



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 1st March 2012
At Centrecom Meeting Place**

Present: Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
Ken Baker
Andre Brady
Linda Inoki
Elizabeth Rowell-Tinsley
Andrew Thomas
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Ramo Erdogan

Also in attendance: Isabella Fraser
Tom Fraser

	Minutes	Actions
1	Welcome & Apologies The Chair noted apologies from Councillor Erdogan.	
2	Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meetings The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 9 February 2012 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair, subject to the following amendment:- Item 13) John Lewis application. The first sentence to read 'It was agreed that a letter would be sent by the Town Council to MKCouncil expressing its concerns that the application had been agreed against the strong advice of English Heritage and the 20 th Century Society and also the weight of public opinion.'	
3	Matters Arising - Guidelines for the Town Council to enable a consistent approach to licensing applications had yet to be completed. The Chair to circulate in due course. - The Clerk advised of the current position with regard to S106 arrangements and planning applications for the Campbell Park grid square. Details to be forwarded by email to all councillors. Councillor Baker noted that he was of the view that the proposals under the Campbell Park application were impractical and would not be realistic in their current format. -The Clerk to remind councillors of the closing dates for current consultations. -Councillor Baker agreed to forward his observations regarding the John Lewis application to the Clerk by 2 March. -It was noted that the closure of Secklow Gate Bridge would require the agreement of the Secretary of State, but that this would only follow a successful planning application. Ward councillor Fraser indicated that Campbell Park parish council would support any action taken to resist the bridge closure. -It was agreed that the action on the Chair to seek a meeting with Andrew Geary on the issue be deferred until an indication of the level of support from surrounding parishes was clear. To be reviewed at the next meeting.	RK PC PC KB RK

4	<p>Budget The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p>A proposal was brought forward for the provision of £3500 towards a proposed play area to be constructed between the North 9th and 10th Street flats. This was to support the residents' association and would provide seed funding which would enable a WREN application to be considered, with the total cost being between £25000 and £35000. Concerns were expressed by a councillor with regard to the lack of security afforded to the ground floor flat occupants if the park is open to the public, citing parks in London squares that are only accessible by residents. It was noted that funding would not be forthcoming for the scheme unless it was accessible to all. If installed it was agreed that MKCouncil would adopt the park and maintain it.</p> <p>It was noted that the residents are keen for the scheme to be undertaken, and that the area has been poorly served in recent years.</p> <p>A vote was taken and the funding was agreed by 5 votes to 1. The Clerk noted that the Play Area Improvement scheme application had been received and could be considered for match funding.</p> <p>On a related matter, Councillor Brady offered to be part of the Community First panel should this still be required. The Clerk to pursue.</p>	PC
5	<p>Consultation with residents-Listening campaign The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Brady outlined the principle behind the listening campaign and the benefits of undertaking this. The outcomes could inform the views and priorities of the Town Council going forward. Additionally, it was felt that this process could identify potential active residents who could be engaged going forward. It was agreed that a demographic and age mix of contributions was important and that all areas of the parish should be included. To this end it was agreed that Councillors Inoki and Kurth would address Campbell Park ward, Councillors Rowell-Tinsley, Baker and Erdogan East ward and Councillors Thomas and Brady West ward.</p> <p>It was agreed that councillors seek to undertake at least 10 interviews with residents each before the end of April, with the results being collated by the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk to send the written questionnaire sent by MKCCM last year to inform the questions that will be asked.</p> <p>The Clerk cautioned that retention of data on residents interviewed on a database could have data protection issues. The Chair asked for a report back on this matter.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>

