



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 14th June 2012
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes

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

Apologies: Ramo Erdogan

Also in attendance: Cllr Paul Williams and two members of the public

	Minutes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Erdogan. Cllr Williams was welcomed to the meeting and congratulated on his recent electoral success.</p>	
2	<p>Carmen Kane- Neighbourhood Team Carmen Kane was welcomed to the meeting and noted the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The restructure of the Neighbourhood Team covers CMK and Campbell Park parish. Additional duties include the devolution of services and the administration of grants programmes. - Naveed is responsible for landscape and waste enquiries. Rob Harriman is working with Maxine (0.6) as wardens for the CMK area. - The team oversees the 'community payback' programme. Each Monday offenders are required to paint, trim hedges etc. From September they will be painting lampposts. They will also be provided with graffiti removal kits. - The area around the Petersfield Green play area was raised by Councillor Brady as being dangerous. He was advised that the area has a similar design to all underpass areas-not having fencing surrounding it. She agreed to arrange for Naveed to discuss further with Councillor Brady. - The lack of pink and black sacks available to residents of the North 9th and 10th Street residents was discussed. Carmen Kane noted that pink sacks are always available at MKCouncil offices, but that additional black sacks would not be made available. - It was agreed that Naveed would address the issue of the greenery in the Staples area not having been trimmed for some time. - It was noted that the verges in the Campbell Park area are only now being trimmed, having grown too high. It was noted that Councillor Bint had reported that the weather had delayed the usual cutting programme. It was agreed that the cutting schedules be forwarded to the Clerk. - Highway repairs were determined by regular inspections. Details to be forwarded. - It was noted that anti social behaviour had been reported in the 	<p>AB</p> <p>CK</p> <p>CK</p>

	<p>YMCA area. This would be investigated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any additional litter picking in Block A1 resultant from the opening of the Network Rail building will result in cutting back on picking in other areas of the city. - It was agreed that Councillors Rowell-Tinsley and Kurth meet with Chris Fripp to discuss pending remedial works pursuant to the audit, which is just now being evaluated and prioritised. Carmen Kane reported that she would be looking at the priorities and seeking to engage all agencies to see what can be achieved with the resources available. <p>Carmen Kane was thanked for her input and left the meeting at this juncture.</p>	ERT/RK/CK
3	<p>The members of the public were asked if they wished to say anything at this juncture. They each introduced themselves, making no further comment.</p> <p>Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meetings The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 10 May 2012 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.</p>	
4	<p>Ratification of Minutes of Annual General Meeting The minutes of the annual General meeting, held on 10 May 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.</p>	
5	<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 noted that the Chair met with Andrew Geary recently to discuss matters of interest. A follow-up meeting with the Cabinet Members to be pursued. <p>Sports Facility- The Clerk advised that Paul Sanders had responded to the note advising that the S106 funding within the parish would not be allocated to the Sports Facility by wishing the Council well in determining a use for the sums going forward. The Chair has now been invited to a pre-consultation meeting on the facility at the end of June.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Clerk advised that the two free newspaper providers had each indicated that they would need specifics to pursue non-delivery. It was agreed that Councillor Brady pursue this matter. <p>Naming of Station Square- It was noted that there was little buy in for the change of name to Fred Roche Square. The Town Council agreed that it would not pursue the matter, but Councillor Baker was requested to identify priorities from the Fred Roche Trust with regard to how they would wish his name to be commemorated.</p> <p>Draft budget- The Chair advised that a partnership with Neighbourhood Services would see Rob Harriman being seconded to the Town Council for one day a week for six months. His role would be to develop and run outreach activities with the parish.</p> <p>Transport Vision and Strategy- Councillor Thomas reported that comments in relation to the strategy document under the 2008 Transport Act had been well received. Transport planning is continuing and the Town Council is to be feeding into this major piece of work.</p> <p>Casino- The Clerk advised that the request that funds from the casino be routed into support for CMK and Fishermead in particular was not accepted. The Chair to discuss further with Stuart Burke.</p> <p>Midsummer Place- The Clerk advised that the comments regarding the exhibition had been received and a generic response provided. It was noted that The Point exhibition was, by contrast, very even-handed.</p> <p>Next glazing- The clerk advised that a response had been received from Alex Harrison confirming that the matter had been identified and was in</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>RK</p> <p>AB</p> <p>KB</p> <p>RK</p>

