



## Central Milton Keynes Town Council

Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

**Present:**

Rebecca Kurth (Chair)  
Philip Murphy  
David Stabler  
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Andre Brady, Peter Lightfoot, Andrew Thomas

**22/021 – Apologies**

Apologies were received from councillors Brady, Lightfoot and Thomas

**22/022 – Declarations of Interest**

None

The Chair thanked Councillor Stabler for his support over the past few weeks.

**22/023 - Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council Budget meeting**

The minutes of the budget meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

**22/024 - Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

**22/0 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 22/01- Closed  
Item 22/02- Closed  
Item 22/03- Closed  
Item 22/04- Closed  
Item 22/05- Closed

**22/026 - Representations from the Public**

No members of the public were present.

**22/027- Finance Paper**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

**22/028 - Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet**

There were no items on the forward planning sheet.

**22/029 – Residents’ Forums options**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

After some discussion it was agreed that parishioners attending the Annual Meeting of the Parish should be asked whether they wanted a quarterly residents’ meeting, and, if this is the case, whether this should be face to face or by Zoom.

Additionally, a further option could be to trial a ward-based set of remote meetings.

The Clerk also noted that he could contact those on the email list held for their view in due course.

The next newsletter will publicise the Annual Meeting of the Parish and flag that this issue will be discussed.

It was noted that councillors present would have challenges with the date scheduled for the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> June and an alternative date should be sought.

**ACTION- Clerk to circulate alternative dates**

**22/030 – Account Options**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the bulk of the Community Facility Account (£290,000) would be transferred into a CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund account.

The remainder of the funds to remain in the accounts as at present.

**ACTION- Clerk to set up the new account in due course.**

**22/031- Together We Can**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that one amendment be proposed in the paper, and one query raised- as follows:

- Page 5 bullet point 6- consultation periods should be increased from 6 to 8 weeks, to allow for full consideration of the matter regardless of the timings of monthly parish meetings.
- Page 4 Para 3 bullet point 2- a query to be raised in respect of how many induction sessions for key officers have been held during the last 12 months. Additionally, assurances to be sought that structures are in place to ensure this happens going forward.

**ACTION- Clerk to reply to the consultation accordingly.**

**22/032- Refugees from Ukraine**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the Town Council fully supports the aims and objectives within the Motion agreed at the 9 March Full Council meeting. It was further agreed that if approached by MKCouncil it would be willing to assist as required, but noted the lack of key facilities and premises held by CMK Town Council.

**20/033- CCTV Proposal- North Ninth and Tenth Street**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Councillors expressed a number of concerns with the proposal:-

- The total cost (ex VAT) is actually £37,225, not £22,495 as stated in the paper.
- Cameras to cover each entry door (internal) are the responsibility of the landlord, MKCouncil.
- What are the cameras along North Ninth and Tenth Streets expected to do? The cost is high and as any non-serious incident will be referred to after the event, this is not considered to be a valid expenditure.
- The possibility of PCSOs supplementing PC Hipkin's work should be considered.

Councillors agreed that it would be willing to consider contributing to the cost of cameras on Silbury Boulevard, as this is the 'public face' of the area. However, the cost for this batch of cameras would need further interrogation.

**ACTION- Clerk to respond to MKCouncil.**

### **22/034- Street Clutter**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillors agreed that the audit should take place, and that the initial scope should be between Secklow Gate and Saxon Gate, but only north of Midsummer Boulevard.

It was agreed that Thomas Walker- Werth be requested to undertake the trial area audit, and that he should identify issues in the following headings:-

‘To be removed’      Signage for ‘consolidation on one post’

In addition, tree pits and trees which do not appear healthy to be included.

### **22/035 - Project Leader**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Stabler explained how the two projects he was involved in with GLPC were run. He noted that:-

- Louise Izod would be a good person to speak with to identify a possible project leader from within the arts with appropriate skills to understand the project and move this forward.
- A project leader could charge in the region of £250/£300 per day.
- Need to determine a brief for the work before setting out to identify a project leader- total cost of project, scope etc.

It was also proposed that Will Cousins and Simon Wright may have ideas on prospective leaders.

### **22/036 – Planters**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the sum of £9447.50 should be released upon the completion of the works in respect of the planters as discussed with councillors.

**ACTION- Clerk to confirm with Phil Snell when the works are fully completed.**

### **22/037 - Items for Information**

- i) February Planning Committee Minutes
- ii) Draft March Planning Committee Minutes
- iii) Cycle Parking Proposals
- iv) Strategic Objectives, revised March 2022
- v) Revised Parking Zones
- vi) Minutes of Parishes Forum meeting 17/03/2022

- a. Pride note
- b. Queen's Platinum Jubilee grants
- c. Flood Resilience presentation
- d. Fly Tipping Action Plan

**ACTION- Clerk to chase Sarah Gonsalves on behalf of the Chair to seek a response to the query raised by Councillor Stabler relating to the Planning CAG.**

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

**The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 5 May 2022, which will include the annual parish meeting, at Centrecom Meeting Place**

**Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 7 April 2022**

**Cheques:-**

BMKALC	£	38.00
Warners	£	76.44
	£	76.44
MK Community Properties	£	21.60
	£	21.60
MK Public Arts Trust	£	1500.00
CVS Northampton	£	330.34

**Debit Items**

Interflora	£	72.00
Google	£	1.59 X2
Google	£	50.59
Google	£	50.60
Tsohost	£	5.99 X2
NEST	£	72.94 X2
Royal Mail	£	7.74 X2
Royal Mail	£	10.20
Vonage	£	10.25
Stationery	£	24.69
Books	£	31.00
Stamps	£	48.79
Royal Mail	£	240.60

**Monthly Standing Orders:-**

Salaries	£1,925.00 X2
MK Community Properties	£ 518.84 X2

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

**Date.....**