



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 12th July 2012
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present: Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
 Charles Ashbury (from item 2)
 Ken Baker
 Andre Brady (to item 9)
 Linda Inoki
 Andrew Thomas
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Ramo Erdogan, Elizabeth Rowell-Tinsley

Also in attendance: Jo Bevan for item 2

	Minutes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Rowell Tinsley.</p>	
2	<p>Joanne Bevan-Transition Town movement Jo Bevan was welcomed to the meeting and noted the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A short presentation on peak oil was shown. - The transition town movement began in Totnes and is a grassroots movement, which has various focuses based on the issues and concerns of each town. - The request was made that the Business Neighbourhood Plan be assessed against criteria that will build a resilient and sustainable community. - Steps taken by CMK could ripple out across the whole of Milton Keynes. - Future planning requests should be assessed against the need to use as few materials as possible. - In Todlington the community is seeking to be sustainable, lettuces being grown by bus stops etc. The supermarket system is the least sustainable option due to food miles etc. - A resilient community is one which values everyone within its economy. - Better to reduce consumption than rely on recycling. - Energy can be sourced from totally renewable energy companies. - The Chair noted that there was an argument for introducing filters into the Business Neighbourhood Plan to assess sustainability of plans. - The BNPlan should seek to optimise efficiency and reduce oil dependency going forward. - Could there be small plots on flat roofs for flat owners to grow vegetables? - There is no organic farming in Bucks. However, it is in the plan for Milton Keynes. 	

	<p>It was agreed that the Town Council would seek to weave sustainability into the BNPlan, subjecting ideas to scrutiny against these measures.</p> <p>Jo Bevan was thanked for her input and left the meeting at this juncture.</p> <p>Charles Ashbury arrived at this juncture.</p>	
3	<p>Declaration of new Councillor</p> <p>Charles Ashbury was formally welcomed as the Town Council's new member, and signed the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p>	
4	<p>Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 14 June 2012 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor Brady confirmed that he was meeting with Carmen Kane shortly to discuss the issues raised at the previous meeting. -The Clerk reported that he had yet to receive the grass cutting schedules and highways repair information from Carmen Kane and is to chase. -Additionally, it was agreed that the Clerk should request an update from Carmen on the progress of assessing and ranking the issues raised by the audit. - It was agreed that the Clerk approach Andrew Geary to seek a meeting with appropriate members of the Cabinet with representatives of the Town Council to consider issues of mutual concern - Additionally, it was agreed that a meeting of the Planning Committee with Andrew Geary and Brian White be sought to highlight the need for the planning applications coming forward to be viewed in a holistic way. - Councillor Brady advised that he had spoken to both newspapers with regard to distribution and reported that MKNews are short of distributors, but intend to cover the whole parish, whilst the Citizen have stated that they do not currently reach areas of the parish. This caused concern regarding the claims that the newspaper reaches across the city. After some discussion it was agreed that Councillor Brady pursue the matter further and report back to the next meeting. - It was agreed that the Clerk and Chair develop a licensing application policy to enable a consistent response when applications are received. <p>Casino- Discussions with regard to how to progress the issue of the destination for the funds from the casino were deferred until the autumn.</p> <p>Parking issues- it was agreed that until there is evidence of parking in Campbell Park to avoid the parking charges in the centre this issue would not be pursued further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community group application judging criteria to be provided by Councillor Brady to the Clerk. - The Clerk was asked to identify the exact detail in the Local Government Act which states that parish and town councils have responsibility for installing public toilets. - It was agreed that the Clerk produce a list of a few matters where the town council has had an impact over the last few years. 	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>AB</p> <p>PC/RK</p> <p>AB</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
6	<p>NAG Representative</p> <p>The future of the CMK NAG was discussed. It was felt that due to the work undertaken by MKCCM that the NAG was not necessary. It was noted that the MKCCM Operations Group deal with the majority of the issues which would in another parish be addressed by the NAG. It was agreed that the CMK NAG should be formally dissolved. The Clerk to inform Carmen Kane of the decision. Additionally, it was agreed that Councillor Ashbury would be the representative on MKCCM. The Clerk to advise Kay Greenhalgh of the decision.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>

	Finally, it was agreed that the Town Council should request an annual update from the Police.	
7	<p>Localism Act The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that the recommendations be accepted.</p>	
8	<p>Finance Paper The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to seek clarity on the insurance cover and whether this needed to be reviewed in light of the BNPlan.</p> <p>It was noted that the Town Council has currently overspent the agreed allocation to support the BNPlan, but that this was temporary whilst a payment is in train from MKCouncil to adjust. The Clerk to advise the Council should the funds not have been received by next meeting.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
9	<p>Planning Committee It was agreed that Charles Ashbury join the Planning Committee.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the Planning Committee should meet with Turleys as requested by them. The Clerk to seek to set up a meeting, to be held in the office at Centrecom. It was agreed that should the centre;mk exhibit its plans shortly the Town Council would leaflet its residents. This will only be undertaken following such a public exhibition, however.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to send a copy of the Town Council's objection to the Phoenix House proposal to the 20th Century Society.</p> <p>Councillor Brady left the meeting at this juncture.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
10	<p>Business Neighbourhood Plan Update It was noted that the issues raised by an ex-member of the Steering Group with regard to conflicts of interest still remained to be resolved with him. The Clerk was requested to consult again with the MKCouncil solicitors to enable a response to be provided.</p> <p>The Chair noted that three weeks of expert panel sessions had been completed and their findings would be brought to the Steering Group shortly.</p>	PC
11	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) It was noted that the drinking control area signage was not present in the Station Square area. The Clerk was asked to obtain the signage-Jim Lake to be approached. ii) Councillor Baker noted that the Fred Roche lecture was to be held on 26 July and this would be followed in September by a question session. iii) Councillor Baker noted that he had a marquee that he has been advised could be purchased for £50. It was agreed that the Town Council acquire the marquee and that it continues to be stored in Councillor Baker's garage. iv) Councillor Inoki asked whether there was still the capacity to utilise a consultant to help prepare any papers with regard to the proposed plans for the demolition of Secklow Gate Bridge. It was agreed that this could be discussed by the Planning Committee. v) Councillor Thomas gave his apologies for the August meeting. 	PC

	The meeting closed at 8.40pm Next meeting to be held on Thursday 9 August at Centrecom at 6pm	
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