an update on Cllr emails from Cllr Naisbett and decide any action necessary 2. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on two new London Hearts match funded defibrillators and agree any action necessary
MTC181/2024	<p><u>INTERNAL MATTERS:</u></p> <p>To receive information on the following items and decide any action where necessary</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree cost of Hanging Baskets @ £1996.80 from First Impressions and agree any action necessary (May include an update on Lamppost testing) 2. To receive the motion: To discuss and decide any action or costs on Knowl Park Playable Spaces Scheme: The project is in the design phase cost estimates are based on available funding from Kirklees S106, Ward budgets and possible funding from MTC. The amount to consider being the shortfall from Playable Spaces, Section 106 and Ward budget of £25,776.00 Current committed budget from Playable Spaces, ward contributions and S106: £192,969. Current cost estimate for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Scheme: £218,745 (variance of £25,776 from budget) • Skate park extension (concrete elements) • Play area – new equipment, new surfacing, additional fencing (to increase size), repair of zip wire in situ with surfacing and groundwork improvements to connect with active travel route around the park. • Benches along the path, in play area and skate park • Circular path (various materials - tarmac & crushed stone) • Diagonal path (1.8m tarmac) 3. To discuss the following motion: This Council notes the detrimental effect on our vibrant town centre (and that of other towns and villages in the area) caused by properties being left empty, derelict and unattractive for long periods of time. Council notes that “business rates” (national non domestic rates) are a Government responsibility with the rateable value etc being set by the Valuation Office Agency. This Council moves that town centre properties are brought into a similar situation to that which our residents face and after a short period of zero rates (council tax for households) a significant contribution is still payable on empty properties. This will hopefully encourage errant property owners and landlords to ensure that such properties are not left empty and in a state of decay and embarrassment but brought into use contributing to the economy and enhancing the town centre streetscape. This Council therefore resolves to support this motion, pass the approved motion to YLCA/SLCC/LGA , our neighbouring town and parishes and also the Leader of Kirklees Council to ask that they also support our objectives and where possible change policy and lobby for such changes where needed. Motion Proposed by Cllr Bolt and seconded by Cllr Lees-Hamilton
MTC182/2024	<p><u>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:</u> None Received</p>
MTC183/2024	<p><u>FUTURE MEETING DATES TO AGREE:</u> THE DATE OF THE NEXT FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday 16th April 2025 Time Meeting Closed:.....</p>

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*Signed Lisa Staggs
Town Clerk*