



Central Milton Keynes Town Council

Meeting held on 2nd March 2023

at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present:

David Stabler (Chair)
Andre Brady (from item 23/026)
Anurag Jain
Philip Murphy
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Rebecca Kurth, Peter Lightfoot, Andrew Thomas

In attendance: One member of the public

23/022 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Kurth, Lightfoot and Thomas.

23/023 – Declarations of Interest

None

23/024 - Ratification of Minutes of the January Budget meeting and appendix

The minutes of the budget meeting held on 26th January 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

23/025 - Ratification of Minutes of the February Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

23/026- Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 22/52- Closed
Item 22/64- Closed
Item 23/01- Closed
Item 23/02- Mark on to April meeting
Item 23/04- Closed
Item 23/06- Closed

23/027 - Representations from the Public

None

23/028- Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

23/029 - Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The Clerk advised that the Saxon Court Delegated Decisions item has been deferred until 14th March.

23/030 – New City Plan

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Concerns were raised that although MKCCouncil had issued briefs to various consultants with regard to the plan there has been no visibility of the terms of the briefs.

After some discussion it was agreed that the response to the Ambitions & Objectives document at this early point in the process would be:-

'CMK Town Council wishes to be involved at the commencement of any discussions and study about; "*what growth may take place within CMK in the future and how this should be planned to create an attractive city centre*" and not just be presented with a fait accompli, on which our comments will be 'considered'.'

It was agreed that a regular update on progress of the Plan should be sought from MKCCouncil and feature as an agenda item.

ACTION: Clerk to ensure that progress of the Plan is reported to councillors.

22/031 – Strategic Planning Event

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The way in which the strategic planning event should take place, what needs to be discussed and how formal the structure of the event were all considered, with observations as follows :-

- What should the focus for the Town Council be?
- An initial informal discussion on the direction of travel to be followed by a more structured event to shape the general ideas would be preferred
- Greater engagement with residents and maintenance of open spaces are two of the areas for consideration
- There has been a change of focus of late away from 'big picture' projects which needs further exploration
- There is a need for greater partner working- TVP, The Parks Trust, MyMK etc
- How to best make use of the facilities within Santander and elsewhere for the benefit of residents
- The initial work could benefit from a facilitator who could manage the discussion, ensuring everyone contributes and pitches in ideas and thoughts and enabling the development of themes.

ACTION: Clerk to initially approach MK Community Foundation to identify facilitator.

23/032- Way Forward for CDO/ Social Media Roles

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the roles previously within the combined CDO/Social Media job specification should be separated and each role addressed separately.

With respect to the CDO role it was agreed that this would not be pursued at this time.

The Social Media role was one which was seen as valuable to develop in the short term- enabling a greater level of engagement with residents. The Clerk to develop a brief for the role and discuss with Councillor Lightfoot in the first instance.

It was further agreed that Samantha Carmichael be approached to take on the Social Media role, for which a maximum budget has already been determined.

ACTION: Clerk to develop Social Media brief and progress

23/033- Grant Request

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

MKCAB

Councillors agreed to fund the pilot scheme outlined by the CAB in sum of £2,000. If this proved successful and of value to our residents it was agreed that ongoing support for the scheme could be considered.

A review of the programme after three months was proposed.

Councillor Brady agreed to oversee the pilot scheme, liaising with Ben Thomas accordingly.

23/034- Census Demographic Survey

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that any commissioning of work to undertake a demographic survey using census data would need to be deferred until the national information is available at a lower level than that presently accessible.

ACTION: Clerk to monitor levels at which data can be obtained

23/035- Accounting Procedure

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the procedure be formally adopted.

23/036 - Items for Information

- i) Licensing application- Marugame, Queens Court

23/037- Items for the next agenda

None

The meeting closed at 7.18pm.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 6th April 2023 at Centrecom Meeting Place.

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 2nd March 2023

Cheques:-

TMR Agency	£	300.00
BMKALC	£	45.00
Warners	£	76.44

Debit card items :-

Google	£	1.59
Google	£	151.80
Tsohost	£	5.99
NEST	£	74.85
NEST	£	158.29
Vonage	£	10.25
Royal Mail	£	7.95

Royal Mail	£	2.65
Royal Mail	£	12.30
Currys Care	£	10.35
Adobe	£	125.

Monthly Standing Orders:-

Salaries	£	2,050.00
MK Community Properties	£	559.30

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....