



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 11th April 2013
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes

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

Apologies: Ramo Erdogan
 Linda Inoki

Member of the public Jon Muncaster (from item 7)

| | Minutes | Actions |
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| 1 | Welcome & Apologies. | |
| 2 | Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 7 March 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair. | |
| 3 | <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>-The Chair confirmed that she had still to send a copy of the BNPlan to the new owners of Midsummer Place and the centre:mk. Given the work reaching its conclusion in amending the Plan it was agreed that a letter sent to the new owners explaining the process which is currently in course and requesting a meeting with the Chair and Paul Hunt would be a better way forward. The Chair to progress.</p> <p>- Councillor Brady noted that the 'public' toilets in the library remain closed to the public, but accessible by request by children, old people and the disabled. He reported that he had met with the Principal Librarian, but that responsibility for the toilets rested with the Head of Service. Councillor Thomas agreed to investigate what arrangements are in place at other MK libraries. Councillor Brady to continue to pursue.</p> <p>On a related matter it was reported that £50k had been secured for the installation of a disabled toilet on the public side of the station. This news was welcomed, although it was noted that the implementation would take some time.</p> <p>-Councillor Brady reported that no progress had been made with regard to the fencing at the Petersfield Green play area. It was noted that the embankment is believed to be the property of Abbeygate and the Chair agreed to mention the issue to Clive Faine when they met, seeking clarification on ownership and responsibility for repairing/installing fencing. It was noted that part of the existing fencing has been damaged and could be a health & safety issue for children. The Clerk noted that the Parish Partnership Fund could be used for this purpose if the issue has not been</p> | <p>RK</p> <p>AB/AT</p> |

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| | <p>addressed by the year end.</p> <p>-The Clerk reported that there had been delays in signing the contracts for the play area. He will continue to chase Phil Snell to get the works started as soon as possible.</p> | PC |
| 4 | <p>Business Neighbourhood Plan update The Chair reported that the aim is to complete the BNPlan by end April/mid May, although this date may slip. There may be a proposal for a further piece of work to sit under the Plan.</p> <p>There is to be a ministerial visit from Nick Bowles at the end of April or mid May.</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Finance Paper The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Chair noted that, due to a change in calculation of precept the Town Council will be receiving an additional £3500.</p> | |
| 7 | <p>Planning Advisor Jon Muncaster arrived at this juncture.</p> <p>The Chair introduced Jon, who has agreed to assist the Town Council with planning matters, for which an honorarium will be paid.</p> <p>Jon gave councillors detail of his background.</p> <p>It was noted that Jon had been asked to look over the Wyevale brief and report back on recommendations prior to the deadline for submissions of 14 May. He is also looking at the previous Taylor Wimpey application in advance of an anticipated re-submission.</p> <p>It was agreed that Jon would meet with the Planning committee, and that this meeting should be scheduled each month, but that the first meeting should be within the next two weeks. The Clerk to arrange.</p> | PC |
| 6 | <p>Office accommodation The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The proposed hire of office space at Midsummer House was discussed. The proposal to commit to hire the space for an initial 3 month period with a rolling monthly commitment thereafter was considered. A vote was taken and the proposal agreed by 5 votes to 1. The Clerk to pursue.</p> <p>The Chair to circulate furniture options by email. The Council agreed to the Chair committing to a spend on furnishings of no more than £1,000.</p> <p>Discussions ensued with regard to phone lines, a printer and computer for the office, but no commitments were agreed in these instances.</p> | PC |
| 8 | <p>Community Support Officer The Chair indicated the need for administrative support to undertake specific finite tasks. The Clerk confirmed that a fixed term contract would be acceptable providing the terms were clearly delineated and the total time the individual worked for the Town Council did not exceed 3 months.</p> <p>The Town Council voted and unanimously agreed to the issue of a fixed term contract for 10 hours per week and a maximum of three months.</p> | |

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| 9 | <p>Community Design Workshop The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the MKForum had approached the Town Council to assist in developing a piece of work which would look at the land south of the shopping building to identify needs and aspirations for the area, looking at questions such as where should the transport interchange be located, should there be a civic square etc.</p> <p>The workshop would offer the chance for anyone to have input into the thinking, which could develop into a form of Masterplan for the area. This would give a chance for alternative solutions to be brought forward for the area on a pro-active basis.</p> <p>The Town Council agreed to support the project in sum of £500.</p> <p>The outcome could be adopted under the BNPlan or it could be considered a development brief for the area.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillor Thomas join the organising committee.</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Priorities for 2013/14 A paper was tabled.</p> <p>The Chair asked that councillors consider the list and feed back any concerns.</p> | |
| 11 | <p>Campbell Park Development Brief The Chair requested that Neil Sainsbury attend a meeting of the Planning Committee to outline the brief. The Clerk to pursue.</p> | PC |
| 12 | <p>Any Other Business A councillor noted that there had been a spike in muggings on South 10th and 11th Street. The Town Council noted this information with concern.</p> <p>Jon Muncaster left at this juncture.</p> <p>A name was discussed in respect of the Community Support Officer role and the Town Council agreed that she be approached accordingly.</p> <p>The sum of the honorarium for the Planning Advisor was discussed and agreed.</p> | |
| | <p>The meeting closed at 8.07pm</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Thursday 9 May at Centrecom following the Annual General Meeting, which will commence at 6pm.</p> | |