



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 13th June 2013
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes

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

Apologies: Ramo Erdogan

Members of the public: None

	Minutes	Actions
1	Welcome & Apologies.	
2	Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 9 May 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.	
3	Ratification of Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting The minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council on 23 May 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.	
4	Ratification of Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of the Town Council on 9 May 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair of the committee.	
5	Ratification of Minutes of the AGM The minutes of the annual general meeting of the Town Council on 9 May 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.	
6	Matters Arising -Councillor Ashbury informed the Town Council that he was making contact with industry bodies to explore the function of the new Office for Active Travel and would report further as information becomes available. He did note that Councillor McPake had met with the minister to discuss. - It was noted that the large poster board by Network Rail had been removed.	
7	Business Neighbourhood Plan update -The Chair reported that the Minister was due to visit during the following week. Arrangements have been made and members of the Steering Group have been invited to elements of the visit programme, which will include a	

	<p>meeting at MKCouncil offices, a minibus tour and a reception hosted by John Lewis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A budget update will be provided to the next Steering Group meeting. -The BNPlan is yet to be submitted, the desktop published Plan is currently subject to proofing. - Responses from the statutory consultees on the necessity or otherwise for production of an SEA remain outstanding. The Plan cannot be submitted until all three agree that an SEA is not required, in line with guidance issued by MKCouncil. - The Inspector's report on the Core Strategy has been positive, and it is likely that this will be adopted in July. - Steering Group meetings will continue until at least the end of the year, to enable discussion on the Area Inset Plan. Neighbouring councils will be engaged in workshops in respect of this plan. - It is unlikely that the BNPlan will go to examination before September. - It was stressed that the BNPlan needs to be promoted positively, to raise the profile, linking this to the Minister's visit. It was agreed that Gareth Bradford be asked for details of the publicity he is planning to reflect the Minister's visit. 	
8	<p>Review of Office Facility</p> <p>The Clerk reminded the Town Council that the office facility is costing £500 per calendar month.</p> <p>The Chair sought the views of each member of the Town Council, observations being:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The office needs to be used more. • Some means of directing visitors to the office will be necessary. • Need to commit to the office for a period of time, and promote surgery hours. • Would the space work without an administrator? • Sends out a positive message to visitors, but concerns in respect of value. • The location is inconvenient, due to the parking regime. • Would need to pay for blinds, as the sun has a direct impact on laptop screens. • Possibility of relocating to a smaller unit with less glare. • Taking space in a community facility is a good use of funds. • Need to put goals in place to assess how effective the space is. • The Chair proposed the use of Centrecom office as a cheaper and more convenient alternative, central to the parish. <p>A vote was taken, and the majority of the councillors voted in favour of continuing the current arrangement. The Chair was reminded that she could claim for parking when incurred on Town Council business.</p>	
9	<p>Priorities</p> <p>The Chair asked each member of the Town Council to elect priorities which they would pursue over the next three months. The outcomes of the discussions were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Kurth- progress the BNPlan and its next phase. • Councillor Kurth- establish a phone line for the office. • Councillor Brady- start process of determining how to establish a new website. Clerk to support. Liaison with local providers used by other councils. • Councillor Brady- Petersfield Green fence and library toilets. • Councillor Baker- undertake an asset inventory within the parish. • Councillor Thomas- place the Planning Committee on a more structured basis. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Ashbury- Liaison in respect of Station Square issues, particularly toilets. • Councillor Ashbury- workshops with homeless groups, working with Thames Valley police. • Councillor Ashbury- explore resident services in The Hub. • Councillor Inoki- comms plan. • Councillor Inoki- Campbell Heights. • Councillor inoki- liaison with the market stall holders. • Clerk- speak to Nick Wynd, Sainsbury's to see if Town Council can have a noticeboard facility inside or outside the store. • Clerk- provide support for any new admin person. <p>It was agreed that this item should be reviewed on a quarterly basis, first review September, with any substantive developments being reported to meetings as and when.</p> <p>During this discussion a councillor raised concerns about a new gentlemen's facility planned for Midsummer Boulevard. The Chair noted the challenges in objecting to such a facility. The Clerk to provide more information.</p>	
10	<p>Finance Paper The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
11	<p>Approval of Annual Accounts The Town Council approved the annual accounts and ratified the Chair's signature to the external auditor's pro forma.</p>	
12	<p>Future of Parish Wardens The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that a response be provided, indicating that, whilst it is accepted the wardens contribute to the wellbeing of the city as a whole, the Town Council's parish is different, supported as it is by MKCCM.</p> <p>A discussion ensued about the possibility of identifying residents' associations which could be supported in some way to encourage them to address fly tipping etc.</p>	
13	<p>Parishes' Forum The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillors Baker and Brady be put forward as delegated representatives for future meetings. The Clerk to advise of future dates.</p>	
14	<p>Elder Gate Footpath The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillor Thomas develop a response, to be forwarded to other councillors prior to submission to David Hill. It was agreed that the response should include thanks for the report, noting that procedures do not compensate for the wrong decision.</p>	AT
15	<p>Any Other Business The annual mascot olympics is due to take place on 22 June and Councillor Ashbury is competing.</p> <p>The Clerk to send contact details for Hammersons to Councillor Thomas to enable a meeting with the Planning Committee to be set up to consider The Point development. Comments were made that the plans could be more</p>	PC/AT

	<p>creative.</p> <p>The Grand Opening of Midsummer House is scheduled for Friday 21 June.</p> <p>Councillor Brady to forward business card templates to the Chair, who will then circulate to determine the style required.</p>	AB
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.52pm</p> <p>The next meeting to be held on Thursday 11 July at Centrecom commencing at 6pm.</p>	