

## **Central Milton Keynes Town Council**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday, May 8th 2014 at Centrecom Meeting Place, Central Milton Keynes**

**Present:-** Councillors Charles Ashbury, Ken Baker, Hilarie Bowman, Andre Brady, Rebecca Kurth, Andrew Thomas

**Apologies:-** Ramo Erdogan, Linda Inoki,

**Members of the public:-** One

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 Ashbury and seconded by Councillor Baker. There being no other nominations, Rebecca Kurth was duly appointed as Chair. Rebecca Kurth took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

At this juncture a discussion ensued regarding whether the Town Council should instigate a maximum number of years which any councillor could serve as chair of the Town Council or any committees. This was not considered to be of concern and it was agreed that the matter would not be pursued.

A further proposal that consideration be given to a revolving chair was not deemed by the Clerk to be appropriate from a governance viewpoint for a parish council.

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 Kurth and seconded by Councillor Baker. There being no further nominations, Councillor Thomas was confirmed as chair of the Planning Committee.

It was noted that the Minutes of the Meeting of 9 May 2013 had been agreed as a true record at the June 2013 Town Council meeting.

The Chair provided a report, noting the following:-

- Past year (2013/14) - a "watershed" for the Town Council
- Informal way of working to more formal way of operating as a Town Council
- Papers supporting agenda items have led to a more structured meeting
- Approved a range of revised/new policies (and Standing Order re-fresh underway)
- New office
- IT systems - Google Apps email and Google Drive
- Engaged some Admin & IT support
- Website being developed
- New activities

- Community Grants programme
- Quarterly newsletter
- CMK's first designation of Asset of Community Value (Market)
- Major planning & development work
- CMK Alliance Plan - the UK's leading Business Neighbourhood Plan - submitted June, examined December, passed March
- MBE Workshop - co-sponsored with MKC (a first)
- Development Briefs - Wyevale, Campbell Park/Newlands
- Addressing issues raised by residents
  - Adelphi St
  - Oak Trees
  - Public Toilets (Station Sq)
  - Public Toilets (Library)
  - Petersfield Green
- Range of consultations
  - Road and Safety
  - Community Involvement/Engagement
  - Elder Gate
- The coming year - a year of further transition
- Search for a new office, perhaps even plans for 'town hall'
- Preparing our first strategic plan
- The need for greater support for the work to be undertaken
- Councillors continue to 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 1/4/2013 – 30/3/2014, previously circulated by the Clerk in his capacity as responsible financial officer for the Town Council, were noted.

It was noted that outgoings which had arisen this year included the cost of rental of the office, the trial part time use of a neighbourhood warden and the instigation of an honorarium to obtain the good offices of a planning advisor.

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.





