



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 12th April 2012
At Centrecom Meeting Place

Present: Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
 Ken Baker (from item 11)
 Andre Brady (from item 4)
 Ramo Erdogan
 Linda Inoki
 Elizabeth Rowell-Tinsley
 Andrew Thomas
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: None

Also in attendance: Charles Ashbury (London Midland)

	Minutes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies The Chair welcomed Charles Ashbury to the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk congratulated all councillors on being re-elected unopposed.</p>	
2	<p>Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meetings The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 1 March 2012 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.</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 meeting being sought with Andrew Geary would be widened to include the casino and concerns in respect of Station Square in addition to Secklow Gate Bridge. - The Chair advised that an application under the Play Area Improvement Scheme would be submitted to obtain match funding for the Town Council's contribution towards the cost of the play area between the North 9th and 10th Street flats. It was noted that several quotes with drawings had been obtained by the residents' association, but that formal drawings would need to be submitted with a planning application in the near future. Councillor Thomas noted that he had prepared a planning application previously and undertook to obtain the necessary paperwork. The Clerk to complete the initial request and forward to the Chair. -Councillor Thomas reported that there would be no objection to the infilling at Midsummer Place as the application had been previously considered in principle and agreed by MKCouncil. 	<p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>AT/PC/RK</p>
4	<p>Business Neighbourhood Plan/wiki The Chair reported that that wiki site had been launched two weeks ago and a number of contributions have already been received. Documents promoting the CMK Alliance and outlining the workshops and wiki had been</p>	

	<p>distributed to most residents in the parish. It was noted that few had yet signed up to the workshops and councillors were encouraged to identify people to attend. Door knocking would take place across the weekend to raise the profile of the workshops.</p> <p>The Business Group elections are to take place at the meeting scheduled for Thursday 19 April. It was reported that 1,000 businesses have been written to, but concerns were expressed that the smaller businesses would not feel it necessary to take part. The Town Council agreed that it would like to see a balance of different size businesses represented on the Steering Group.</p> <p>Councillor Brady arrived at this juncture.</p> <p>It was agreed that DOI forms, as agreed, would be made available for the business representatives to sign at the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas noted that he was in the process of writing the bid document for the neighbourhood area to be defined by MKCouncil and that this would be finished shortly.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to invoice MKCouncil for part of the sum available from them for the development of the BNPlan.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>AT</p> <p>PC</p>
5	<p>Listening Campaign Councillor Brady encouraged all councillors to listen to at least 10 residents by the end of April. He noted that the CMK Alliance flyer is a useful device to start a conversation.</p>	
6	<p>Temporary Closure of Centrecom The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that alternative premises be sought for the next Town Council and Steering Group meetings at Council offices, Christ the Cornerstone and Acorn House.</p>	PC
7	<p>Finance Paper The paper, as tabled, was noted.</p>	
8	<p>IT Strategy The Chair reiterated the need for councillors to use the '.org' addresses available from googlemail if possible. It was agreed that those who do not wish to use this facility should indicate that this is the case, in order that the number of addresses being paid for can be reduced to those using the facility.</p>	ALL
9	<p>Licensing The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
10	<p>Planning The Clerk noted that an invitation had been extended to a maximum of 5 councillors to attend a presentation in respect of the proposals for the future of Midsummer Place. Councillors Thomas, Kurth, Inoki and Baker agreed to attend. Clerk to advise of attendees.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas tabled a paper in respect of the plans to remove the transport covenant currently in force within Midsummer Place. It was agreed that Councillor Thomas draft a letter to John Bint expressing the Town Council's concerns that the plans were premature.</p>	<p>RK/AT/LI/KB</p> <p>PC</p> <p>AT</p>

11	<p>Planning Matters in Progress</p> <p>Station Square</p> <p>It was noted that there are significant quality control issues surrounding the Station Square redevelopment. The work has not been completed to the required standard, the paving having been relaid and remaining imperfect. Councillors also noted that the pedestrian route has not been defined by changes in paving as intended in the initial plan. Signage to buses is also extremely poor.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Stakeholders' Group would meet again. Charles Ashbury agreed to host the meeting at the station, enabling a site visit to take place by the group at that time. The Chair agreed to convene a Stakeholder Group meeting within the next two weeks.</p> <p>Councillor Baker arrived at this juncture.</p> <p>Xscape casino</p> <p>Councillors expressed their disappointment that MKCouncil had agreed that the casino should be incorporated within Xscape.</p> <p>It was noted that whilst the permission was full, detailed plans had yet to be submitted. Concerns were expressed with regard to the manner in which access to the casino would be managed. The process whereby full planning permission was granted without detailed drawings being considered was felt to be inappropriate.</p> <p>Sports Pitch</p> <p>The Chair reported that the full-sized pitch planned for the sports facility might now be reduced to a five-a-side pitch with other facilities. She noted that one of the workshops due to take place in support of the BNPlan will look at leisure provision. It was agreed that the Chair will set up a meeting with Jill Dewick to discuss further.</p>	RK
12	<p>Election Update</p> <p>The Chair noted that councillors may co-opt to fill the vacant seat within 35 days of the date of the election date without the need to advertise the position. The Clerk to advise councillors which ward will be representing following the elections.</p>	PC
13	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>a) HCA Transfer of assets</p> <p>Councillor Thomas tabled a paper with regard to the assets transfer from HCA to MKCouncil. It was agreed that the Clerk seek details of the assets within CMK affected by this change.</p> <p>b) Mugging of councillor</p> <p>Councillor Baker reported that he had been recently mugged, but due to the diligence of the CCTV operators the assailant was swiftly apprehended. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Commissioner congratulating the Police and CCTV staff on their efficiency and support in this regard.</p>	PC PC
	<p>Next meeting to be held on Thursday 10 May at a venue to be advised. The meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting.</p>	