



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council**  
**Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2012**  
**At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes**

**Present:** Rebecca Kurth (Chair)  
 Charles Ashbury  
 Ken Baker  
 Ramo Erdogan Linda Inoki  
 Elizabeth Rowell-Tinsley  
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Andre Brady, Andrew Thomas

	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Councillors Brady and Thomas.	
2	<b>Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meetings</b> The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 12 July 2012 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.	
3	<b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Clerk advised that he awaited responses to issues raised with Carmen Kane.</li> <li>- It was noted that following the decision to abolish the NAG taken at the last meeting the Chair requested that a view be requested from those attending the NAG as to how the links can be continued and what format might be better suited than that currently in place.</li> <li>- The Clerk noted that local councils may provide public conveniences, but were not required to do so. Members noted that some large councils which have provided these have experienced challenges with them. Councillor Ashbury noted that he was still pursuing the provision of community toilet facilities in the Station Square area.</li> <li>- The issue of local free newspapers was to be pursued by Councillor Brady, and has been deferred to the next meeting.</li> <li>- Community group application criteria is yet to be provided by Councillor Brady.</li> <li>- The Clerk advised that the Town Council currently hold a £10mn public liability policy. This was deemed to be sufficient for the Town Council's day to day work, but it was noted that MKCouncil have indicated that a £50mn policy is required if open air events are to be held on council land. The Clerk to liaise with Rob Harriman in this regard.</li> <li>- The Clerk confirmed that the Phoenix House application had been withdrawn as a result of objections including that from the Town Council.</li> </ul>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>PC</p>
4	<b>MK Tenancy Strategy</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.  It was agreed that Councillor Brady take responsibility for responding to the	<p>AB</p>

	consultation. The closing date for consultation is 7 October.	
5	<p><b>Gambling Act 2005-Statement of Principles 2013-2016</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillor Inoki contact Eddie Fisher to discuss whether there were any changes that should concern the Town Council.</p>	LI
6	<p><b>Finance Paper</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
7	<p><b>Parks Trust-new signage</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parks Trust be invited to meet with the planning committee at a suitable time to discuss this and the general plans for Campbell Park.</p>	PC
8	<p><b>Business Neighbourhood Plan Update</b> The Chair provided an update on the progress being made by the Steering Group.</p> <p>The Chair advised that she and the Clerk had taken legal advice from MKCouncil on the matter of declarations of interest in the context of the Steering Group members not governed by current MKCouncil requirements.</p> <p>It was agreed (with one abstention) that the following amendments be made to the current Standing Orders and Terms of Reference for the Steering Group pursuant to discussions:- Item 6 g) to read- 'To make reports and recommendations at key stages as may be required by the Town Council and Milton Keynes Council. The final plan must be ratified by the Town Council.'</p> <p>Items 7 a) &amp; b) to be deleted. Consequential renumbering of the remaining parts of this item. Item 7 b) to be renumbered 7 a) and to read as follows:- 'A member of the Steering Group who is directly or indirectly interested in any matter brought up for consideration at a meeting, or may consider they have a personal or prejudicial interest, shall disclose the nature of his or her interest to the meeting. If a member is in any doubt as to whether they have an interest in a matter at a Steering Group meeting they should disclose it at the beginning of each meeting, with any specific interest appropriate to a forthcoming agenda item be additionally declared at that juncture' Items 7 c) and d) to be renumbered b) and c)</p> <p>The Clerk to amend and arrange to be circulated at the next Steering Group meeting.</p>	PC
9	<p><b>Licensing Policy</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Baker cautioned against a policy so stringent that it deterred people from using the area.</p> <p>The Town Council agreed the policy be adopted with the following amendment:- The last paragraph to read 'Where the proposed licences are applied for in close proximity to residential premises we will consult with residents where practicable. In general our position is that:- -the purchase and consumption of alcohol and food outside should be</p>	

	<p>prohibited after midnight  - external doors should be kept closed after midnight  -loud music should not be played inside after midnight'</p>	
10	<p><b>Town Council achievements</b>  The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
11	<p><b>Electoral Review of Milton Keynes</b>  The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that a response from the Town Council was not required.</p>	
12	<p><b>Dog Waste Bin</b>  The Chair proposed that, as a pilot, a dog waste bin be sited along the canal. She reported that she had received a request from a dog walker who had approached the Parks Trust and received agreement for a bin to be sited on their land.</p> <p>The Clerk referred the Town Council to its decision in 2009 to remove the three bins it operated at that time and not to support any further dog bins. It was noted that Campbell Park parish council did not support dog bins.</p> <p>There followed a lengthy discussion, following which a vote was taken and the pilot was agreed (3 votes in favour 2 against and 1 abstention) subject to the cost of the first year not exceeding £300. Clerk to pursue.</p>	PC
13	<p><b>Codes of Conduct, Declaration of Interests</b>  The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p>The Clerk recommended adoption of the MKCouncil Code of Conduct and ancillary documents. However, it was agreed that any decision be deferred until next meeting and that Councillor Thomas be requested to look at the proposed document and make recommendations to the next meeting.</p>	AT
14	<p><b>In Camera Items</b>  Discussions were held with regard to the prospective plans for Secklow Gate Bridge. Actions were agreed.</p>	
19	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Councillor Inoki requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Ian Mickie.</li> <li>ii) Councillor Ashbury noted that details were being awaited from MKCouncil with regard to the clock in Station Square.</li> <li>iii) Councillor Ashbury reported that a Netherlands flag will be flown on one of the flagpoles in Station Square and that the German embassy had been approached, given the twinning of towns from those countries with Milton Keynes.</li> </ul>	PC
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.40pm</b></p> <p><b>Next meeting to be held on Thursday 13 September at Centrecom at 6pm</b></p>	