



Central Milton Keynes Town Council



Meeting held on 9th September 2021

at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present:

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

Apologies:

Amir Chahardehi

In attendance: None

21/096 – Apologies

The Chair announced that, due to work pressures, Amir Chahardehi had tendered his resignation from the Town Council with immediate effect.

21/097 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor Stabler declared an interest in respect of Item 21/106 b). Councillor Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Item 21/105.

21/098 - Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 5th August 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

21/099 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 21/004- Autumn newsletter submitted to designer. It was agreed that the cost of including businesses in circulation would be brought to the next meeting.

Item 21/016- Closed

Item 21/017- Closed

Item 21/019- Closed

Item 21/021- Closed
Item 21/022- Closed
Item 21/023- Mark on to October

ACTION: Clerk to report back on cost of including businesses in newsletter circulation.

21/100 - Representations from the Public

No members of the public were present at this juncture.

21/101 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was noted that the majority of the 'Welcome' newsletters had been distributed by Councillor Kirkup to Campbell Wharf and Solstice Apartments, and that additional prints of the newsletter be produced as required (within Clerk's discretionary spend limit).

21/102 - Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

21/103 – Connectivity Appraisal and SWOT Analysis for cycling and walking in CMK

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Stabler spoke to the paper, noting that the next step could be to engage with MKCouncil, Thames Valley police and cycling groups.

The following points were noted:-

- Reference to parking bays should read 'on-street parking bays'.
- The definition of Footways should include 'and usually form a part of the highway' at the end of the sentence.
- A position paper is required to determine whether cyclists should share the broad pavement. If not, separate cyclist paths could be created.
- MKCouncil has not started to adapt provision within CMK to support cycling.
- Alterations to classic infrastructure will be necessary to accommodate easier cycling.
- MKCouncil is currently engaged in drafting a response to the national consultation on cycling and walking.
- There is national guidance on this issue, so there is no value to the Town Council developing a policy on cycling.
- Cycling within the parish is dangerous from the perspective of pedestrians at present.

- A note should be formulated to the cycling officer reminding of the special challenges within CMK.

ACTION: Councillor Stabler to develop a paper to James Povey at MK Council highlighting the safety issues within CMK for cyclists and pedestrians, to include the SWOT analysis.

21/104 – ‘Gridspinners’

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the remaining sum of £1250 should be paid with immediate effect.

Councillors noted that there were lessons to be learnt with regard to the commissioning of the project and looked forward to the final film being produced early next year.

21/105- CMK Green Gym

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The idea of providing sponsorship to the CMK Green Gym was welcomed. It was agreed that the Clerk approaches the chair of CMK Green Gym to develop the idea.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange meeting with the Chair and chair of CMK Green Gym to progress.

21/106- Community Grant Applications

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

21/106 a) MOTUS

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The grant, in sum of £500, was agreed. MOTUS to be asked to exhibit some visible acknowledgement of the grant award.

21/106 b) Cycloidal Sculpture

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Stabler left the meeting, after responding to some clarification questions, for the duration of this item.

It was agreed that this application did not meet the grant criteria. However, discussion ensued as to whether assisting in the funding of the restoration of the sculpture following damage whilst in storage prior to its location on the quadrant adjacent to Hotel La Tour was an appropriate use of community facilities fund monies.

After considerable debate Councillor Murphy proposed that the application should be deferred pending further information on the public benefit of the project. This proposal was voted upon and fell, with 2 councillors in favour and 3 against.

There followed a proposal by Councillor Brady that the project should be funded via monies currently held in the community facilities fund. This proposal was passed by 3 votes in favour and 2 against.

ACTION: Clerk to bring forward to next meeting a breakdown of the Town Council's current commitment to Arts and Cultural projects, and the sources of the funding for those projects, together with a breakdown of the Community Facilities account.

Councillor Stabler returned to the meeting at this juncture.

21/107- Community Development Officer

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Whilst the principle of engaging a Community Development Officer was accepted, the detail of any such engagement was debated at length.

It was agreed that the bullet point relating to there being a three-month probationary period be removed.

It was also agreed that the contract should be for 14 hours per week instead of 2 days. This enables flexibility in the use of the contracted hours.

It was also agreed that Councillor Kirkup would provide a three-monthly update on progress.

An amendment to the proposal from Councillor Brady that the term of the contract be reduced from 12 months to 6 months was voted on and fell by 1 vote in favour and 4 against.

The recommendation, to create a 14 hours per week 12-month contract with £2000 for incidentals was approved.

21/108- Public Realm, Highways & Movement Portfolio Update

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Kirkup requested that the proposed action to develop a CMK parking management strategy reflecting a zonal approach involve residents.

21/109 - Items for Information

The Chair determined that the items for information be deferred to the October meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 7 October 2021 at Centrecom Meeting place

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 9 September 2021

Cheques:-

Eagle Printers	£ 289.00
Warners	£ 76.44

Debit card items:-

Google	£ 59.80
Google	£ 1.59
Tsohost	£ 5.99
NEST	£ 72.94
Royal Mail	£ 10.98
Vonage	£ 10.25

Monthly Standing orders:-

Salaries	£1,925.00
MK Community Properties	£ 518.84

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....