



## **Central Milton Keynes Town Council**

**Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023**

**at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes**

**Present:**

David Stabler (Chair)  
Andre Brady  
Anurag Jain (from item 23/009)  
Rebecca Kurth  
Philip Murphy (to item 23/016)  
Andrew Thomas  
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Peter Lightfoot, Mary Moore

**In attendance:** Two members of the public (to item 23/018)

**23/008 – Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Lightfoot and Moore.

The Clerk then read an email from Councillor Moore resigning from her position as councillor, citing work-related issues and thanking councillors for their support.

The Chair expressed disappointment at the news, thanking Councillor Moore for her commitment whilst a councillor.

**ACTION- Clerk to write to Councillor Moore thanking her for her service to the Town Council.**

**23/009 – Co-option**

Following a previous unanimous vote, Anurag Jain was duly co-opted to the Town Council. He was congratulated on his co-option, signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**23/010 – Declarations of Interest**

None

**23/011 - Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

**23/012- Clerk’s Report on Outstanding Items**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 22/21- Closed. Councillor Murphy agreed to undertake the accounts review.

Item 22/52- Mark on to April

Item 22/57- Closed

Item 22/58- Closed

Item 22/60- Closed

Item 22/62- Closed

Item 22/63- Closed

Item 22/64- Mark on to March

Item 22/65- Closed

Item 22/66- Closed

Item 22/67- Closed

Item 22/68- Closed

**ACTIONS: The Clerk to bring forward:-**

**- a CDO brief to the March meeting**

**- a brief for an Arts Curator to the March meeting**

**- a Community Facility Strategy to the April meeting after liaison with councillors Stabler and Kurth**

**23/013 - Representations from the Public**

A member of the public, representing the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, stated that the church had no objections to the proposed New Town Heritage Register.

**23/014- Finance Paper**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

**23/015 - Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

**ACTION: Clerk to forward papers related to the Saxon Court Property Disposal Contract when available in respect of the Delegated Decisions meeting on 28th February.**

**23/016 – Increase in Councillor Numbers**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that this item should be diarised to May, when an approach could be made to the Electoral Services Manager, MKCCouncil.

A short article in the next newsletter could encourage those who have not registered to vote to do so.

It was accepted that the parish is seeing a significant growth in residents, but that this is has not been reflected in an increase in councillor numbers. Additionally, however, it was noted that the Town Council has faced challenges in recruiting new councillors to the role.

**ACTION: Clerk to diarise to May and to include a short piece in the newsletter regarding registering to vote.**

Councillor Murphy left the meeting during this item.

**22/017 – Community Facilities Funding**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The Clerk noted that he had received confirmation that the large 'leisure' s106 amount attributed to the early phase of the Campbell Wharf development would not end in 2024, as stated. A longer date would be included in due course.

It was noted that, with the 'leisure' s106 funds paid and due, the amount available for use currently stood at in excess of £750,000.

**23/018- Electra at Campbell Wharf**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The following recommendation was unanimously agreed:- The Town Council agrees that it would support any request in the order of £20,000 by the MK Waterways Trust to MKCCouncil for the release of 'leisure' s106 funds to support the development of a shore base.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact John Best to advise of decision.**

The visitors left the meeting during this item.

### **23/019- Grant Requests**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

#### **a) MK Springers Gymnastics Club**

After some discussion it was agreed that the sum of £430.53 should be allocated to the group to be drawn down for use by children within the parish who are in need of support. Given the restrictions of Data Protection, it was agreed that details of post code for the children would suffice to enable release of some or all the funds.

#### **b) Hannah Olarewaju, for TMR Agency**

Concerns were expressed that this initiative did not appear to deliver any benefit to residents of CMK, but was made to the Town Council due to the proposed location of the event (MK Gallery).

It was agreed that the sum of £300 to enable set-up be offered, subject to evidence being produced that the remainder of the monies required had been obtained from other sources.

### **23/020 - Items for Information**

- i) Santander Public Art
- ii) CMK Parking Review

Councillor Thomas was thanked for the paper and pursuing this matter.

- iii) New Town Heritage Register Consultation Response
- iv) Sex Establishment Policy
- v) Solstice Apartments Update
- vi) Turtle Bay Licensing Amendment Objection

The Clerk noted that the amendment enabling external food and drinks service after 11pm had been withdrawn following objections.

### **23/021- Items for the next agenda**

- a) A grant application from CAB
- b) An update on the plans for a Strategic Objectives session
- c) An update on the development of a demographic survey, as the first part of the resident survey.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

**The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at Centrecom Meeting Place.**

## Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

### Cheques:-

|                    |   |         |
|--------------------|---|---------|
| Rialtas            | £ | 280.00  |
| MK Waterways Trust | £ | 1000.00 |
| Eagle Graphics     | £ | 917.00  |
| Warners            | £ | 76.44   |
| MK Community Found | £ | 21.60   |
| Fairspace          | £ | 36.00   |
| Warners            | £ | 76.44   |
| BMKALC             | £ | 142.00  |
| Centrecom          | £ | 240.00  |

### Debit card items :-

|             |   |           |
|-------------|---|-----------|
| Google      | £ | 1.59 x2   |
| Google      | £ | 106.26 x2 |
| Tsohost     | £ | 5.99 x2   |
| NEST        | £ | 74.85 x2  |
| Vonage      | £ | 10.25 x2  |
| Royal Mail  | £ | 20.50     |
| Royal Mail  | £ | 14.35     |
| eBay        | £ | 5.90      |
| Currys Care | £ | 10.25 x2  |
| Browns      | £ | 90.00     |
| Browns      | £ | 497.33    |
| Amazon      | £ | 37.57     |
| McAfee      | £ | 59.99     |

### Monthly Standing Orders:-

|                         |   |             |
|-------------------------|---|-------------|
| Salaries                | £ | 2,050.00 x2 |
| MK Community Properties | £ | 559.30 x2   |

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....