



# Central Milton Keynes Town Council



Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

**Present:**

Rebecca Kurth (Chair)  
Andre Brady (from item 21/155)  
Philip Murphy  
David Stabler  
Andrew Thomas (to item 21/156)  
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

**Apologies:** None

**In attendance:** One member of the public

**21/146 – Apologies**

None

**21/147 – Declarations of Interest**

None

The Chair proposed that Item 21/153 should be dealt with as the last item on the agenda. This was unanimously agreed.

**21/148 - Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

**21/149 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 21/024- Closed  
Item 21/030- Closed  
Item 21/039- Closed  
Item 21/040- Mark on to January

### **21/150 - Representations from the Public**

The member of the public present declined to make a representation.

### **21/151 - Finance Paper**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

### **21/152 - Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet**

The paper, as amended, was noted.

### **21/153 – Portfolio Funding Requests**

As agreed, this item was dealt with as the last agenda item.

### **21/154 – Theatre MSCP Update**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Councillor Murphy noted that the MK Council Cabinet Member for Resources was becoming more positive about a mixed-use development on the site. He also stated that the Town Council's proposals could create 145 full time equivalent jobs and add £9mn per annum to the Milton Keynes economy.

Councillor Stabler noted that the viability and economic benefit analysis was well argued, and suggested that the Town Council considers approaching the media. The Chair responded that the proposed changes to the development brief are in the right direction of travel, and recommended no action should be considered until the development brief has been approved, which was agreed by councillors.

Councillor Thomas was assured that the plans as outlined by the Town Council's benefit analysis could be achieved without compromising the roof line of the building.

Councillor Brady arrived at this juncture.

### **21/155- CMK Public Art Project**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The following points were made:-

- The £30,000 referenced in the paper is to undertake final feasibility studies, engaging Highways and other bodies as required.
- The project will be looking at 5 installations each at a cost of circa £30,000. These will have a determined lifespan, and some 10% of the cost will be set aside for maintenance and decommissioning.
- The Project Board will operate independently of the town council.

- In principle the project will be managed by MKCouncil, and businesses and organisations will be engaged to participate.
- Councillors expressed their support for the proposals, and unanimously agreed the following:-
- That the Town Council acts as project Sponsor for the Digital & Art Light trail
- That Councillors Kurth and Stabler serve on the Project Board representing the Town Council
- That the sum of £30,000 be requested from s106 to support feasibility work
- That administrative support be provided by the Town Council
- That a Project Manager and/or Curator be engaged as required. These could be two separate appointments or one encompassing both roles

Councillor Thomas left the meeting at this juncture to attend Development Control Committee on behalf of the Town Council.

**21/156- Statement of Gambling Principles**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the Clerk undertake a review of the revisions, referring any felt substantive to the Chair for consideration.

**ACTION: Clerk to review changes to Statement of Gambling Principles, referring to the Chair as necessary.**

**21/157- Public Consultation on changes to Mortimer Square**

The paper, as previously circulated, was adopted.

The proposal that Councillor Stabler and Thomas Walker coordinate general comments from councillors for submission as a response to the consultation prior to its closure date of 22 December was agreed.

**ACTION:- Clerk to send details of the digital art & light project to the architects engaged on the project.**

**21/153- Portfolio Funding Requests 2022-23**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The Chair noted that this exercise was the first step in the preparation of budgets for submission to councillors at their January Budget Meeting.

The proposals submitted in the following portfolios were discussed:-

- Communications
- Governance
- Resident Services

The following variations were also considered:-

- Planning- Consideration of a sum to update the Neighbourhood Plan to be further discussed.
- Public Realm, Highways & Movement- Small additional sum to be included to buy plants etc for Green Gym planting work.
- Public Realm, Highways & Movement- A larger sum could be considered should it be agreed that a CMK parking management strategy be developed.
- Community & Cultural Infrastructure- A small budget should be allocated to enable the delivery of the new community and cultural assets.

### **21/158 - Items for Information**

None

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

**The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 6 January 2022 at Centrecom Meeting place**

### **Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 2 December 2021**

#### **Cheques:-**

Boxharry	£ 24.00
Stephen Peart	£ 900.00
Warners	£ 76.44
Rialtas	£ 148.80
CMK Green Gym	£ 700.00
Chris Murphy	£1,200.00
MK Community Foundation	£ 21.60

#### **Debit card items:**

Google	£ 54.45
Google	£ 1.59
Tsohost	£ 5.99
NEST	£ 72.94
Royal Mail	£ 11.54
Vonage	£ 10.25
Royal Mail	£ 251.01
Microsoft	£ 79.99
Royal Mail	£ 119.40

#### **Monthly Standing orders:-**

Salaries	£1,925.00
MK Community Properties	£ 518.84

**Chair's Signature.....**

**Date.....**