



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 8.00pm 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, J Hirst, B Harrison, M Brown, D Hirst, P Tolson, M Connell, M Sullivan

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: 2 x Residents, 2 x Members UHCC
Press: None

MTC90 /2024

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Naisbett welcomed Cllrs and members of the public. He read out a thank you letter from Castle Hall Academy.

MTC91/2024

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

MTC92/2024

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.

None to declare as no update from Mirfield Library

MTC93/2024

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 2nd October 2024 as a true & correct record including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Connell **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Guy **Seconded Cllr Sullivan Abstained Vote: 9 in favour**

MTC94/2024

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 –No update

2. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on website design and decide any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett reports that it is almost complete, a few more tweaks and live in a couple of weeks
3. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on Christmas Light Switch on and agree any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett reports the paperwork needs completing and returning to Kirklees and he explains Ice lights will hopefully be going across the highway.

MTC95/2024

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment:

1. To agree Clerk Oct Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk Working Allowance Oct by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC Oct PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Clerk Oct pension contributions by D/D
5. To agree Trinity Methodist Oct Room Hire by Bacs £80.00
6. To agree Able Gardens Oct Maintenance by Bacs £110.00
7. To agree PKF Littlejohn Audit £504.00
8. To agree K Clegg Singing Civic Service £150.00
9. To agree Sitewizard Balance of website £2660.00
10. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 30/09/24
11. To receive Monthly Budget to 30/09/24

Cllr Guy **Proposed** to pay items 1-9 en bloc & note items 10 & 11 Cllr Brown

Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC96/2024

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted – Upper Hopton Cricket Club to provide a seating area and footpath £3500 (Documents circulated prior to the meeting) – 2 members of UHCC are in attendance to present the grant. They state the club has been in force since 1904 with improvements and modernisation in the 1960's. They state the footpath from Jackroyd Lane to the club car park is dangerous and has a steep banking, there have been incidents where the public have slipped down the banking. They intend to create a footpath and seating at the club for users and the wider community. Cllrs ask questions regarding the costs as there is a proposed amount of £2500 from Kirkless. UHCC confirm that they have only been provisionally given £500 from Kirklees, so the funds are now short, the club have raised £3550 towards the full project. Clerk reports that Cllr Lees-Hamilton is in full support of the grant as a Hopton Ward councillor. Cllrs discuss the shortfall and agree that the full project benefits the wider community. Cllr Connell **Proposed** MTC awards £5000 which would cover the shortfall from Kirklees as the project benefits the club and wider community Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC97/2024

Internal Matters:

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

1. To discuss defibrillator funding from London Hearts and agree any action necessary – The funding from Dept of Health & Social Care is on 1st come basis. Cllr Guy **Proposed** to apply for funding for two defibrillators to be positioned on the Nab/Knowl and by the Plough Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC98/2024

Community:

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

1. To receive an update from West Yorkshire Police on Crime & ASB in Mirfield and decide any action necessary - Although it had been arranged with the Inspector, the PC who was supposed to attend was not present.

MTC99/2024

Public Question Time:

None

MTC100/2024

The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Cllr Naisbett reports under Chair's discretion that Mirfield Roundtable have been in touch with the Clerk regarding this year's fireworks cost. There has been a misunderstanding on their part regarding the contribution from MTC. Clerk asked in August for a quotation to put to council under Section 137 as per the previous year, but this was not forthcoming and an invoice was sent last night for the cost of £5000, which was too late to be added to the agenda. The bonfire will take place prior to the next council meeting, Cllr Naisbett asks Cllrs if they are minded to add to the next agenda after the event. Clerk confirms this would be under Section 137 community benefit as grants are not paid retrospectively. Cllrs discuss and agree that as it is a community event, as long as representation is there on the night along with the treasurer to answer any questions, they have no objections to Clerk adding to next agenda.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 6th November 2024

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