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town council

Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr Guy minuted the meeting

Public: 1 x Member Friends of Mirfield Library, 1 x Resident

Press: None

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Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Naisbett welcomed Cllrs and members of the public. He gave an update of the Mirfield Show.

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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 sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Sullivan **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Sullivan **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**

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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 MTC67(1)

Cllrs Naisbett & Hinchcliffe declared an other interest MTC67(3)

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Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of the 25th July 2024 including payments of **£1582.90 plus Clerk Salary, Working Allowance, HMRC & NEST Pension**. Cllr Roberts **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Ali **Seconded Cllrs D Hirst, M Connell, M Sullivan & J Hinchcliffe Abstained Vote: 10 in favour**

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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 - Cynthia – Thanks to MTC from Friends group. Next stage – cutting hours, staff

etc but they have a cunning plan to train more volunteers. Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked Friends of Mirfield Library on behalf of MTC. Cllr Brown – younger volunteers needed. Cynthia to contact Cllr Brown.

2. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on website design and decide any action necessary - Cllr Naisbett reported draft website will go live Mid-September – draft website goes live to look at, thanks to Mrs Connell and M Sullivan. To go live 1st October or thereabouts.
3. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on Mirfield Show following sponsorship of the marquee - On behalf of J Evans and committee – thanks to MTC and for the sponsorship of marquee, the show was another success. Thoughts for future compares, as M Jones has done a sterling job for 21 years, but is now retiring from the role. Next year 30th anniversary of reformed show and 80th since original. Footfall around 11,000 still down on pre-Covid which maxed out at around 21,000.

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Community:

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

1. To receive an update from Mirfield Roundtable on Mirfield Beer Festival – No update as no member Roundtable present
2. To receive an update on Speed Indicator Device for Stocksbank Road and decide any action necessary – A resident has offered to pay up to £3250 (based on a quote seen by MTC) for a solar Speed Indicator on Stocksbank Rd on its own post – this needs a plot of land (12-inch square) from a landowner/resident rather than using Kirklees posts which would require 11 different letters to utility companies (at a cost per letter which would be returned to MTC). If MTC can arrange movement then this could be used in other places in Mirfield on a short-term basis. Discussion about location ensued. Granny Lane – based on last night. Cllr Lees-Hamilton led the discussion on other speeding areas within Mirfield and how Kirklees consider applications for funding and speed cameras/humps etc. This led to Operation Trimberg and direct consultation with WYP. Cllr Lees-Hamilton will ask about “Community Call For Action.” Speed Strips – MTC consider how much it costs to get these put in and then this can be presented to Kirklees to consider for speed mitigation. To be brought back at a future meeting – Cllr Naisbett to discuss with Clerk based on data.
3. To discuss the review of Kirklees Ward Boundary Changes and consider a response - Spring Place development, near Northorpe Hall new houses development. It was resolved to send an email stating: MTC oppose the proposed boundary changes. This town council on behalf of all Mirfield residents oppose all boundary changes Cllr Lees-Hamilton and Cllr Naisbett to liaise with Clerk about the letter.

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Public Question Time:

None

Cllr Hinchcliffe under Chairman’s discretion – St Paul’s church. Contact has been made with the diocese by Cllr Hinchcliffe and his business partner.

Covenants are very restrictive in terms of uses. “Town Centre Hub” – performing arts, performance, exhibitions. Final proposal by next Friday.

It was resolved that MTC supports in principle but cannot make a decision as it is not an agenda item. If the proposal to the diocese is successful then Cllr

Hinchcliffe will come back to MTC with a presentation.

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The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7.30pm

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.42pm**.....