



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 8.00pm

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

Councillors Present:

J Roberts, D Hirst, S Guy, M Sullivan, J Hirst, P Tolson. M Bolt, Itrat Ali, Imran Ali, J Hinchliffe, V Lees-Hamilton, M Connell

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: M Bee

Press: None

MTC79/2025

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Deputy Chairman Cllr Guy welcomed Cllrs in the absence of Cllr Naisbett. A minute's silence was observed as this was the closest meeting to Armistice Day. Cllr Guy reported it had been a busy week preparing for the parade. Cllrs thanked Cllr Connell and members of the Armistice Committee for their work on the parade and for making it one of the safest events.

MTC80/2025

Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs Hamilton, Naisbett, Harrison & Brown 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 accept the reasons for absence Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC81/2025

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 Sullivan declared a pecuniary interest in extra item MTC84(2) and left the meeting.

MTC82/2025

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 22nd October 2025 including payments of **£232.50 plus £7223.94 noted** plus Clerk Salary, HMRC, NEST Pension & working allowance Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr

Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: 9 in favour Cllrs not present at the meeting Abstained**

MTC83/2025

To receive information on the following ongoing issues:
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1. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on two new London Hearts match funded defibrillators and agree any action necessary – Cllr Guy reported he had emailed Cllr Hinchliffe, who will collect the defibs for installation. He reports also that he needs the number from the Bleed Kit so that he can register it.
2. To consider providing Christmas Lights for Mirfield following the dissolution of the Christmas Lights Committee, to agree the costs supplied by Charlestown Ltd of £4160 and Website Video Santa Message supplied by K Curtin of £150 and agree actions necessary regarding the Christmas Light Switch On Event Proposed by Cllr Naisbett Seconded by Cllr Connell (Deferred from previous meeting) – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the quotes of £4160 and £150 Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To agree date of Christmas Lights Switch On Proposed Date Sunday 30th November 2025 – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept the date of 30th November 2025 Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To agree a course of action on Community Governance Review and agree any action necessary following discussion at previous meeting – Clerk reports that she has not had any comments from Cllrs. Resolved to defer to 3rd December and ask YLCA & SLCC for advice and Cllrs find time before the 3rd December meeting to look at the proposal and formulate comments for a meaningful submission.

MTC84/2025

Internal Matters:

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

1. To consider Community Right to Bid Pathways, Nettleton Road following receipt of information from Kirklees following FOI request and decide a course of action – FOI circulated prior to the meeting, Cllrs begin to discuss and Clerk states that the officer she spoke to in August recess, said that it had been withdrawn from auction for the time being. The intention with the FOI was then to submit a more robust Community Right To Bid application. Whilst discussing, Cllr Hinchliffe states that he saw that the building had been sold at auction. On checking online, it was confirmed that the building had been sold for £426,000. Cllrs are very concerned that this happened after the Community Right To Bid application had been sent. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk email Chief Executive of Kirklees stating that MTC is disappointed that the building has been sold after Clerk was told it was withdrawn and the intention to submit with more detail Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. It was resolved to add an extra time limited item relating to MTC66(3&4) – Cllr Sullivan was asked to leave the meeting and did not return. Clerk reports that she has had email from NAS with some advice as the complaint had moved along with the plot and membership terminated. Cllrs discuss and it was resolved to accept NAS recommendation and for Clerk to email MAGS and ask if they would consider suspending the termination as an act of good faith. Cllr Bolt reiterated that any costs incurred including the Clerk's time be taken from the allotment fund as previously resolved.

MTC85/2025

Public Question Time

None

MTC86/2025

To confirm the date of the next town council meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th November 2025
Time Meeting Closed.....**8.35pm**.....