Central Milton Keynes Town Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday, May 9th 2013 at Centrecom Meeting Place, Central Milton Keynes

Present:- Councillors Charles Ashbury, Ken Baker, Andre Brady, Linda Inoki,

Rebecca Kurth, Andrew Thomas

Apologies:- Ramo Erdogan, Elizabeth Rowell-Tinsley

Members of the public:- None

The Clerk welcomed the councillors to the Town Council's AGM.

The Clerk sought nominations for the position of Chair. Rebecca Kurth was proposed by Councillor Inoki and seconded by Councillor Thomas. There being no other nominations, Rebecca Kurth was duly appointed as Chair. Rebecca Kurth took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

It was agreed that a vice Chair would not be appointed at this time.

The role of treasurer is not necessary under the current guidelines, with the Clerk accepting this responsibility.

Nominations were sought for Chair of the Planning Committee. Andrew Thomas was nominated by Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Ashbury. There being no further nominations, Councillor Thomas was confirmed as chair of the Planning Committee.

Nominations were sought for vice Chair of the Planning committee. Ken Baker was nominated by Councillor Kurth and seconded by Councillor Ashbury. There being no further nominations, Councillor Baker was confirmed as vice Chair of the Planning Committee.

The constitution of the Planning Committee to remain Councillors Thomas, Baker, Inoki and Ashbury.

It was noted that the Minutes of the Meeting of 10 May 2012 had been agreed as a true record at the June 2012 Town Council meeting.

The Chair provided a report, noting the following:-

The past 12 months have been extremely intense for the CMK Town Council, and much has been achieved. We have:-

- made significant progress on preparing the CMK Alliance Plan, which is the frontrunning business neighbourhood plan in the UK. Following extensive public engagement through the wiki, workshops, expert panel sessions and stakeholder meetings last spring and summer, a draft plan was prepared, and Public consultation was completed in December. A revised plan is to be submitted shortly to MKC and independent Examination;
- partnered with our neighbouring parishes, CPPC and GLPC, in objecting to the Primark application and proposed relocation of the Market, which contributed to the withdrawal of the application;

- successfully applied for £50,000 of WREN funding for a new play
- area for the 9th and 10th St flats;
- piloted a job-share initiatve with MKC re: the CMK Neighbourhood Warden, who helped organised a pop-up event with over 40 residents attendind from 11th and 12th street;
- contributed to a number of MKC policy consultations, including the Street Trading and Cycling Strategy;

Councillors serve on a number of bodies including the Transport partnership, MKCCM Board, MKCCM Operations Group, Highways Group, Communities First grant award scheme and the CMK Development Stakeholders Group, amongst others.

The report was accepted by those present. Councillors expressed their thanks to the Chair for her hard work and commitment throughout the year.

The Income and Expenditure report and Balance Sheet for the year 1/4/2012 – 30/3/2013, previously circulated by the Clerk in his capacity as responsible financial officer for the Town Council, were noted.

It was noted that the Business Neighbourhood Steering Group had cost in excess of £20,000, but that £10,000 had been received from MKCouncil in this regard and further monies may become available later this year.

The accounts were accepted.

The Clerk's report, as previously circulated, was accepted by the Town Council.

The Chair thanked the Clerk for his work and support during the year.

There was no other business and the Annual General Meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.