



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 11th June 2015
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present: Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
 Ken Baker (from item 4)
 Hilarie Bowman
 Andre Brady
 Linda Inoki
 Andrew Thomas
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: None

Absent: Ramo Erdogan

In attendance: 2 members of the public

	Minutes	Actions
1	<p>Apologies & Declarations of Interest No additional declarations of interest were made.</p> <p>The Chair sought and received the agreement of the Town Council that the item on Co-option would be held 'in camera'.</p>	
2	<p>Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 14th May 2015 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.</p>	
3	<p>Ratification of Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Town Council The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 14 May 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair, subject to the following amendment:- Item 4, Comms & Website Working Group- Reference to 'committee' in this item be changed to 'working group'.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising & Outstanding Items The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Baker joined the meeting during this item</p> <p>Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:-</p> <p>Item 14/047- This item to be closed. Clerk to pursue a meeting with the new MK Council member responsible for Parish Liaison for a meeting. Item 14/074- Outcomes to be pursued, due to concerns about the impact of the Rugby World Cup event on parking. Item 15/002- The Clerk reported that the funds remained outstanding and had been chased with Diane Webber. Marked on to July meeting. Item 15/004- A record of the income and expenditure with regard to the</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>

	<p>BNPlan monies was requested for the July meeting.</p> <p>Item 15/015- Chair to develop a list of issues to discuss with MKDP and circulate for addition/endorsement prior to contact being made.</p> <p>Item 15/016- The principle findings have now been placed on the library. Completed by July meeting.</p> <p>Item 15/017- Information to be uploaded by July.</p> <p>Item 15-020- Completed. Clerk requested to compile a paper on the Land Categorisation Plan for July meeting.</p> <p>Item 15-021- Completed</p> <p>Item 15/022- Completed. Authority provided to proceed to purchase 4 litter bins at a cost of £49 each +VAT to progress the project. The Communications Officer to note the action on the website and newsletter.</p> <p>Item 15/023- To be completed by July.</p> <p>At this juncture, a member of the public was requested to speak. He raised concerns about the Adelphi Street parking situation, noting that the signage restricting parking started some 3 metres further into the road than intended, creating challenges on the corners. It was agreed that Councillor Bowman, with support from the Clerk, will again approach Sara Bailey to discuss.</p> <p>A member of the public, Mr. McGowan, then indicated his wish to be considered for co-option to the Town Council. He outlined his background and areas of interest. After some questions, Mr. McGowan was thanked for this interest. The Chair noted that co-option would be considered in the 'in camera' item at the end of the meeting.</p>	<p>RK</p> <p>PC</p> <p>TW</p> <p>HB/PC</p>
5	<p>CMK Street Warden Update</p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted</p> <p>The Town Council expressed the view that that the Street Warden was performing a useful function. It was noted that any feedback or queries would be referred back to the Street Warden by the Clerk. Concerns were expressed at the condition of the railings by the bus stops in Midsummer Boulevard East and the Clerk was asked to raise this concern with the Street Warden.</p>	<p>PC</p>
6	<p>Finance paper</p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
7	<p>Annual Accounts</p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Chair, on behalf of the Town Council, signed the declarations in Section 1 and 2 of the external audit report, relating to accounting statements and the annual governance statement respectively.</p>	
8	<p>Projects Update</p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Chair noted that a 'task and finish' working party would be established to develop thinking on noticeboards, prior to a paper being brought to the next meeting.</p>	<p>PC/KB</p>
9	<p>Grant Application- Mediation Works</p> <p>The paper and application were noted, as previously circulated.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to ensure that the new application form is on the website.</p> <p>A discussion ensued in respect of the application, comments, including the following-</p>	<p>PC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the Town Council be core funding? • Approaches across the city for support. • Disappointing feedback from last year's event paid for by a grant in August 2014. • Is there a definable need or is the aim to create one? <p>Councillor Bowman proposed that Mediation Works attend a future Residents' Forum meeting where the attendees can cascade the service via their networks. Should any cases flow from this the Town Council can then consider supporting the cost of resolution.</p> <p>A vote was taken following the discussion and it was agreed that the application be declined, but that the group is put in touch with Councillor Bowman to discuss them attending a future Residents' Forum meeting.</p>	
10	<p>Local Council Award Scheme The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Town Council agreed to cover the cost of the Clerk's CiLCA training, in sum of £250 and noted that there would be training time which would need to be accommodated within the Clerk's working hours, in addition to which further time may be required to enable the completion of the course.</p> <p>The scheme details were noted. The Clerk was requested to bring a paper to the next meeting outlining what would need to be done to enable the Foundation level of the scheme to be applied for by the Town Council.</p>	PC
11	<p>Dog Bins The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>A discussion ensued on the proposal for the installation of additional dog bins within Campbell Park.</p> <p>Whilst it was felt that dog owners should not need the bins and that an increase in bins may not result in all dog owners using them, councillors expressed the strong view that Campbell Park is the jewel in the crown of the parish and needed to be considered as a special case.</p> <p>The Town Council voted in favour of the installation of two additional bins at a cost of £260+VAT for supply and fit, together with an on-cost for bin emptying. It was agreed that the Residents' Association should be asked to encourage dog-walkers within their groups to propose locations, this would be considered together with the views of newsletter readers, the dog walker who initiated the request and the Parks Trust.</p> <p>Further it was agreed that a sticker be placed on the bins indicating that they had been supplied and maintained by the Town Council. The Clerk to progress.</p>	PC
12	<p>Allotments Due to the paper commissioned on this issue being delayed the item was deferred for consideration at the July meeting.</p>	
13	<p>Parks Trust Rugby Fanzone The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed regarding the impact on residents of parking issues related to the key dates within the Fanzone event window. It was agreed that Councillor Bowman seek more detail on the proposed parking arrangements to</p>	

