



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 13th September 2012
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present: Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
 Charles Ashbury
 Ken Baker
 Andre Brady
 Linda Inoki (from item 7)
 Andrew Thomas
 Elizabeth Rowell-Tinsley
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Ramo Erdogan

	Minutes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Erdogan and for late arrival by Councillor Inoki.</p>	
2	<p>Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meetings The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council on 9 August and 30 August 2012 were agreed as true records of the meetings and signed as such by the Chair.</p> <p>The use of 'in camera' as part of the meeting of 30 August was discussed. It was agreed that on that occasion the discussion warranted being held in that form, but it had been agreed that none of the items being discussed on the current agenda should be regarded as such.</p> <p>The inclusion of Ric Brackenbury and Catriona Morris in agenda and minutes mailings should commence, reflecting the increased parish.</p>	PC
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The response to requests for further information regarding the agreement with the casino was considered. It was noted that the level of benefits at 6.5% was a significant figure. The Clerk was requested to seek further detail on the sum of monies being made available to the Parks Trust. - The Clerk reported on the grass cutting schedule and noted that regular streetworks schedules are made available. He outlined the CMK audit meeting notes, and was asked to forward these to Councillors Rowell-Tinsley and Kurth. It was agreed that a request be sent to Carmen Kane for details of the urgent works planned for the next six months. - The Clerk outlined the comments received with regard to the CMK NAG, noting that those who responded merely argued for the status quo. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Kay Greenhalgh requesting that a standing item be placed on the MKCCM Operations meeting agenda 'CMK NAG', for items to be identified which cannot be addressed via the Operations route. - A discussion ensued with regard to trees causing damage to the footpaths. It was noted that plans were being developed to replace these trees with 	PC PC PC

	<p>other varieties. It was agreed that Councillor Thomas compose a letter to Chris Fripp requesting that if there are proposals to change or remove trees reference be made to the Town Council as a matter of course.</p> <p>- Dog Waste Bin. The Clerk advised that the installation of a bin in Campbell Park was being progressed.</p> <p>- The Clerk note that he still awaited a response from David Hill in respect of Elder Gate. It was agreed that this be deferred until mid October before pursuing the matter further.</p> <p>- It was noted that a 'pop up' event was being planned by Rob Harriman in the square between North 11th and 12th Street on 22 September. Leaflets were to be distributed in the area. It was agreed that Councillor Baker could facilitate chairs and a marquee for the event.</p>	<p>AT</p> <p>PC</p>
4	<p>Business Neighbourhood Plan update</p> <p>The Town Council ratified the amended terms of reference, as previously circulated.</p> <p>The Town Council ratified the Chair's action in proposing a co-optee to the Steering Group, Clive Faine.</p> <p>The Chair gave an update which included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project Team continued to work towards completing the draft of the Plan, but that the deadline of 6 September had not been met. • General policies and vision had been produced and discussed at length at recent Steering Group meetings. • The current timelines require the Plan to be released on 6 October, but concerns remained that this date might not be met. • The Chair to attend a meeting with Gareth Bradford and all Business Neighbourhood front runners shortly. • It was noted that of the four ward councillors designated to be part of the Steering Group it was noted that three had rarely attended any meetings. It was agreed that the Town Council express its thanks to Cec Tallack for his time and commitment to the process. • It was noted that 'Limehouse' is being used as the means to capture feedback on the Core Strategy, After some discussion it was agreed that feedback on the Plan should be by letter or email to enfranchise as many people as possible into the process. • It was noted that the Clerk had provided a schedule of attendance to Town Council and Steering Group meetings to a journalist following an FOI request. 	
5	<p>Code of Conduct</p> <p>The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct was formally adopted by the Town Council.</p> <p>The Clerk requested that all councillors complete the declaration of interests form and return to him at the next meeting. He noted that training was taking place shortly.</p>	
6	<p>Finance Paper</p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
7	<p>Centre:mk planning applications</p> <p>Councillor Inoki arrived at this juncture.</p> <p>Formal votes were taken to determine the Town Council's position to the three applications currently submitted. The results of the votes were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Application for extension of centre;mk-unanimously against the proposal. The Town Council noted that whilst it welcomed 	

	<p>development in the city centre it did not support any plans which irrevocably damaged the grid road system. It saw this as short sighted and without concern for the impact on the sustainability of the city centre.</p> <p>ii) Application for amendment to the listed building.- unanimously against the proposal. The Town Council saw the proposal as fundamentally flawed by virtue of the substantive changes which would be required to a building only recently listed.</p> <p>iii) Application for relocation of the market- unanimously against the proposal. The Town Council considered that the proposals would restrict the future development of the market. The relocation site was considered to be inferior and inappropriate, providing poor access for pedestrians. The temporary location will have an impact on the size of the market, having fewer stalls, and will have an impact on trade due to the proposed location.</p> <p>The Chair noted that meetings had been held with Campbell Park parish council and Great Linford parish council, as a result of which the three councils had agreed to work together in resistance to the proposals. This will involve objections to the planning applications and to any stopping up orders and other processes that may need to be negotiated by the applicant.</p> <p>It was agreed that leaflets be produced to be distributed to residents. The exact wording of the leaflet to be developed under Chair's action, but the general themes were agreed unanimously by the Town Council. The leaflets to be distributed in the next week, with public meetings being held to provide further information.</p> <p>The Chair agreed to circulate the Town Council's submissions to the three applications to all councillors prior to submission.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas agreed to write to David Hill seeking the procedure to be followed by Highways in respect of the proposed closure and demolition of Secklow Gate Bridge.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to HCA requesting information regarding the current arrangements for the market, the length of lease etc. The letter will also enquire whether there are currently any letters of understanding regarding the sale of any of the land occupied by the market and land proposed for the relocation, noting that a formal FOI request will be made if necessary.</p> <p>Councillors Baker and Inoki both advised that they have been in discussions with centre;mk offering alternative proposals for consideration. Both alternatives do not require the demolition of Secklow Gate Bridge and relocation of the market.</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>AT</p> <p>PC</p>
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The Chair noted that she had been advised that changes to public representation at MKCouncil meetings had been agreed at the last Full Council meeting. These now restricted comments to 3 members of the public only for only a maximum of 3 minutes each. Whilst it was noted that this could be varied at the Chair's discretion and was only for a three month trial period it was agreed to be a retrograde step, particularly having been taken without consultation.</p> <p>An update was provided on efforts to provide public toilets in the station area. The high cost of temporary units was noted.</p> <p>The wayfinding totems are due to all be in place by the end of September,</p>	

	<p>and they will now be lit. Councillor Ashbury noted that the totems in the station area had received positive feedback.</p> <p>Councillor Rowell-Tinsley noted that she had received a complaint from a neighbour that there is no time limit to the disabled bays outside the station. A councillor advised that legislation does not allow for limitations to be placed on disabled parking spaces.</p> <p>The Clerk to circulate contact details with regard to the Barratt's application for development of B4.4 to enable a meeting to be arranged.</p> <p>The Chair noted that planning permission had been received for the play area between North 9th and 10th Streets.</p> <p>The Chair also noted that Officer Jim Lake had been awarded 'Buckinghamshire Neighbourhood Officer of the Year'. The Town Council to extend its congratulations on the award.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.40pm</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Thursday 11 October at Centrecom at 6pm</p>	