	<p>course of being dealt with.</p> <p>John Lewis signage- a member noted that they had not seen details of changes proposed to the signage outside John Lewis. The Clerk to forward details to planning committee.</p>	PC
6	<p>Listening Campaign</p> <p>It was agreed that the matters raised to date needed to be pursued prior to further structured engagement. Councillor Brady to advise residents with whom he had engaged that issues were being pursued.</p> <p>It was further agreed that the community events planned over the next few months would afford the opportunity for further dialogue.</p>	AB
7	<p>Draft Budget</p> <p>The revised draft budget, as submitted, was discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed that reductions be made to certain lines, enabling the budget to balance. Item 4 cost to be reduced to £2500, item 7 to be removed, being accommodated via the outreach programme. Following these amendments, the budget was approved.</p> <p>It was noted that the WREN application with regard to the play area would be considered on 8 August.</p>	
8	<p>Finance Paper</p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
9	<p>Approval of accounts</p> <p>The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p>The statements required for the external audit were considered by the Town Council and signed by the Chair.</p>	
10	<p>Note from the Parks Trust</p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that a date be arranged for the Planning Committee to meet with David Foster to discuss further.</p>	
11	<p>Licensing</p> <p>Aspers</p> <p>After some discussion and a majority vote it was agreed that a request be submitted that alcohol should not be served between the hours of 2am and 4 am, to reduce the likelihood of people leaving clubs going into the casino for the purpose of continuing drinking. The Clerk advised that the date for submission had just expired, but it was agreed to submit the request notwithstanding.</p>	
12	<p>Electoral Review</p> <p>The paper was noted, as previously circulated, and it was agreed that individuals should respond accordingly.</p>	
13	<p>Parking Issues</p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Correspondence with Councillor Bint was referred to by Councillor Thomas. It was agreed that Councillors Thomas and Rowell-Tinsley formulate an informed view on the issue of parking within CMK and the impacts on surrounding areas.</p>	AT/ERT

14	<p>Planning committee The Clerk noted that the Planning Committee had yet to agree a meeting schedule, and this could mean that applications may not receive the consideration they warrant. It was agreed that Councillor Baker, as Chair of that committee liaise with the Clerk to move forward.</p>	KB/PC
15	<p>BALC Matters Arising The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
16	<p>MK Pride The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was noted that the community sum available for allocation from the precept had been substantially allocated this year should the play area come to fruition.</p> <p>Councillor Brady was requested to obtain the grant allocation guidelines utilised by Communities First.</p>	AB
17	<p>Elder Gate It was noted that there does not appear to be any enquiry being undertaken in respect of the Elder Gate matter, as was promised by the Chief Executive.</p> <p>The Town Council discussed what could be done to advance this matter, and a vote was taken on the action to be pursued. A drawn vote with Chair's casting vote resulted in the action being taken being that the Chair should formally request an update from the Chief Executive in respect of the enquiry. The Clerk to draft a letter for the Chair's sight.</p>	PC/RK
18	<p>In Camera Item- Co-option At this juncture members of the public left the meeting.</p> <p>Following a proposal from the Chair a vote was taken and the Town Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Charles Ashbury to the Town Council.</p>	
19	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Councillor Rowell-Tinsley posed the question of the Town Council what impact has it had during the last 4 years. Whilst it was recognised that it would be challenging to assess this retrospectively it was agreed that the Clerk present a paper on what the Town Council is achieving and how to measure this going forward. ii) Councillor Baker noted that the YMCA had turned away over 500 young people due to lack of room. It was noted that the YMCA was seeking to increase the number of rooms available, and discussions ensued on whether the Local Investment Plan consultation should also incorporate under 18 year olds. iii) Councillor Kurth noted that provision of public toilets is the responsibility of parishes. It was accepted that there is a need to provide toilet facilities for bus users at the station, going forward. Charles Ashbury advised that facilities will be provided in the station building on the concourse, which will be open to all. 	PC
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.40pm</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Thursday 12 July at Centrecom at 6pm</p>	