



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 20th November 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 MIB
Press: None

MTC109/2024 **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Naisbett welcomed Cllrs and members of the public. He reminded Cllrs that the Christmas Light Switch on and Makers Market was Saturday 23rd December.

MTC110/2024 **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 Sullivan **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Sullivan **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
Cllr Hinchliffe was absent but did not send apologies nor a reason for absence

MTC111/2024 **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

MTC112/2024 **Confirmation of Minutes:**

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 6th November 2024 as a true & correct record including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Sullivan **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Connell **Seconded Cllr Harrison Abstained Vote: 9 in favour**

MTC113/2024 **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 final changes have been given to Sitewizard, hopefully he can give a presentation at the next meeting with a possible go live 1st Jan 2025.
 3. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on Christmas Light Switch on and agree any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett reports the lights, angel and Christmas tree are installed. 4.00pm switch on with Castle Hall school choir performing.
 4. To receive an update on Speed Indicator Device for Stocksbank Road and decide any action or costs necessary – Email from Kirklees was circulated with Cllrs and resident prior to the meeting. Cllrs discuss and agree there seems to be an issue with GDPR from camera information. It seems that access to land needs to be sought from residents on Stocksbank to progress this. Defer to next meeting with Cllr Lees-Hamilton
 5. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on defibrillator funding from London Hearts and agree any action necessary – Cllr Guy reported that MTC were successful with the grant of £1800, Clerk to pay as below. Need to speak to The Plough. Clerk confirms speaking to owner of beauty business on The Knowl who was in favour if the electricity costs were met by MTC if more than a small charge

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Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment:

1. To agree Clerk November Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk Working Allowance November by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC November PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Clerk November Pension contributions by D/D
5. To agree Trinity Methodist November Room Hire by Bacs £80.00
6. To agree Able Gardens November Maintenance by Bacs £110.00
7. To agree Able Gardens Autumn tidy and weedkiller £135.00
8. To agree Wild bout Gardens Bankfield Hedges by Bacs £180.00
9. To agree Ben Preece PA System Remembrance Parade £220.00
10. To agree BHPSS Security cost Remembrance Parade £5068.80
11. To agree London Hearts Defibrillator match funding by Bacs £1800
12. To note Camel Precast Solutions Ltd concrete blocks by Bacs £2124.00
13. To note M Billington Food Pig Race Mayors Charity by Bacs £297.00
14. To note Wreaths Remembrance Day x 2 by Bacs £50.00
15. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 31/10/24
16. To receive Monthly Budget to 31/10/24

Cllr Connell **Proposed** to pay items 1-11 en bloc & note items 12-16 Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted – Mirfield In Bloom Plants & watering for 2025 £15,000 (documents circulated prior to the meeting) – Members of MIB are present and report another successful year winning gold and Best Town in YIB and may be asked to represent Yorkshire in BIB. Clerk mentions issues with hanging baskets on lampposts following new policies from Kirklees. MIB state most of the hanging baskets are on premises not lampposts. Cllr Sullivan enquires about the 8-year plan. MIB confirm 2025 to be Wild & Wonderful theme, wildlife and conservation being the focus. Cllr Connell asked if there were any other major funders/sponsors. MIB state their own fundraising, but many local businesses cannot afford to contribute. Clerk states that the criteria asks for successful grant applications to acknowledge the contribution made by MTC in any form of PR, Social Media posts, Newsletters or Programs, this enables the residents to see what funding has been given to local groups. She states that many residents will not be aware of the level of funding given to MIB by MTC and asks if something can be put on planters where the plants MTC fund are, to show the sponsorship from the

town council. Clerk confirms Cllr Lees-Hamilton has sent her support and agrees the planters need to show MTC sponsorship. Cllr Brown **Proposed** MTC awards MIB £15,000 Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Internal Matters:

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

1. To receive an update from the Clerk and Steering Group on Mirfield Neighbourhood Plan. Grant maximum with Locality has been reached and the latest estimates from Kirkwells will exceed the grant allowance and costs to complete the plan. To decide if MTC want to proceed with finalising the Plan and agree the costs to do so from the precept (deferred from previous meeting) – Clerk updates on the costs and Cllrs discuss putting advert in Mirfield Word instead of sending postcards, which did not seem to work last time. Cllr Connell **Proposed** Clerk requests a quotation from Mirfield Word Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive and agree Terms of Reference Staffing Committee and agree any action necessary (Circulated prior to the meeting) – Cllr Harrison **Proposed** to accept the Terms of Reference for the Staffing Committee Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to convene a meeting of the committee

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Public Question Time:

None

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The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th December 2024

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.50pm**.....