



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 10th January 2013
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present: Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
 Charles Ashbury
 Ken Baker (from item 6)
 Linda Inoki
 Andrew Thomas
 Elizabeth Rowell-Tinsley
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Absent: Andre Brady
 Ramo Erdogan

	Minutes	Actions
1	Welcome & Apologies.	
2	<p>Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meetings The minutes of the meetings of the Town Council on 6 December 2012 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 4, para 3 add at end of first sentence ‘followed by a further period of public consultation.’ • Item 4, para 3 sentence 2 to be replaced by ‘ There is a need to keep abreast of the Core Strategy Inspector’s emerging requirements as the BNPlan is finalised.’ • Item 6 last sentence ‘Bob Stone’ should be ‘Bob Stones’ • Item 9 Street Trading Consultation, para 1-delete ‘with MKCouncil’ 	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Clerk reported that the amendments to the Leisure Plaza development did not appear to be substantive. - An update was awaited in respect of Councillor Brady’s meeting with the Librarian. - The identification of possible parish office locations remains outstanding. - The Clerk noted that a full summary of the BNPlan costs to date is still in course of compilation. - It was noted that the enquiry with regard to the payment of additional sums towards the BNPlan on a retrospective basis remains to be addressed by Nick Fenwick. - Councillor Thomas confirmed that he would send a link to the papers relating to the M K Development Partnership Board papers. 	<p>AB</p> <p>AB/RE</p> <p>PC</p> <p>AT</p>
4	<p>Business Neighbourhood Plan update The Chair reported that the Steering Group working party had begun to analyse the consultation responses. The raw data from the consultation had been compiled into one document and uploaded to the CMK Alliance</p>	

	<p>website for full visibility. A process is to be developed to enable responses on a point by point basis to be sent to all respondents. The target is to submit the revised plan to MKCouncil by the end of February, although it was accepted that there may be some slippage on this timescale.</p> <p>A councillor noted that the Planning Minister had indicated that funds could be released via the CIL directly to parish councils enabling new developments within the terms of a neighbourhood plan. This would be subject to MKCouncil fully embracing the CIL system, which is currently not the case.</p>	
5	<p>Finance Paper The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that the cheque in sum of £434.10 payable to the Chair was in respect of the monthly charges levied by Google for the use of the Town Council' s email address by all councillors. The payments are charged directly to her personal payment card at present, and the reimbursement reflects 12 months of charges. A discussion ensued about the possibility of the payment being made by direct debit.</p>	
6	<p>Budget 2013-14 The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p>Councillor Baker arrived during this item.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that the current level of RPI increase is 3%. Councillors agreed the need to determine whether the precept should remain in line with RPI or whether some more substantive variation to the current level requested should be sought.</p> <p>It was agreed that a budget meeting be held on 23 January at 4.30pm to determine the precept requirement for 2013/14.</p>	
7	<p>Grant Application Form The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The format was accepted, subject to amendments to the font size, heading and available lines for the applicant to complete. The Clerk to amend.</p>	PC
8	<p>Cycle Storage The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Whilst the proposals incorporated within the paper were welcomed, it was felt that benchmark data needs to be determined and reviewed after 12 months to assess the effectiveness of the changes.</p> <p>The view was expressed that the 'doghouse' storage units at the station are not considered safe.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillor Ashbury join the MK Transport Forum, cycling group. Councillor Thomas to provide contact details.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to Mark Howes expressing support, with reservations, for the plans, with a copy to Clive Faine.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the Cycle Strategy Review response be sent, as circulated by Councillor Ashbury with additional comments supplied by Councillor Thomas.</p>	CA/AT PC PC

9	<p>Email from Resident The Clerk to reply to the resident outlining what is being done to address some of his queries and advising him that his concerns have also been referred on as necessary.</p>	PC
10	<p>Licensing Act Draft Revised Statement The Clerk was requested to obtain a 'track changes' version of the proposed revisions.</p>	PC
11	<p>Any Other Business Advertorial It was agreed that the previously agreed advertorial be pursued.</p> <p>Alternative Proposal for centre;mk It was noted that Ken Baker's alternative proposal in respect of the accommodation of Primark within the building was designated in a paper submitted additional to the planning application by the centre:mk as being a CMKTown Council plan. The Clerk confirmed that he had lodged an objection in this regard, stating clearly that the plan had never been placed before the Town Council and should not be regarded as a CMKTown Council initiative.</p> <p>Core Strategy It was noted that the Full Council approved the Core Strategy and this is now out for 6 weeks' consultation. It was felt important that the Town Council respond to the consultation, and Councillors Kurth and Thomas agreed to formulate a response for consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>Campbell Square Development It was noted that the Campbell Square development had been declined planning permission due to concerns around parking, which had been highlighted by the CMKTown Council in its submission. It was agreed that a letter be considered to residents of the area outlining the Town Council's role in the outcome, subject to available time.</p> <p>Parking Concerns were expressed at the proposals, as outlined in the local newspaper, for an increase in parking charges for MK employees. MKCCM has called a meeting of businesses to discuss.</p> <p>Young People's Bus Fares Councillor Ashbury noted that the increases in young peoples' bus fares will preclude access to the city for some young residents, having a long term negative effect on the vitality of the city centre.</p> <p>Planning Committee It was agreed that the planning committee should meet on a date following the next meeting to consider the statements it would seek to make at the DCC meeting when the Secklow Gate Bridge application is considered.</p> <p>Midsummer Place Councillor Thomas noted that he has been progressing the argument against the application. It was noted that inconsistencies of approach to the application within MKCouncil which had been pointed out by Councillor Thomas are now being considered.</p>	<p>RK/AT</p> <p>RK/LI</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.13pm</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Thursday 7February at Centrecom at 6pm</p>	

