



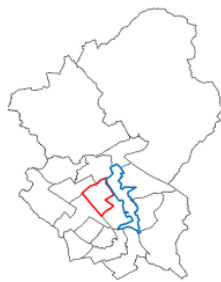
Chair's Address to Residents Attending the Annual Parish Meeting 13 June 2019



Rebecca Kurth, Chair of CMK Town Council, welcomed residents to the meeting. She began by explaining a little about the parish;

- Town councillors and officers were introduced
- The 2 layers of local government were outlined
 - Milton Keynes is divided into 19 roughly equal residential wards, and ward councillors elected to sit on MK Council.
 - In addition there are 49 parish and town councils, which form the lowest tier of local government. The CMK Town Councillors are voluntary.

WARDS & PARISHES IN MK



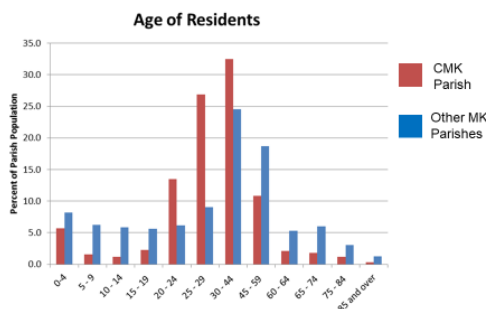
Milton Keynes Borough Council
(19 Wards – Ward Councillors)



Parish/Town Councils
(49 Parishes - Parish/Town Councillors)

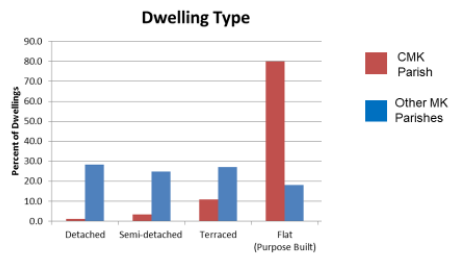
- Next, an analysis of some census data was shown, identifying the very different nature of the parish to the Milton Keynes 'norm'

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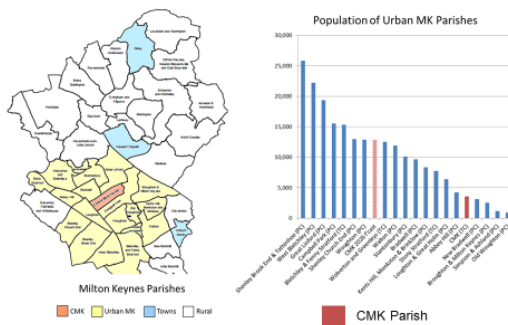
The last census shows that 40% of residents of CMK/Campbell Park (red lines) are young adults, compared with 10-15% across the borough (blue lines). Also the parish has fewer children and pensioners than the borough as a whole. This creates both opportunities and challenges for the parish.

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The types of dwelling within the parish are vastly at odds with the borough-wide picture. Due, of course, to the number of flats and apartments in the parish.

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Finally, the number of residents in the parish is set to rise significantly over the next 10-15 years, growing to 3-4 times its current population. This will mean that CMK Town Council, currently one of the smallest urban parishes, will become much larger in that time period, which will bring additional challenges and opportunities.

The Chair then confirmed the Town Council's vision- **That CMK parish is a safe, clean and well maintained place to live, where people feel part of a vibrant community.**

To enable this, the Town Council has developed, with the help of residents, the following 4 strategic objectives:-

- 1: Build Stronger Communities**
- 2: Improve the Quality of Place**
- 3: Represent Our Communities**
- 4: Provide Good Governance**

Finally, the Chair informed the residents of some of the work that it undertakes on their behalf:-

- **Planning Applications-** over 100 planning applications have been considered by the Town Council's Planning Committee last year.
- **Consultations-** a number of consultations are launched each year by Milton Keynes Council. These are responded to by councillors on behalf of residents. Where these have a direct impact on residents within the parish councillors will contact residents asking for their views/support. There have been a number of changes made to consultation documents as a result of the involvement of councillors.

- **Police & Residents Forum-** these meet quarterly and have proven very successful in informing residents and also enabling councillors, ward councillors and the Police to hear their views.
- **Community Facilities-** The proposed community facility in Campbell Park will not proceed. However, the Town Council is actively seeking a new, more flexible site.
- **Landscaping Maintenance-** The Town Council declined the offer of taking over the landscaping of the parish from Milton Keynes Council. Much work was undertaken in assessing the viability of doing so, and it was felt that the sum available from Milton Keynes Council to undertake the works would not be sufficient to really make a difference.
- **Planter Scheme-** Match funding has been acquired to replant the beds in a number of the planters on the corners of blocks along Silbury and Avebury Boulevards. The Town Council will be seeking support from residents as this scheme develops.
- **Community Mobiliser Pilot-** Sue Nelson was introduced. She is working one day a week as the Town Council's community mobiliser. This is a pilot scheme to see what difference such a role can make within the parish.
- **Residents on Working Parties-** Lastly, the Town Council has recently agreed to invite residents to join some of its working parties. One residents has joined the Residents' Services Working Party, and another the Community Facility Working Party. These are pilots and will be reviewed after 6 months.

The Chair commended her report to the meeting.