



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 10th October 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: None

Absent : Ramo Erdogan

Members of the public: Three

	Minutes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies. Councillor Kurth welcomed the members of the public to the meeting. The Clerk noted that Councillor Erdogan had not been present for 5 meetings and that should he not attend the next meeting he would be required to stand down. The Clerk to contact Councillor Erdogan to advise him of the situation.</p>	PC
	<p>The Chair invited the members of the public to express any concerns they wished the Town Council to be aware of. The following points were made:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking on the corners of Avebury Boulevard within Campbell Park had become dangerous since the free parking in CMK had been removed.• Cars parking close to the redway crossing are a particular concern, as this causes reduced visibility.• Clashes have resulted between drivers exiting their parking spaces and those travelling down the road.• The minimum requirement would be double yellow lines around the corners and by the redway. <p>Following discussion it was agreed that a request for double yellow lines be pursued.</p> <p>It was agreed that approaching Thames Valley police to place warning notices on vehicles would not be a sustainable option.</p> <p>The Chair noted that there were not a majority of respondents in Campbell Park who had expressed a wish to have resident's parking.</p> <p>It was noted that Adelphi Street is full of cars and the road is narrow and</p>	

	<p>only designed for access.</p> <p>MK Council to be pursued to seek a solution to the problem.</p> <p>At this juncture one of the members of the public left the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 5 September 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by Councillor Inoki.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The response to the Elder Gate paper remained outstanding. It was agreed that the response should still be prepared at the earliest opportunity. - The Clerk advised that MK Council had advised that there would be a charge of £100 per month for each flag flown in Station Square. It was agreed that this would not be pursued. - The Clerk advised that he had received assurances from the MK Council Licensing Department that the Gentlemen's Club is only licensed for sexual entertainment, and not as a sex shop or sex cinema. - The Clerk advised that the MK Council Conservation Officer has acknowledged that he was not aware of the work on the glazing works. Councillor Baker advised that the works had been completed and were to a good standard. Simon Peart noted that he will be writing to the centre:mk requesting that MK Council is made aware of any substantive maintenance schemes in advance of them taking place going forward. - The Town Council was advised that there is no parking review pending. - In response to queries raised Richard Duffill advised that both the cycle hire scheme and the cycle hub scheme are progressing, with firm proposals on both being brought forward by the end of the year. 	AT
4	<p>Finance Paper The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>A number of cheques were signed, including a payment to Jon Muncaster in sum of £1000 in respect of 6 months' planning consultancy work.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that the external auditors had agreed the annual accounts without comment.</p>	
5	<p>Grant application- JCC Media The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Brady added some context to the application through his experiences within the Community First scheme.</p> <p>It was agreed that the film would provide training to young people, but it was noted that the proposal would only involve 5 young people.</p> <p>It was also felt that young people find it a challenge to relate to their parish and if the project was commissioned it would afford an opportunity for councillors to engage with the youth of the parish.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillor Brady would liaise with the group asking them to attend a separate meeting to discuss further.</p>	AB
6	<p>Communications from residents The paper, as tabled, was noted.</p>	

	<p>Emails relating to MKIce and in opposition to residents' parking in Campbell Park were noted.</p> <p>The request for more bins around the bus stops at the station was considered. It was noted that this was a larger concern, with a lack of bins by a number of bus stops also being an issue which needs addressing. The Clerk to enquire how much it would cost to have bins supplied and emptied.</p> <p>With specific regard to the station, it was noted that additional sweeps of the area have been undertaken to manage the rubbish. However, the lack of bins by the bus stops at the station must be accepted as the responsibility of MKCouncil. The issue was recently raised during a walkabout.</p>	PC
7	<p>Update on Business Neighbourhood Plan The Chair reported that 30 comments had been received at this late stage in the process, many of which should have been submitted earlier. The examiner has been approached to see whether he would find it helpful for the steering group to respond to the comments raised.</p> <p>The Chair has called in the decision of MKCouncil to make a comprehensive representation when it has been part of the process throughout. The call in to be considered next week.</p>	
8	<p>Proposed meeting Dates for 2014 The dates, as previously circulated, were agreed.</p>	
9	<p>Website content and menu structure The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The structure was agreed in principle, although the value of the local info section was questioned. The project will now move into the design stage.</p>	
10	<p>Process for Confidential Meetings The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>This item created much debate, with the major points being:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meetings are at a conceptual stage and would not feature detailed plans. • Chance to influence thinking at an early stage. • Small council, why divide it? • Should the Chair be empowered to exercise the best judgement for the Town Council? • Members would still have the chance to comment when the plans are brought forward through the planning system. • An opportunity to bring reality to planners and to express the Business Neighbourhood Plan implications of proposals. <p>A proposal from the Chair that she, the Chair of the Planning Committee and the Clerk attend any such meetings but that a full report back is provided 'in camera' was agreed.</p>	
11	<p>Recognition Awards The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The principle of the awards was agreed. A set of criteria to be developed in the first instance by the Clerk.</p>	PC

12	<p>Chain of Office The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Chair proposed that a chain of office to be worn at formal occasions would add gravitas to the Town Council. She noted that mayors of other towns with Milton Keynes had their own chains.</p> <p>A vote was taken and a request made that the voting be made a matter of public record.</p> <p>Councillors Inoki, Ashbury and Baker were in favour. Councillors Brady, Thomas and Kurth abstained.</p> <p>The Clerk to enquire of other town councils how the chain is sourced and the cost.</p>	PC
13	<p>Petersfield Green fence Councillor Brady circulated a comprehensive assessment from MKCouncil planning department on the issue of the fence.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the new design will increase the cost of the new fence to £7k. It was agreed that negotiations were required in respect of apportionment of costs for the work. The Town Council agreed to consider its position again once the estimates had been firmed up.</p>	
14	<p>Review of polling places The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>There were no proposed amendments to the current sites.</p>	
15	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Clerk noted that the consultation on road safety strategy had been released and that any response could reflect the earlier discussion in respect of Adelphi Street. The Clerk to make the full consultation documents available for consideration at the next meeting and the link to be provided to the members of the public present. - Councillor Baker informed the council that MKCouncil is planning a Festival of Trees, seeking to establish MK as the city of trees. - The Clerk to chase the position with regard to the two oak trees by David Lock Associates, following the first response for MKDP. - Councillor Brady advised that a work experience student will be starting in the office, and encouraged councillors to provide tasks for her to address. She will be in the office Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings, and will receive expenses only. - Councillors Baker and Brady attended the recent Parish Assembly meeting. - 	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.05pm</p> <p>The next meeting to be held on Thursday 7 November at Centrecom commencing at 6pm.</p>	