6	<p>Business Neighbourhood Plan The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The terms of reference for the Steering Group, considered by the Town Council at a previous meeting, was formally ratified, with the amendments as agreed by the Steering Group.</p> <p>The Chair reported that the Steering Group had agreed to undertake the most comprehensive plan possible with the funding available. Option 3, which requires a cash injection of £70k and 'pro bono' and in-kind work of some £100k+ was seen as the preferred option. It was also reported that, following the MKCouncil budget meeting, MKCouncil is prepared to inject a further £20k cash and £10k in kind contribution from the Urban Design team into the process.</p> <p>Funds are needed for an editor-in chief and masterplanner, but the Chair has indicated that she could assume the role of Project Leader on a 'pro bono' basis. The Town Council expressed its thanks to the Chair for agreeing to take on this role.</p> <p>The Chair outlined the opportunities and challenges in developing a Business Neighbourhood Plan, as follows:-</p> <p>CMK residents will: Have more say in what CMK will look like in future:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where residents would like new homes, shops & offices to be built • What those new buildings should look like <p>Have more opportunity to contribute to the future prosperity of CMK:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating more jobs....and what kind of jobs • Increasing the number and variety of shops and leisure pursuits • How best to accommodate increases in parking/transport needs <p>Develop new ways to build a stronger and more diverse community:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lively public squares and meeting places • New cultural and social facilities • Attractive places for the young and old • Expanding the university <p>It was noted that under the DCLG guidelines businesses are intended to contribute to the cost of the BNPlan. It was accepted that to request this at present would be challenging, but that once the CMK Business Forum is fully constituted this issue could be broached.</p> <p>The ward councillor noted that the BNPlan needed to succeed for the credibility of MKCouncil and CMK Town Council.</p> <p>A vote was taken on supporting the BNPlan in sum of £10,000 and was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>The Chair then requested that the Town Council approve the co-opting of Andrew Morris to the Steering Group as an additional member. The proposal was agreed by 5 votes to 1 abstention. The matter of which four of the five MKCouncil representatives should have voting rights was considered and the Clerk was requested to seek names from John Moffoot. It was noted that, as alternates were not allowed a firm agreement on voting members was required.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to seek advice from John Moffoot and Philip McCourt in respect of the declaration of interest required by Steering Group members.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
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7	<p>Finance Paper The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the payment to Richard Carter Consultancy will be reimbursed from CLG monies in due course.</p>	
8	<p>IT Strategy The Chair noted that whilst the Town Council is currently paying for googlemail addresses for all councillors there are only two councillors currently using the system. She offered to re-train councillors on how to access the system, but that if councillors did not begin using the system the facility would be withdrawn.</p>	RK
9	<p>Licensing The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that there was no basis for an objection to the proposed changes to the licensing arrangements for Phoenix.</p>	
10	<p>Planning requests The paper, as tabled, was noted.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed in respect of the amendments to units SU2 and 3 in Midsummer Place.</p> <p>It was agreed that the planning committee-councillors Inoki, Baker and Thomas, consider the application and submit an objection should they feel appropriate, with report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>A discussion ensued with regard to the handling of planning applications going forward and the Clerk was requested to work with the planning committee to determine a practical way forward.</p>	LI,KB,AT PC
11	<p>Planning Matters in Progress The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
12	<p>Election Update At this juncture ward councillor Fraser requested that she make a statement. She informed the Town Council that Campbell Park parish council had been successful in seeking an injunction relating to the transfer of Willen from that council. She advised that the corollary of this was that it was anticipated that all boundary adjustments made under the same order would be subject to the injunction. This would include the transfer of Campbell Park ward to CMK Town Council, and Cllr Fraser suggested that the transfer could be delayed until the next election four years hence. The Clerk noted that he had received no formal notification from MKCouncil at that time and would act as and when such advice was received.</p> <p>The ward councillor and Mr. Fraser left the meeting at this juncture.</p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted and a number of queries were addressed by the Clerk. He reminded councillors of the short window for nomination of candidacy, being 28 March to noon on 4 April. It was agreed that the Clerk would retain the papers and provide these to councillors upon request.</p>	PC
13	<p>Any Other Business a) Parish Clerk information disc The Clerk noted that he had received a disc containing a number of</p>	

	<p>planning documents. He was requested to copy the files to discs for councillors.</p> <p>b) SPG Campbell Park Copies of the SPG for Campbell Park were circulated.</p>	PC
	<p>Next meeting to be held on Thursday 12 April at Centrecom Meeting Place at 6.00pm</p>	