	<p>enable an initial brief outline to be provided at the Residents' Forum meeting on 18 June. Following that it was agreed that a more specific meeting be convened with Briony Fox from the Parks Trust to discuss the impact on Campbell Park residents of the events.</p> <p>It was agreed that the event can be promoted within the July newsletter, seeking views which can be provided to the Parks Trust.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas noted that if the park is going to be increasingly used for large scale events a parking solution needs to be identified.</p>	HB/PC
14	<p>Planning Committee Budget The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The request for budget allocation for the Planning Committee was discussed.</p> <p>The following comments were made:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a number of major applications in the pipeline • Applications are getting more complex • The number and complexity of applications seen by the Planning Committee far outweighs those in any other parish • The aim is to enable the Planning Committee to operate swiftly and effectively when it feels appropriate. • The sum requested is a budgeted sum only at this time • This year is a game changer due to the Business Neighbourhood Plan being 'made' • It was noted that the sum requested was a significant proportion of the parish precept, notwithstanding that the reserves were to be used to enable the request. • 90,000 people voted in favour of the Town Council having an impact on planning in the parish. Can only do this with resource • If the demand is going to increase further this may speak to the need to consider increasing precept going forward • Would residents prefer money to be spent on dog bins or planning responses <p>Following the discussion a vote was taken and a budget of £15,000 was agreed to be used by the Planning Committee, who will be held to account by the Town Council.</p>	
15	<p>Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee 27 May 2015 The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
16	<p>Policies and Procedures The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The changes as outlined in the paper were agreed. The Clerk and Communications Officer to action.</p>	PC/TW
17	<p>Responses to Consultations The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas noted that MKCouncil had welcomed the Town Council's submission on the SPD, noting that it was a balanced submission between the two ends of the spectrum from other contributors.</p>	
18	<p>Funding for CMK Residents' Forum Meetings The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	

	Following a short discussion a vote was taken and the proposed budget allocation of £600 for meetings this financial year was agreed.	
19	<p>Pop Up Gazebo The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The sum of £200 was agreed for the purchase of a gazebo for use by the Town Council and the Street Warden. The Clerk offered storage space at Centrecom for the gazebo.</p>	
20	<p>Ratification of Chairs' Action The Clerk sought, and received ratification of the Chair's action in respect of expenditure incurred for the Business Neighbourhood Plan 'making' celebration.</p>	
21	<p>Co-option Following an 'in camera' discussion it was agreed that Jim McGowan be co-opted to the Town Council.</p>	
22	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 9th July 2015 at Centrecom.</p>	