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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

S Naisbett (Chairman), J Roberts, D Hirst, S Guy, M Sullivan, J Hirst, M Brown, Itrat Ali, B Harrison, V Lees-Hamilton, M Hamilton, P Tolson

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: 1 x resident,

Press: None

MTC130/2024

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Naisbett welcomed Cllrs and members of the public to the first meeting of 2025 and wished everyone Happy New Year

MTC131/2024

Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs Imran Ali, M Bolt, M Connell & J Hinchliffe sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Lees-Hamilton

Proposed to accept the apologies Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC132/2024

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

MTC133/2024

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 11th December 2024 including payments of **£7321.00** plus Clerk Salary, Working Allowance, HMRC & Nest Pension as a true and correct record. Cllr D Hirst **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Guy **Seconded Cllrs Lees-Hamilton, Ali & Tolson Abstained Vote: 9 in favour**

MTC134/2024

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further

action where necessary.

1. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on website and decide any action necessary – Cllr Naisbett reported the website was ready to go and hopefully live next week.
2. To receive an update on Mirfield Library and decide any action necessary – Kirklees to put a sign up in the Library car park for library staff and volunteers

MTC135/2024

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. To agree Clerk Jan Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk Working Allowance Jan by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC Jan PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Clerk Jan Pension contributions by D/D
5. To agree Trinity Methodist Jan Room Hire by Bacs £80.00
6. To agree Able Gardens Jan Maintenance by Bacs £45.00
7. To agree Kirklees Gritters Cost Parade £4495.32
8. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 31/12/24 - Noted
9. To receive Monthly Budget to 31/12/24 - Noted

Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to pay items 1-6 en bloc & note items 8 & 9 but to ask Kirklees for a full breakdown of invoice as it is more than their quotation and as it is for wages for gritter staff, why are we charged VAT

Cllr J Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Clerk states she will be looking to compile the budget before the next meeting so will require any costings with evidence prior to the meeting. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states she would like MTC to match fund police time (Operation Trimburg) with the Ward Cllrs budget, she will forward costings to the Clerk

MTC136/2024

Internal Matters:

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

1. To receive an update/report from the Mayor regarding correspondence addressed to him during the Christmas period, which was dealt with from a safety perspective – Cllr Naisbett updates that he has had an email from WYP that he reads to Cllrs.
2. To receive draft Terms of Reference for a Christmas Lights Committee and decide any action and costs necessary (Draft Terms of Reference circulated prior to the meeting) – Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** MTC accept the Terms of Reference Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** Cllr Naisbett as Chairman of the Christmas Lights Committee Cllr Ali **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** Cllr Brown as Vice Chairman of Lights committee Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To agree renewing warranty for Laptop including mechanical & electrical breakdown at an annual cost of £126.00 commencing 1st February 2025 – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to renew warranty as Clerk needs a working laptop at all times Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To note 2025/2026 Tax Base of £7124.98 and proposed CTR Grant of Nil as the tax base for Mirfield Parish Council is now higher than the 2012-13 tax base of £6,863 i.e. the tax base prior to localisation. (Final Kirklees approval 5th March 2025) - **Noted**
5. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on two new defibrillators and decide any action necessary – Cllr Guy reported that the electrician

who fitted the previous defibs had agreed to fit these two at The Plough and Flawless Beauty. Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked Cllr Guy on behalf of MTC

6. To decide to write to the Chief Executive of Kirklees and the Leader of the council regarding the lack of response from officers when approached by Cllrs by either email or telephone and agree a course of action - Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** Clerk emails Chief Executive and leader of the council as it is disrespectful and rude that Cllrs do not receive the courtesy of replies from officers Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** emailing Cllr enquiries, the route ward Cllrs use with a 5 day response Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
7. To discuss The Community Right to Nominate and Bid for Assets of Community Value and agree any action – Cllrs discuss the selling of assets that were once owned by Mirfield UDC Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** Clerk emails Kirklees with a list of the following assets MTC would be interested to nominate as an Asset of Community Value should Kirklees decide to sell them: Knowl House, Drill Hall, Showground, Memorial Park, Ings Grove Park, Mirfield Library & Memorial Garden, Battyeford Park (aka Rocket Park), Northorpe Park, Quarryside Park, Old Bank Rec, Upper Hopton Rec, Odd Fellows St Community Centre, Woodend Rd Park, those listed but not limited to Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Public Question Time

Member of the public is present but has not requested the item on the agenda. As a courtesy Cllr Lees-Hamilton updates the resident on the SID's at Stocksbank. Clerk states that the option the resident refers to means someone having it in their garden. Resident states he will reconsider the funding if on Kirklees land, Cllr Lees-Hamilton states as he has changed the goalposts, she will have to go back to Kirklees on this. Clerk states no more discussion is required as the matter is not on the agenda, so a decision cannot be made.

MTC138/2024

The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 5th February 2025

Cllr Guy reports the Annual Memorial at Hartshead Moor Services will take place on Sunday 2nd February if anyone wants to attend.

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.25pm**.....