



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council**  
**Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012**  
**At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes**

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

**Apologies:** Charles Ashbury

	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>            The Chair noted apologies from Councillor Ashbury.</p>	
2	<p><b>Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meetings</b>            The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council on 11 October 2012 were agreed as true records of the meetings and signed as such by the Chair, subject to the following amendment:-</p> <p>Item 4, para 9 – line 8 should read ‘but the outcome represents a balance on the way forward for the city centre.’</p> <p>The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 October 2012 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such.</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters Arising</b>            The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>- The response to the FOI request from HCA was discussed in some detail. Whilst the councillors did not recognise the response as acceptable it was agreed that there was little value in pursuing the matter via that route. It was however, agreed that a similar FOI request be made of MKCouncil.</p> <p>It was agreed that the fundamental principle which is being pursued is that public domain assets should not be disposed of without public consultation.</p> <p>- The possibility of identifying suitable premises for a parish office was discussed. It was noted that the unit in Vizion which had been viewed would not have sufficient flexibility to provide a community facility in addition to basic office facilities. It was felt that this would be necessary to release S106 monies for the project. The Chair advised that she had been in touch with the voluntary sector to establish whether there were premises available which could be shared. It was agreed that three councillors would look for</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC/RK</p>

	<p>suitable premises and report back.</p> <p>- It was noted by the Chair that the Framework Review consultation is closing on 12 November. It was agreed that a copy of the paper provided for the Alliance be made available to members of the planning committee for consideration.</p> <p>-The Chair noted that a planning application for flats in Campbell Park was due to be considered by Development Control tonight. However, an error by MKCouncil had meant that the Town Council had not been advised of the development and had not been given its statutory period to consider. Accordingly, the application was deferred and the consultation is now in train. The Chair noted that she had already done work on the application and would develop any arguments on behalf of the Town Council, prior to ratification by the Planning Committee.</p> <p>It was noted that Next now had two illuminated signs installed. The Clerk to enquire of Alex Harrison whether planning was required given that they are installed within the building.</p> <p>A councillor noted that people using the bus stops adjacent to McDonalds were feeling threatened by the youths who assemble there, particularly in the evening. It was agreed that this should be drawn to the attention of Rob Harriman.</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
4	<p><b>Business Neighbourhood Plan update</b></p> <p>The Chair noted that there is to be a meeting of the Steering Group next week. Councillor Thomas noted that given the milestone at which the Steering Group had arrived the Terms of Reference should be reviewed.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk seek clear guidance from John Moffoot who the four representatives to the Steering Group are at this juncture, noting that there was a lack of clarity of the position of Brian White. The Clerk to pursue.</p> <p>Additionally, the resignation of Robert Hall will require the appointment of a further business community member. The Chair to pursue this with Kay Greenhalgh and Paul Hunt.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that he had been contacted by another council who expressed concerns that additional documents were required following the provision of the BNPlan. The Chair agreed that these requirements had not been identified at the time the works for the BNPlan has been scoped. They include an environmental impact assessment and a sustainability appraisal. It was noted that the BNPlan would not pass scrutiny without this documentation. She advised that Planning Aid and Diane Webber were assisting in the development of these items.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas agreed to consider the role of MKCouncil with respect to its input into the BNPlan consultation process.</p> <p>It was felt that the BNPlan consultation would benefit from a greater level of contribution. The idea of public meetings was considered, but it was felt that these would not result in any substantive increase in submissions. It was agreed that some door to door visits be planned.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>RK</p> <p>AT</p>
5	<p><b>Finance Paper</b></p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
6	<p><b>Licensing Requests</b></p> <p>None</p>	

7	<p><b>Street Trading Consultation</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk forward the detail of the scheme as it applies to CMK to Councillors Inoki and Erdogan for consideration.</p>	PC
8	<p><b>Current Planning Applications</b> Concerns were expressed at the approach taken by the centre:mk in soliciting support for their planning application. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Andrew Geary and David Hill in this regard.</p> <p>By a majority decision it was agreed to proceed with the development of an advertorial in conjunction with two neighbouring councils at a cost of up to £750 from the Council. The Chair to pursue.</p> <p>The Planning Committee was requested to consider whether it supports the compromise proposal with regard to Midsummer Place. The Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Planning committee.</p>	PC
9	<p><b>Secondment</b> The Clerk noted that he had met with Carmen Kane to discuss the secondment agreed by the Town Council earlier this year. It was agreed that the proposed continuation of the secondment be considered 'in camera' at the December meeting.</p>	PC
10	<p><b>Community Support</b> After consideration of the Community First award guidelines it was agreed that a similar strategy be adopted to assess applications for funding received by the Town Council. The amount available to support the scheme will be determined as part of the budget discussions on an annual basis.</p> <p>The Clerk to draft guidance specific to the Town Council.</p>	PC
11	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> <b>Fred Roche Gardens</b> The Clerk noted that the plaque in respect of the renaming of the City Gardens would be placed on 9 November. Works had been undertaken to tidy the gardens up, but there was further work to be done prior to the official opening next year.</p> <p><b>Steps to garage</b> A Councillor noted that the Parks Trust intended to remove the steps and return the area to landscaping. This initiative was welcomed.</p> <p><b>Public toilets in the library</b> A Councillor reported that the public toilets in the library had been closed and members of the public referred to the centre:mk. The Town Council was concerned by this and requested to write to the Head Librarian.</p> <p><b>Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Policy Consultation</b> It was agreed that Councillor Brady review the consultation document. The Clerk to provide a hard copy.</p>	PC
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9.05pm</b></p> <p><b>Next meeting to be held on Thursday 6 December at Centrecom at 6pm</b></p>	

