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town council

Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 2024 2nd October at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs

Public: 3 x residents

Press: None

MTC80/2024

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Naisbett welcomed Cllrs and members of the public. He reported that he had attended Meltham Civic Service, YIB awards Castle Hall open evening, organ recital at St Johns & RBL award event. He thanked everyone who attended the Civic Service and read an email from Dr Joshi.

MTC81/2024

Apologies for Absence:

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

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

MTC82/2024

Declaration of Interest:

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda including any pecuniary interests whether or not they have been declared on the members register of pecuniary interests.

Cllr Guy declared an other interest MTC84(1)

MTC83/2024

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of the 18th September 2024 including payments of **£603.60 plus Clerk Salary, Working Allowance, HMRC & NEST Pension**. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC84/2024

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 the website is almost ready with just a little bit more information required. Hoping to go live 16th October.
3. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on Christmas Light Switch On and decide any action or costs necessary – Cllr Naisbett updates on Christmas lights.
4. To receive an update on Speed Indicator Device for Stocksbank Road and decide any action or costs necessary – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that she contacted Kirklees for previous speed data. Speed signs missing and not been replaced. She hypothetically asked Kirklees if a resident wanted to purchase a SID, where would it go. She will chase this up. Resident confirms money is waiting to be transferred it needs be.
5. To receive an update from the Clerk regarding license for the boulders placed in the Lidl car park and decide any action necessary an update on Christmas Lights and decide any action necessary – Solicitor to ask if signage can be placed on the boulders Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** it stated the following: MTC does not accept liability for injury, accident or damage from these boulders Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC85/2024

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). The grant could not be heard as there was no one present from the group. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** it be added to the next agenda Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to email contact at UHCC
Clerk reports that she has received various grant forms via email but has had to decline as applicants are not reading the criteria and providing the correct documents or the documents in time for events. She mentions a school who have applied in the name of MIB, but who cannot meet the criteria, Cllr Lees-Hamilton asked the Clerk to refer the group to the Mirfield Educational Charity.

MTC86/2024

Internal Matters:

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

1. To receive an update from the Clerk on setting up a Charity as previously discussed and decide a course of action – Clerk reads an email from Williams & Co advising how to set up a Company Limited by Guarantee or a CIO. Cllrs discuss and agree that a grant finder would be required. Cllr Brown stated at the MP's forum there were offers of grant finding. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC look at setting up Company or CIO and Clerk approach YLCA for any recommendations **Cllr Connell Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC87/2024

Community:

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

1. To discuss and decide if the council wish to lodge an objection alongside residents with OFSTED for the use of the premises located at 45 Manor Park – 2 residents are present and inform Cllrs of their objections to OFSTED. Cllrs are concerned about the fire provisions for the roof bedrooms and noise for the neighbours if the residents have challenging behaviours, as the property is semi-detached. Car parking is not suitable for all the vehicles and any visiting vehicles. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states party walls must be insulated and appropriate fire escapes installed. Cllr Ali states any objection needs to be focused on the wellbeing of the children living there. Cllr Brown states MTC are not wanting to disenfranchise children but are concerned about the business model and safety issues. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC object

- in principle but need more information Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To discuss participating in Trinity Christmas Tree Festival and agree any costs related - Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** that MTC take part in the Tree Festival at a cost of £20 for the tree Cllr Ali **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC88/2024

The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th October 2024 at the rising of the Mirfield Armistice Committee Meeting

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.44pm**.....