



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council  
Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
At Centrecom Meeting Place, Central Milton Keynes**

**Present:** Rebecca Kurth (Chair)  
Hilarie Bowman  
Ramo Erdogan (from item 109/17)  
Linda Inoki  
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Ken Baker  
Andre Brady  
Andrew Thomas  
Thomas Walker (Deputy Clerk)

**In attendance:** No members of the public were present

	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
107/17	<p><b>Apologies</b> Councillors Brady, Thomas and Baker, together with the Deputy Clerk, extended their apologies for the meeting.</p>	
108/17	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no additional declarations of interest in respect of items featuring on the agenda.</p> <p>In line with the terms of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, it was noted that item 123/17 a) and b) will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and the Town Council therefore resolved that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from this item.</p>	
109/17	<p><b>Councillor Vacancy</b> Pursuant to a selection process, Councillors heard from an applicant for co-option to the vacant councillor position.</p> <p>Councillor Erdogan arrived during this item.</p> <p>After answering questions, the applicant left the meeting.</p>	
110/17	<p><b>Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.</p>	
111/17	<p><b>Clerks' Report on Outstanding Items</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:-</p>	

	<p>Item 17/006- Closed  Item 17/015- Closed  Item 17/027- Defer to September meeting  Item 17/030- Defer to September meeting  Item 17/031- Closed. Spreadsheet to Project Team  Item 17/032- Closed  Item 17/033- Closed  Item 17/034- Closed  Item 17/035- Closed  Item 17/036- Closed  Item 17/037- Closed</p>	
112/17	<p><b>Representations from Public</b>  No members of the public were present at the time of this item.</p>	
113/17	<p><b>Finance Paper</b>  The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.   A list of debits noted is appended to the minutes.   The Clerk noted that the external audit had been signed off with no recommendations.</p>	
114/17	<p><b>Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet</b>  The amended paper, as tabled, was noted.   The Clerk was requested to approach Tom Blackburne- Maze to ascertain the process being undergone with regard to the review of the CMK Handbook and to make it clear that the Town Council wishes to have input.</p>	PC
115/17	<p><b>Projects Update</b>  The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
116/17	<p><b>Quarterly Budget Update</b>  The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.   Councillors requested clarity on the variances on salary lines.   An additional line to be inserted within the document to reflect known accruals.</p>	PC PC
117/17	<p><b>Grant Application- Forest and Folk</b>  The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.   After some discussion, the application in sum of £400 was approved, subject to the Clerk receiving the following:-  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirmation that 12 residents are registered for the walk</li> <li>- The organisers' agreement to produce a digital package which can be uploaded to the website cataloguing places and items of interest along the walk, enabling residents to undertake a self-guided walk going forward.</li> </ul> </p>	PC
118/17	<p><b>Bus Stops proposals</b>  The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.   Councillors expressed their pleasure in the news that the bus stops within the business district are to be replaced.   It was agreed that Councillor Baker and the Deputy Clerk should liaise</p>	KB/TW

	with the Passenger Transport Team to consider the proposed design for bus stops in the area.	
119/17	<p><b>Milton Keynes New Town Heritage Register</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Town Council agreed that Councillor Inoki work with the Deputy Clerk to determine a response to the proposals.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to circulate to all councillors the dates and times for the drop in sessions running during the week of 14 August to inform the process.</p>	<p>LI/TW</p> <p>PC</p>
120/17	<p><b>Co-option Process</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>With small amendments the process for seeking to co-opt a new councillor was adopted as a Procedure.</p>	
121/17	<p><b>Professional Beggars and Rough Sleepers within CMK</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Chair noted that she had recently attended a meeting of MKCCM to consider the situation. The presentation at that meeting identified three classes of 'tent dweller':-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The homeless- of which there are very few</li> <li>- The professional beggars</li> <li>- The drug addicts</li> </ul> <p>A substantial discussion ensued, and it was acknowledged by councillors that there was a challenge with public perception of any action which might be advocated against rough sleepers.</p> <p>Development of an article for the website which identifies the different types of rough sleepers to enhance resident awareness of the complexity of the issue was considered.</p> <p>It was agreed that there needs to be a concerted PR campaign to inform residents and visitors to CMK of the differences between types of rough sleepers, councillors being of the view that this campaign is best orchestrated by MKCCM using its business links.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that Open Door could be invited to speak to a future Residents' Forum if considered appropriate.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that the Town Council actively seeks to raise awareness of the issues and lobbies for the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order at the earliest opportunity, arguing that its residents and visitors need to be able to enjoy its public spaces free from risk of intimidation, injury and fear.</p> <p>It was noted that a rough sleeper strategy was being discussed at Cabinet on 12 September.</p>	
122/17	<p><b>Items for Information</b> The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p><b>a) Planning Committee Meeting Minutes 27 July 2017</b> The paper, as amended and tabled, was noted.</p>	

	<p><b>b) Street Warden Report, July 2017</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p><b>c) Celebrate with Flowers</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that the Town Council should be seen to support this initiative and agreed an allocation from the grant budget of up to £100. Councillor Bowman to pursue.</p> <p><b>d) Licensing- Beer Mass Limited</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p><b>e) Licensing- Variation- Garuda</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p><b>f) Update on Local Council Award Scheme</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to bring forward a further update on progress against the criteria in six months.</p>	<p>HB</p> <p>PC</p>
123/17	<p><b>Confidential Items</b> Pursuant to consideration of the first of two items it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Dr.Oya Discombe to the Town Council. Clerk to contact Dr. Discombe.</p> <p>With regard to the second item it was agreed that work on the outstanding action should be completed by the end of August.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>LI/RK/TW</p>
124/17	<p><b>Items for Next Agenda:-</b> None.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.20pm.</p> <p><b>The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Centrecom Meeting Place.</b></p>	

**Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 10 August 2017**

**Financial Items**

A list of expenses incurred, authorised at the Town Council meeting, is provided below:-

**Cheques:-**

AH Contracts	£	35.28
MK Community Properties	£	506.94
MK Community Properties	£	40.80
Eagle Printers	£	582.00
Mazars	£	360.00

**Debit card items:-**

Vonage	£	9.76
Office Outlet	£	17.94
Google	£	42.90
Post Office	£	9.10
BALC	£	63.11
Tsohost	£	4.99
Cartridge Save	£	86.20

**Standing order:-**

Salaries	£	2,500.00
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Chair's Signature.....

Date.....