



Central Milton Keynes Town Council



Meeting held on 8th July 2021

at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present:

Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
Andre Brady
Gill Kirkup
David Stabler
Andrew Thomas
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies:

Linda Inoki
Philip Murphy

Absent:

Amir Chahardehi

In attendance: Two members of the public for item 21/077 ii)

21/063 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Inoki and Murphy

21/064 – Declarations of Interest

None.

21/065 - Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 3rd June 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

21/066 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 20/023- Mark on to September for consideration by Councillor Kirkup
Item 21/015- Closed

21/067 - Representations from the Public

No members of the public were present at this juncture.

21/068 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

21/069 - Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

There were no items to report.

21/070 – Consultation Response Procedure

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The procedure was agreed, subject to the following amendment:-

Bullet Point 2- add to the end of the bullet point ‘and residents may wish to copy the Town Council on any response they may make to the consultation.’

21/071 – Councillor Portfolio Policy

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The policy was agreed, subject to the following amendments:-

Role Outline:- bullet point 4 to be removed.

Current Coordinating Councillor Portfolios:- ‘Highways, Transport & Public Realm’ to be replaced by ‘Public Realm, Highways and Movement’.

21/072- Public Consultation on Alcohol Public Spaces Protection Order Renewal

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Stabler spoke to this item, outlining the proposed shape of a response to the consultation.

It was agreed that the terms of the response should be supportive of the initiative, but would recommend a review of the need for ‘blanket’ coverage across CMK and request that MKCouncil identifies whether there is a link between ‘offenders’ and alcohol dependency and ensures that there is a support structure where this link is identified.

ACTION: Thomas Walker and Councillor Stabler to complete response by 30 August

21/073- Professional Advice for Community Spaces

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was noted that advice received may not result in an outcome for the Town Council, but that this is required to enable judgement calls to be made going forward.

21/074- Grant Applications

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

- i) The current position regarding grants was noted.
- ii) **YMCA**
The application was given due consideration. Councillor Kirkup outlined her discussion with the YMCA regarding the application, noting that they were cognisant of the fact that they had received two sums of money from the Town Council in recent times.

Councillor Stabler noted that the location of a defibrillator needs to be in collaboration with the South Central Ambulance Service prior to installation.

After further consideration it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved at a lower sum of £500, subject to a professional report from the SCAS.

ACTION: Clerk to advise YMCA

- iii) **African and Caribbean Arts and Heritage Union**
After due consideration, the application towards an MK Sports & Heritage Day on 1 August was unanimously approved at a reduced sum of £500.

21/075- Community Development Officer Role Update and Way Forward

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Councillor Kirkup spoke to the paper, noting that whilst aspects of the work plan for the CDO had been achieved, there was much which remained to be done. She noted that she would not be seeking a rollover of the current contractual arrangement at its expiry at the end of July, and that the current CDO, Michael Green, was aware that this will be the case.

She reported that the 1 day per week contract created issues for continuity and also that it will be important when looking at a future role to match the job to the applicant.

Councillors commended Councillor Kirkup on the huge effort she has made on this project over the past few months.

The recommendations were approved as follows:

- The report was noted.
- The current contract for the CDO would not be renewed.
- A new CDO brief and model contract be brought to the September Town Council with recommendations.

ACTION: Councillor Kirkup to bring forward recommendations for CDO at September meeting.

21/076 - Coordinating Councillor Portfolio Review Programme

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The Chair spoke to the papers, noting that tables within the papers are the first iteration of the new model of operating, reflecting via the status colour code references the relative focus on items within each portfolio. She reminded councillors that the tables are living documents, and changes will be made to these going forward as priorities change and work progresses.

Councillor Thomas noted that the recommendation should be accepted with a 'big health warning' in respect of resourcing challenges. He said that the programme outlined in the tables is unrealistically ambitious and needs to be tailored to the resource available.

The Chair responded that the tables are designed to be a tool for the coordinating councillors and for the Town Council to monitor progress.

It was agreed that it is useful to have an honest overview of the work of the Town Council on projects etc, the regular review giving the chance for decisions to be made on whether it is realistic to include certain items on the lists. It was also noted that the activities listed in the tables have largely been generated from the Strategic Action plan, approved by the Town Council in December 2020.

The Town Council agreed to the reporting model, noting the ambitious nature of the work and the need to review the process going forward.

At this juncture two members of the public arrived.

21/077 - Items for Information

a) Licensing application- The Meadow, Campbell Park
The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

b) Sex Establishment Renewal licence request- Garuuda
The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

At this juncture the members of the public requested to speak on this item, the request being granted by the Chair.

Whilst being clear that they had no objection to the renewal of the licence, the members of the public stated that, as members of the Hindu faith, they had a fundamental objection to the use of the name Garuda, noting that this name and symbol is sacred to Hindu, Buddhist and Jainist faiths, and the use of the name is offensive to members of these faiths.

The Chair thanked the contributors, and it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the gentlemen's club requesting that the name be changed in light of the offense this continues to cause to those of Hindu, Buddhist and Jainist faiths. It was also agreed that a copy of the letter would be sent to the Licensing Team at MKCouncil.

ACTION: Clerk to generate email, copying in the members of the public.

The members of the public left the meeting at this juncture.

- c) Parishes Forum meeting- 17 June 2021
 - i. Notes of the Parishes Forum meeting
 - ii. Parishes Forum minutes
 - iii. Landscaping presentation

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 5 August 2021 at Centrecom Meeting place

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 8 July 2021

Cheques:-

HCI Data	£	102.00
Eagle Printers	£	683.00
BALC	£	38.00
Warners	£	76.44
Samantha Carmichael	£	500.00
Zurich insurance	£	360.47

Direct payments:-

Google	£	59.80
Google	£	1.59
Tsohost	£	5.99
NEST	£	72.94
Royal Mail	£	16.47
Royal Mail	£	10.32
Timpson	£	15.00
Cartridge Save	£	31.50
Royal Mail	£	240.00

Monthly Standing orders:-

Salaries	£1,925.00
MK Community Properties	£ 518.84
Michael Green	£ 520.00

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....

