



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 10th May 2012
At Room 3, Council Offices, Central Milton Keynes

Present: Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
 Ken Baker (from item 11)
 Andre Brady
 Ramo Erdogan
 Linda Inoki
 Elizabeth Rowell-Tinsley
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Andrew Thomas

Also in attendance: None

	Minutes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Thomas. Councillor Baker had indicated that he would arrive late.</p>	
2	<p>Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 12 April 2012 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair, subject to the following amendment:-</p> <p>Item 11 Station Square-Insert at the end of the segment ‘ Councillor Thomas proposed that the Town Council send a formal letter of objection to the Chair of MKCouncil DCC regarding the adoption proposal for an unnecessary and inappropriate Elder Gate footway in association with the Network Rail HQ development. The proposal was agreed and Councillor Thomas to draft the letter.’</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. -It was agreed that the Town Council should seek to meet with the new MKCouncil Cabinet once appointed. - The Clerk and Chair to meet to determine how to best manage the expenditure being incurred in connection with the BNPlan and the sums currently being held in this context by MKCouncil. -Coaching sessions with regard to the use of the ‘.org’ email addresses are pending, and will be dealt with on a one to one basis, subject to Chair’s availability. Sports Facility- It was agreed that the Clerk advise Paul Sanders that the Town Council would wish to defer commitment of any of the S106 monies currently available for use within the parish until after the completion of the BNPlan, given that this process could well identify options that would be more 	<p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>RK/PC</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>PC</p>

	<p>appropriate and relevant to its parishioners.</p> <p>HCA Transfer of assets- It was noted that a response had been received from MKCouncil confirming that this exercise has yet to be completed, but undertaking to keep the Town Council advised of progress.</p>	
4	<p>Listening Campaign Councillor Brady reported that he had completed his ten listening exercises and that the residents with whom he spoke had no substantive issues with living in CMK. The Chair noted that she had spoken to 30 residents of the North 9th and 10th Street flats as part of the discussions around the play area, and that there was a view that there were insufficient sports facilities in the area for the young.</p> <p>Councillor Brady identified small issues- the lack of black and pink bag deliveries, absence of local paper deliveries, no rubbish bin in the vicinity of the Petersfield Green play area etc. The fencing around that area was also found to be ineffective.</p> <p>It was agreed that Carmen Kane be invited to the next Town Council meeting to discuss these issues and to enable councillors to raise other issues with her.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter to both local newspapers raising concerns re:distribution across CMK.</p> <p>The Town Council agreed to consider the issue of a leaflet to residents identifying areas of concern and providing a key to essential contacts within CMK. The Clerk to add to the next agenda.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
5	<p>Business Neighbourhood Plan/wiki The Chair reported that the workshops were now drawing to a conclusion, and that they had been better attended as the programme has progressed. The engagement process is due to draw to a close at the end of May, however, it was noted that the Steering Group would be considering extending the stated deadlines.</p> <p>It was noted that there was a possibility of press coverage once the first findings from the process are published.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the newly elected Business Representatives to the Steering Group has been appointed at their recent meeting. The Town Council confirmed their appointment as follows:_- Colin Fox, David Lock, Alan Banks, David Foster, Philip Smith, Ruth Stone, Paul Hunt and Robert Hall (pro tem).</p>	
6	<p>Register of Members' Interests The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Clerk requested that all councillors complete the short form amendment to the Declaration of Interest, unless this is not appropriate.</p>	
7	<p>Finance Paper The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
8	<p>Play Area Update The Chair reported that the North 9th/10th Street play area application had been submitted to WREN for consideration. Additionally an increased application under MKCouncil's Play Area Improvement Scheme has been</p>	

	<p>submitted in sum of £5,500.</p> <p>Planning documentation has been submitted, this being required due to the proximity of the proposed playground to residential housing.</p> <p>Improvements to the open area at the rear of Centrecom have been incorporated into the plans.</p>	
9	<p>Licensing None</p>	
10	<p>Renaming of Station Square The Clerk outlined proposals to consider changing the name of Station Square to Fred Roche square in recognition of one of the founders of the city.</p> <p>The proposal was agreed. The Clerk to communicate the outcome of the discussion to MKCouncil.</p>	PC
11	<p>Draft Budget & proposed projects for 2012-13 Councillor Baker arrived at this juncture.</p> <p>i) Awards for charitable groups The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>After some discussion it was agreed that consideration should be given to applications for support from charitable/community groups only if a benefit to the residents of CMK can be evidenced. It was noted that the Communities Foundation funding stream, which is being established to support Campbell Park, is currently developing its criteria. It was agreed that once this has been determined the Town Council should seek to have sight of this and use this model as a basis for the criteria to be applied to its scheme.</p> <p>The fundamentals of a maximum of 10% of precept being allocated for potential grants, no award to be more than £500 and the selection process operating twice yearly were accepted.</p> <p>ii) Draft Budget The Chair explained how the initial budget had been compiled and noted that the expenditure was in excess of the available funds. With this in mind a discussion ensued and the following items were deleted/amended from the budget proposal:- Parish office accommodation Parish magazine Dog bins Grants reduced to £4000, as above BNPlan budget reduced to £8000</p> <p>It was agreed that the budget would be redesigned to clearly identify core costs, and to allow a contingency sum of £4000.</p> <p>iii) Proposal A verbal proposal was put forward by the Chair as a route to identify a part time community mobiliser for the parish. The proposal was discussed in some detail, following which a member proposed that a vote be taken that an approach be made in respect of an individual for them to work for the Town Council one day per week for a trial period of 6 months. The outcome was that the proposal was agreed by 4 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. The Chair to commence negotiations to determine the viability of the agreed model.</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>RK</p>

	<p>It was also agreed that Councillor Brady bring back to the Town Council a proposal to engage a young person to work alongside the suggested candidate.</p>	AB
12	<p>Transport Vision and Strategy The Clerk reported that Councillor Thomas had agreed to pursue this item.</p>	
13	<p>Planning Matters in Progress</p> <p>Station Square Concerns were again expressed with regard to the proposed Elder Gate footpath. It was agreed that a letter be sent to David Hill formally requesting that the works do not proceed until suitable alternatives have been explored.</p> <p>Xscape casino It was agreed that an approach be made to David Hill and Andrew Geary requesting that the funds to be received from the casino be used specifically for works within CMK and Fishermead, as these will be the areas most impacted upon its opening.</p> <p>The Planning Committee was requested to determine if there is an opportunity to mitigate the design of the front entrance.</p> <p>Midsummer Place The Town Council noted the poor quality of the public exhibition and agreed that a letter be sent noting that the exhibition was poorly executed, the questions on the consultation paper were leading and the drawings were both opaque and in some instances inaccurate.</p> <p>Next It was noted that Councillor Baker had written to MKCouncil identifying the lack of a match between the glazing on the original exterior and that of the new extension to Next. It was agreed that the Town Council should also write in this regard, seeking assurances that the matter will be addressed.</p> <p>Major Developments It was agreed that a meeting be sought with the Leader of the Council as a matter of some urgency to ensure that the major planning applications coming forward in the near future are looked upon collectively to assess their impact. The developments in question include The Point, Midsummer Place and the centre:mk.</p> <p>The Point It was agreed that Councillor Baker raise matters with regard to the pre-screening application for the Point with Planning.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>KB/AT/LI</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>KB</p>
14	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>a) NAG The Chair asked if any councillor would be able to take a lead on the NAG, which had not met for some time. As there was no indication of interest it was agreed that the matter would be considered again at the next meeting.</p>	PC
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.07pm</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Thursday 14 June at Centrecom at 6pm</p>	