



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 11th October 2012
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes

- Present:** Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
Charles Ashbury
Ken Baker (from item 4)
Andre Brady (from item 4)
Linda Inoki
Andrew Thomas (to item 10)
Elizabeth Rowell-Tinsley
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)
- 1 member of the public and Councillor Williams
- Absent:** Ramo Erdogan

	Minutes	Actions
1	Welcome & Apologies The Chair welcomed the member of the public and Councillor Williams to the meeting.	
2	Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meetings The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council on 13 September 2012 were agreed as true records of the meetings and signed as such by the Chair, subject to the following amendment:- Item 7, para 5- should read 'Councillor Thomas agreed to draft a letter to David Hill.....'	
3	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Clerk was requested to enquire of the Parks Trust regarding the use to be made of the sum to be made available by Aspers prior to the opening of the casino. - The Clerk noted that he awaited a response from MKCCM in respect of the inclusion of the CMK NAG as an agenda item on the Operations agendas. - The Clerk was requested to once again pursue David Hill for a response on the Elder Gate issue. - The Clerk noted that his request to HCA for information with regard to the market was now being dealt with as an FOI request. 	PC PC PC
4	Business Neighbourhood Plan update Councillor Baker arrived during this item The Chair distributed copies of the CMK Alliance Plan 2026 Proposal document. The full Plan, running to 100 pages was made available to the business	

	<p>leaders' launch on 11 October and will be sent to neighbouring parish councils, ward councillors, MP, EMP, statutory consultees, MKCouncil and a copy to be placed in the library. It will also be placed on the wiki, from which comments can be routed, but the wiki will not be used for comments, which will be sought by email and letter through the Town Council email address. The formal consultation dates are 12 October to 7 December, following which MKCouncil's consultation will run from January.</p> <p>It was agreed that the prospectus be sent out by mail to all residents in the CMK parish.</p> <p>Comments were sought from councillors, who unanimously affirmed their support for the Plan. The Clerk noted that he had received 6 councillors' support for the final document prior to the business leaders' launch, the other two councillors having missed the deadline for response.</p> <p>Councillor Inoki noted that Gareth Bradfield had introduced the Plan at the business leaders' launch, noting that this was the first business neighbourhood plan to have been launched in the UK. It was agreed that a full copy of the Plan should be made available to him and to his minister.</p> <p>The Chair advised that 2000 cards had been produced to promote the consultation.</p> <p>Councillor Brady arrived at this juncture.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the Press had attended the launch event, but that the online reporting was unfortunate, focussing on the current centre:mk proposals, which had not in any way formed part of the Plan. She restated the remit of the Steering Group had been to develop with business and residents a plan, which would then be required to be interpreted by MKCouncil Development Committee in due course as part of its planning process. She acknowledged that there had been differences of view along the way, but the outcome represents a compromise agreement on the way forward for the city centre.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas cautioned the need for sufficient time between the closure of the consultation period and the MKCouncil consultation, noting that the views submitted need to have been shown to have been considered and a document prepared which suits alongside the Plan noting the Alliance's responses to the observations lodged and subsequent modification of the document.</p> <p>It was noted that whilst the alliance Plan needs to conform to the Core Strategy, that is itself only at draft stage and is yet to be adopted.</p> <p>The Town Council expressed its thanks to Rebecca Kurth and Robert de Grey for their work in producing the Plan. The Clerk's efforts in producing timely minutes during the weekly meeting cycle were noted.</p>	
5	<p>Finance Paper The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to advise Star Digital that the Town Council only wished to be invoiced for six months, as it will be seeking to change provider.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that expenses incurred in respect of the Alliance Plan are being separated from business as usual costs.</p>	

	<p>Town Council, outlined the process undertaken in considering an application. He noted that the fund has a total of £14k to be awarded in tranches of between £500 and £2500. The programme had not been advertised, and applications are received primarily via word of mouth.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas left at this juncture.</p> <p>It was agreed that the papers be brought back to the next meeting for further consideration.</p> <p>Secklow Gate planning application Councillor Williams noted that he had received a substantial number of letters objecting to the proposal to remove Secklow Gate bridge and suggested that it would be beneficial to organise a public meeting. The Chair noted that two meetings had been organised, with limited uptake. She noted that conversations with Campbell Park parish council in this regard were still continuing.</p> <p>Toilets at Station Square Councillor Baker asked if any progress had been made in respect of toilets serving the station area. He was advised that a meeting had been arranged to explore options. Councillor Ashbury to provide an update in due course.</p> <p>Possible location for parish office Councillor Inoki advised that she had visited a unit within Vizion which could possibly be used as a parish office and meeting room. The possibility of utilising S106 monies for the acquisition of this unit would need to be explored. The suggestion was felt worthy of further exploration, with Councillor Inoki reporting back at a future meeting.</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>LI</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.00pm</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Thursday 8 November at Centrecom at 6pm</p>	