



Central Milton Keynes Town Council

Meeting held on 1st September 2022

at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present:

David Stabler (Chair)
Peter Lightfoot (from item 22/102)
Mary Moore
Philip Murphy
Rebecca Kurth
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies:, Andre Brady, Andrew Thomas

In attendance:None.

22/099 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Brady and Thomas.

22/100 – Declarations of Interest

None.

22/101 - Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

22/102 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

Councillor Lightfoot arrived during this item.

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 22/21- Mark on to October
Item 22/27- Closed
Item 22/34- Closed
Item 22/35- Closed
Item 22/36- Closed
Item 22/37- Closed

22/103 - Representations from the Public

None.

22/104- Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was proposed that the QR code be used in the newsletter going forward.

ACTION: Clerk to send a copy of QR code to Councillor Lightfoot

22/105 - Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

ACTION: Clerk to request an update on the situation regarding the sustainable and electric vehicle travel modes hub

ACTION: Clerk to circulate papers relating to the MK Council and centre:mk Memorandum of Understanding when available

22/106 – ID for Councillors

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillors discussed the proposed model and agreed that a small number of alternative options should be brought to the next meeting, to include the QR code.

It was agreed that a photographer should be engaged to take professional shots for use on the ID cards and on the website to provide consistency. Clerk to progress with the Chair and Councillor Moore.

The quoted indicative prices, including the lanyards were considered acceptable.

ACTION: Clerk to provide alternative options of badge and liaise re: photographs

22/107 – Station Square

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Thomas Walker-Werth was thanked for his work on the paper. Councillors expressed concern at the condition of Station Square as evidenced in the 26 photographs in the paper. The following comments were made:-

- No 'Welcome to the City of Milton Keynes' signage
- An appalling and unwelcoming first experience of Milton Keynes from those arriving by train
- Should this matter be brought to the attention of the Press? Agreed that this was not the route to take at this time, although an article could be run in the Town Council's winter newsletter

It was agreed that a copy of the paper should be sent to the Head of Public Realm, MKCouncil expressing the Town Council's concern at the appearance of the 'MK Gateway' and asking what can be done to rectify the current parlous state of the area.

Additionally, it was agreed that stakeholders such as MyMk, MK Forum, MK Business Group and MKDP should receive copies asking what they might be able to do to help enhance the experience for visitors.

ACTION: Clerk to draft emails

22/108- Response to Draft Parking SPD consultation

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Additional papers were emailed, and subsequently tabled, from Councillor Thomas and the Chair.

It was noted that reference to 'minimum standards' in the original paper was incorrect, and should have been 'expected standards'

After consideration it was agreed that several issues should be raised with MKCouncil in response to the consultation, as follows:-

- The proposed parking allocation for 'build to rent' schemes is too low. This should be at the same level as that for private rental schemes. There is no logic for differentiation between the two models.
- And for Build to Rent Schemes add the following wording 'No residents only parking will be created on the public highway'
- All new development must have its own service and delivery plan which identifies appropriate and sufficient parking for this specific purpose within the development.
- Any application in CMK to convert a C3 dwelling to C4 HiMO must retain, without any alteration whatsoever, all existing 'on plot' parking spaces.

- Any existing carport will remain as a parking space, and there shall be no gate/door/fence of any kind erected to enclose or stop up the front of the carport.
- The SPD should consider and clarify visitor parking provision for friends and family members who visit those living in C3 to C4 HiMO conversions.

ACTION: Clerk to draft a response to the consultation

22/109- Coordinating Councillors Portfolios

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the current schedules for the six portfolios to all councillors to enable them to fully understand how the model works.

It was noted that the potential co-option of a new councillor at the October meeting could include ascertaining skills and interest and how these fit within the portfolio model.

ACTION: Clerk to bring the item back to the November meeting for a further consideration of options for councillors.

22/110- Movement connectivity, walking, cycling and e-scooters in CMK

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The responses from the Head of Transport Innovation, MKCouncil, were noted.

Councillor Murphy provided an update on the e-scooter trials, noting that they have been extended by Government into 2023.

The following comments were made:

- Everything the Town Council has asked for in its paper has been echoed by other stakeholder groups
- There would appear to be no efforts being made by MKCouncil to collect any meaningful data on the trial
- ‘White Line’ parking areas adjacent to porte cocheres within CMK is possible, but the will is not there to define a different system for CMK than applies elsewhere in MK
- A different system for CMK could prove confusing to users
- Councillor Murphy agreed to find out the date of the next e-scooter stakeholder group meeting and seek to get the Town Council an invitation to the meeting

ACTION: Councillor Murphy to advise of the date of the next e-scooter stakeholder group meeting

22/111 MK Code of Conduct

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

It was agreed that the new Code of Conduct should be brought back after discussions at the Parishes Forum.

ACTION: Clerk to bring paper back to the October meeting

22/112 - Items for Information

- i) Licensing application- Turkuaz, 326 Midsummer Boulevard
ACTION: Clerk to include exact location of premises where this is unclear from the application going forward

- ii) Draft Planning Committee minutes August 2022
- iii) Note on meeting with residents re: North 9th and 10th Street flats
ACTION: Clerk to pursue items as identified and report back to the Town Council

- iv) Wheelie Bin Update
- v) Licensing application- Festival of Food, Campbell Park.

22/113- Items for the next agenda

None. However, Councillor Murphy advised that he would not be able to attend the November, December or January meeting due to an extended holiday.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 6th October 2022 at Centrecom Meeting Place.

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 1 September 2022

Cheques:-

PKF Littlejohn	£	480.00
MK Community Foundation	£	21.60
MK Community Foundation	£	36.00
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Warners	£	76.44

Debit card items :-

Google	£	1.59
Google	£	106.26

Tsohost	£	5.99
NEST	£	74.85
Vonage	£	10.25
QR code	£	62.59
Postage	£	14.35
Royal Mail	£	251.86

Monthly Standing Orders:-

Salaries	£	2,050.00
MK Community Properties	£	559.30

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....