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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Armistice Committee Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 7.00pm

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Councillors: S Naisbett, S Guy, P Tolson, J Roberts, J Hirst, D Hirst, M Connell, M Sullivan, B Harrison, M Brown
Members: S Guy, J Roberts, P Tolson, M Connell, S Naisbett, D Cross(SSAFA)
J Longbottom (RAFA), D Horrobin (RBL)
Public: 2 x residents
Press: None

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Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

Cllr Connell welcomed members of the committee, town council and members of the public stating this was the committee that delivered. He stated that in the short period of time in which we had, the parade was pretty successful. He thanked the veteran groups that attended, the groups present at the meeting and Cllrs.

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Apologies for absence:

1. To receive apologies – None
2. To approve reasons for absence – None
(Members are reminded that apologies MUST be sent to the Chairman if they are unable to attend.)

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Declaration of Interest:

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 –
None to declare.

For members to declare if they have been lobbied on any matters on the agenda

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Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of Mirfield Town Council Armistice Committee Wednesday 6th November 2024 as a true & correct record. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record D Horrobin **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour

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Mirfield Remembrance Parade 2024:

1. To receive an update on the Mirfield Remembrance Parade 2024 from Cllr Connell and discuss any future events for the Armistice Committee - Cllr Connell reports that despite a few obstacles the event went ahead. Cllrs are in receipt of letters sent to MTC disparaging the council and the parade, the committee all agree these letters are a total fabrication and do not need considering. Cllr Connell thanks R Conley for stepping in at the last minute as parade leader and did a brilliant job. Member RAFA provides some feedback; 1. Parade lead and reserve be appointed in good time by committee 2. Ings Grove is kept clear of people 3. Possible road closure Doctor Lane for parade after the service. Cllr Connell states the laying of the wreaths was more efficient this year and in future need barriers to keep public at either side. D Horrobin states the order for the return parade Kings representative – Civics – Military. Cllr Roberts states the bands were perfect, with Hammonds and then cadets, Clerk confirms she has booked Hammonds for next year. Cllr Guy states it will be smoother next time as now we know how to coordinate numbers and Column 2, with plenty of time to get all route issues in place for next year. RAFA member states that there were more veterans marching than ever before, D Horrobin agrees that lots of veterans in attendance and marching. Look at veterans marching with younger members of their families next year to encourage younger people to the parade. Write to the schools involved in the service on Armistice Day and thank them for attendance, look at a PA System for next year.
VE Day next main event that committee needs to get on with. Clerk arrange a meeting beginning of 2025 to get started with arrangements.

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Future meeting dates to agree.

To agree the date of the next Mirfield Town Council Armistice meeting

Next Meeting: **2025**

Time Meeting Closed: 7.55pm