



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 9th May 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
 Elizabeth Rowell-Tinsley

Members of the public: None

	Minutes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies.</p> <p>The Chair reported that she had received notification of the resignation of Elizabeth Rowell-Tinsley from the Town Council. Thanks were extended to the councillor, who has been involved with the Town Council and previously the parish council and neighbourhood council for in excess of fifteen years. Her commitment to the engagement of parishioners was commended.</p>	
2	<p>Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 11 April 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.</p>	
3	<p>Notes of the meeting of the Planning Committee</p> <p>The notes of the inquourate Planning committee meeting held on 22nd April 2013 were noted by the full Town Council.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Chair reported that with the Business Neighbourhood Plan nearing final completion this would be sent to the new owners of centre:mk and Midsummer Place. - Councillor Thomas reported that other libraries in Milton Keynes did not appear to have issues with access to their public toilets. This prompted a further discussion on what solutions to the current position within the Central Library could be pursued. It was felt that the management of the toilets was the issue, but doubts were expressed whether pursuit of this matter was appropriate for the Town Council. 	
5	<p>Business Neighbourhood Plan update</p> <p>The Chair reported that the BNPlan was due to be signed off by the Steering Group at its meeting on 23 May. At that point an extraordinary meeting of the Town Council would be called to follow the Steering Group meeting where the Town Council would consider the BNPlan and seek to adopt the Plan as recommended. To enable those members of the Town Council not directly</p>	

	<p>involved with the Steering Group to consider the Plan's contents reference was made to the fact that the Plan will be posted on the Alliance website from Monday 13th May for perusal.</p> <p>The Town Council approved small gifts to be made to all those who had been active in the development in the Business Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that this small gesture would in no way account for the substantial pro bono contributions made by some members of the Steering Group, without which the BNPlan would not have been possible.</p> <p>The Chair noted that there remained the issue of whether an SEA is required to accompany the Plan. The current belief is that MKCouncil is minded to determine that this is not required, but the final decision on the amended Plan is still awaited.</p> <p>The Chair also reminded the Town Council that the Core Strategy has yet to be adopted.</p>	
6	<p>Temporary Support and Office Accommodation The temporary support recruited recently has now found a full time job and will step down from Monday 13th May.</p> <p>The office space is not being well used and the Chair encouraged councillors to use the space for council business over the next month to enable a more informed view of its usefulness to be arrived at. Notice is required to be given on a rolling one month basis after the cessation of the initial three month term. The first break date is just after the next Town Council meeting. The Chair asked that the councillors consider whether the space is fulfilling its function to enable a full discussion at the next meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Update on Priorities The Chair stated that it was important that the Town Council is clear what it is committing to, and that each councillor needs to take on responsibility for the delivery of specific projects. The Chair to send out a spreadsheet detailing the projects previously discussed and at the next meeting councillors will be asked to consider whether the projects is really needed and whether the time can be afforded by councillors to focus on specific priorities to ensure that they are delivered within an agreed timescale.</p> <p>Councillor Baker noted that the Town Council should pay regard to the structure of the Community Land Trust and how this might impact on the Town Council going forward.</p>	RK
8	<p>Finance Paper The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
9	<p>Grant Application The application, as previously submitted, was noted.</p> <p>After considerable discussion it was agreed that the sum of £250 be offered towards the project, to be designated for the grassed and planted areas.</p>	
10	<p>Post Office Relocation The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
11	<p>MK Parishes' Protocol The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that councillors should consider attending the Parishes Forum meetings going forward. The Clerk to advise of forthcoming dates.</p>	PC

	The Clerk was asked to seek clarification of the General Power of Competence as referred to in paragraph 2 of the Protocol.	PC
12	<p>Any Other Business Councillor Ashbury noted that the government had formed a new Office for Active Travel, to encompass walking and cycling. He suggested that Milton Keynes should make a bid to host the department. It was agreed that Councillor Ashbury would send details to the Clerk, who would send a letter to David Hill and David Hopkins proposing that this be considered.</p> <p>It was noted that the lights have been out on part of Midsummer Boulevard, by the Hub, for at least a week. The Clerk to write to John Prior.</p> <p>A councillor noted that there is now a large poster board by the site for the football pitch adjacent to Network Rail. The Clerk was asked to enquire of the Planning Department what the process is for approval of such a board to be erected.</p> <p>Councillor Inoki noted that the market traders have joined the National Market Traders Association. The Town Council recorded its support for this move.</p> <p>Milton Keynes Games The paper, as outlined by the Clerk was considered and responses to the consultation agreed upon.</p> <p>Open Market The Chair noted that correspondence from MKCouncil and Hogan Lovells in respect of the Town Council's request that the market be considered a community asset. She noted that she would be submitting an amended plan to MKCouncil to address the substantive issue raised by the correspondence.</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>RK</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.30pm</p> <p>Next meeting to be an extraordinary meeting to be held at 6pm on Thursday 23 May, following the BNPlan Steering Group meeting at Centrecom.</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday 13 June at Centrecom commencing at 6pm.</p>	