



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 7th February 2013
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present: Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
 Charles Ashbury
 Andre Brady
 Ramo Erdogan
 Elizabeth Rowell-Tinsley
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Linda Inoki

Absent: Ken Baker
 Andrew Thomas

	Minutes	Actions
1	Welcome & Apologies.	
2	<p>Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council on 10 January 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair, subject to the following amendments:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 7 insert 'removal of the reference to 10%' between 'to' and 'the' • Item 8 insert 'Partnership' after 'MK Transport' • Item 11, Core Strategy. First sentence to read 'It was noted that the Full Council approved the latest proposed amendments to the Core Strategy, which were now out for 6 weeks' consultation.' • Item 11 Parking. Additional sentence to be added- 'Councillor Thomas reported that he had been invited to this meeting and had confirmed his attendance.' 	
3	<p>Ratification of Minutes of Budget Meeting The minutes of the additional meeting to consider budget priorities held on 23 January 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair, who requested a copy of the budget document to be appended to the minutes.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising -Councillor Brady reported that action on the matter of the re-establishment of toilet facilities in the Central Library was ongoing. He proposed that the police be involved to add leverage for this change, but after some discussion this was not considered to be an appropriate route. The Clerk to investigate guidance on the provision of toilet facilities in public buildings within the Building Regulations and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>- Councillor Ashbury noted that he was still awaiting details of the MK Transport forum cycling group. It was noted that Richard Duffield had taken on responsibility for cycling within MKCouncil.</p>	PC

5	<p>Business Neighbourhood Plan update The Chair reported that the Working Group set up by the Steering Group to consider the responses to the consultation continues to make progress though the 105 pages of observations received. The work has been divided into four sections, one has been considered by the Steering Group, with the second being presented to them next week. The length of this detailed process has meant that the timetable for the next stage for the BNPlan has slipped. It is still hoped that this part of the process will be concluded by early March.</p>	
6	<p>At this juncture two members of the public arrived, identifying themselves as a ward councillor and member of Stantonbury parish council. They requested the opportunity to input their views in respect of the Secklow Gate planning applications and the request was acceded to by the Chair.</p> <p>The Chair outlined details of the advertorial being run in the Herald supported by CMK Town Council, Great Linford and Campbell Park parish councils against the planning applications being heard next week.</p> <p>Following a discussion the members of the public left the meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Finance Paper The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Clerk proposed that a third signatory be added to the bank account. This was agreed and Councillor Rowell-Tinsley agreed to be added to the current signatory list.</p>	PC
8	<p>Budget 2013-14 The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p>A discussion ensued with regard to councillors' expenses. It was agreed that whilst there was not a requirement for councillors to receive a regular payment in lieu of costs incurred, expenses relating to stationery, parking etc would be reimbursed subject to the production of invoices.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that the Town Council could borrow to raise funds if this was necessary going forward. The detail of the process, via NALC, would be investigated if required.</p> <p>With regard to the matter of locating office space for the Town Council, it was agreed that a separate meeting of the Town Council be scheduled following the next meeting to discuss options and move the project forward.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to enquire whether some of the S106 monies available for use in CMK could be utilised to purchase a parish office, and if so whether there would be a requirement for the facility to have a wider use.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillors Erdogan and Brady seek to meet with Julia Upton to discuss availability of suitable facilities with Acorn House and similar locations.</p>	PC PC RE/AB
9	<p>Licensing Act Guidelines Variations The Clerk was requested to identify any substantive variations to the current guidelines.</p>	PC
10	<p>Allotments The Clerk reported on an email received requesting that the Town Council consider allotments within the parish. After some discussion it was agreed that this would not be a priority for the Town Council at this time.</p>	

11	<p>New Tree Officer The Clerk advised that MKCouncil's new tree officer is Dan McIntyre.</p>	
12	<p>Electoral review of Milton Keynes. The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that the response previously submitted in respect of the proposals relating to the wards within CMK be restated as part of the consultation.</p>	PC
13	<p>Any Other Business Toilets in Station Square Councillor Ashbury advised that the sum of £50K had been identified to pump prime plans for toilet facilities in Station Square and that a joint committee is to be established to develop the project. Whilst noting that there was a need for further monies to be identified to make the project viable ongoing the news was welcomed.</p> <p>Priorities for 2013-14 It was agreed that the above heading be included as an agenda item for the next meeting.</p> <p>Market It was agreed that consideration should be given to how the Town Council could progress its relationship with the market.</p>	PC
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.22pm</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Thursday 7 March at Centrecom at 6pm</p>	