



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council  
Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
At Centrecom Meeting Place**

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

+ 1 member of the public

**Apologies:** None

**Absent:** Tolu Wusu

	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b> The Chair welcomed the member of the public.	
2	<b>Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meetings</b> The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 8 December 2011 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.  The minutes of the interim meeting of the Town Council on 4 January 2012 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.	
3	<b>Matters Arising</b> - 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 noted that the agreement to reduce the lighting in CMK was reached by way of a delegated decision by the MK Council Cabinet member for Transport and Highways. There are different schedules being followed across CMK to ensure that the reduction in lighting levels is managed. There will be a review of the exercise after 4 months. - The Clerk noted that no adjoining parishes were subject to election in May this year.	RK
4	<b>Co-options</b> The member of the public was asked to leave whilst this item was discussed.  It was noted that, following a letter being sent to Councillor Wusu in respect of his ongoing absence, a letter of resignation had been received.  Ramo Erdogan, who the Town Council agreed to co-opt at this meeting, was not present due to illness.  A discussion ensued with regard to the new vacancy resultant from the	PC

	<p>resignation of Councillor Wusu, and it was agreed that Andre Brady be co-opted to the Town Council.</p> <p>The member of the public returned at this juncture.</p>	
5	<p><b>Precept</b> The paper, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p>After some discussion it was agreed to levy a precept raising a total of £40,000 for the year 2012-13. This represents an 75% reduction on a Band D equivalent home in Campbell Park and a return to the level of levy to CMK residents in the year prior to the 3 year moratorium on levying precept in the parish.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for 5,000 sheets of letterheaded paper to be purchased using the town Council logo and the skyline-design to be approved by the Chair- and 500 sheets with the logo alone.</p> <p>The Chair to produce the wording for the letter to accompany council tax bills before the end of January.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>RK</p>
6	<p><b>Consultations</b> <b>HIMOs-</b> The Chair provided details of input into the consultation. The Clerk to action.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Planning Regulations-</b> Councillor Thomas noted that there was no input required to the consultation.</p> <p><b>Community Infrastructure Levy-</b> The Chair noted that there was no input required to the consultation.</p> <p><b>Residential Design Guide –</b> Councillor Baker noted that a meeting was being held to consider the implications of the proposals, following which a submission would be developed. He noted that he would be attending the briefing meeting at MKCouncil. The Clerk requested bullet point observations to be received for collation.</p> <p><b>MK Council Budget Consultation-</b> Councillors were encouraged to submit individual views, but also to submit comments for collation by the Clerk by 25 January.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>KB</p>
7	<p><b>Business Neighbourhood Plan</b> The Chair reported that the first meeting, preceding the Town Council meeting, had proven to be very successful.</p> <p>It was agreed that the possibility of using a proportion of the Town Council's budget to support the work of the BNPlan, specifically the Project Champion, should be considered on a matched funding basis when the detailed budget for 2012-13 is developed.</p> <p>It was agreed in principle that the Town Council fund the development of a basic website to support the activities of the BNP.</p>	
8	<p><b>Plans for Public Meetings</b> The Chair reported that the dates of the public meetings had been deferred by some two weeks to enable the communications to be undertaken effectively. Due to the lack of availability of Centrecom it was agreed that 'the lozenge' be utilised for the meetings. The dates were agreed as Monday 30 January 5-7pm and Saturday 4 February 3.30-5.30pm. Councillor Inoki to confirm with venue.</p>	LI

	<p>It was noted that Rob Harriman had been approached to have a stand. It was also agreed that a number of posters be produced reflecting the work that the Town Council has undertaken and its plans for the future.</p>	RK
9	<p><b>Finance Update</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
10	<p><b>Licensing Matters</b> The Licensing variations for the Slug and Lettuce were accepted. The Clerk to request confirmation from officers that they are applying a varied closing time policy to reduce the impact on residents when visitors are leaving the various premises in the Theatre District.</p>	PC
11	<p><b>Planning requests</b> The paper, as tabled, was noted.</p> <p>The Clerk to request a small extension to submissions relating to application 2665 due to the constraints resultant from the Christmas break affecting the 21 day period. Councillor Inoki to develop a submission.</p> <p>The Experimental No Stopping and Limited Waiting Restrictions paper was noted, as previously circulated.</p> <p>It was agreed that a meeting be convened with the developers of B4.4 on Monday 23 January. The Clerk to arrange.</p>	PC     PC
12	<p><b>Planning Matters in Progress</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p><b>John Lewis Application</b> The Chair requested that notification be lodged of the Town Council's intention to speak at DCC with regard to this application.</p> <p><b>Station Square</b> It was noted that there had been a number of comments and complaints with regard to the current works and the disruption they are creating.</p>	PC
13	<p><b>Governance Changes following the introduction of Localism Act</b> The Clerk advised that there would be the need for a review of codes of conduct, standing orders and other governance issues as a result of the Localism Act. He noted that MK Council were drafting model codes for consideration.</p>	
14	<p><b>Parish Grants</b> The Clerk noted that grant schemes may be available for consideration after the agreement of the MK Council budget for the forthcoming year and that details would follow.</p>	
15	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>a) Attendance at MKCCM Operations meetings</b> It was agreed that Ramo Erdogan be asked to attend forthcoming Operations meetings, with Councillor Baker in support as required. It was noted that Councillor Thomas may also attend in another capacity.</p> <p>It was also felt that Ramo Erdogan would be suited to serving on the After Eight Group. These proposals subject to the potential co-optee agreeing to be involved.</p>	

	<p><b>b) Community First</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Inoki advised that she had been in contact with MK Council in this regard, and had been asked if she would like to be involved with the Community First Panel. It was agreed that she take up the suggestion in the first instance. It was noted that any grants would be between £500 and £1500 only.</p> <p>The Chair proposed that consideration be given to seeking support via the scheme for a childrens' play area between North 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street flats. Councillor Baker expressed his dissension from the proposal, noting that the flats were not designed to house children, being almost entirely single bedsit units.</p> <p><b>c) MKCCM Stakeholder Forum 8 Report</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p><b>d) Map</b> The map of the parish's three ward areas was noted, as circulated.</p>	
	<p><b>Next meeting to be held on Thursday 9 February at Centrecom Meeting Place at 6.00pm</b></p>	