



Central Milton Keynes Town Council

Meeting held on 6th July 2023

at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present:

David Stabler (Chair)
Anurag Jain
Rebecca Kurth
Philip Murphy
Andrew Thomas
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Peter Lightfoot

Absent: Andre Brady

In attendance: 2 members of the public to item 23/087

23/082 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Lightfoot

23/083 – Declarations of Interest

None

23/084 - Ratification of Minutes of the June Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

23/085- Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 23/07- Mark on to October
Item 23/10- Closed
Item 23/16- Mark on to September
Item 23/17- Mark on to August

Item 23/18- Closed
Item 23/19- Closed
Item 23/20- Closed

ACTION:- Clerk to include action log item re: website

23/086 - Representations from the Public

The members of the public raised the following matters :-

- The planters at the top of North 10th Street are obscuring the view for motorists.

ACTION:- Clerk to speak to the Green Gym to reduce the height pending more substantial works.

- The disabled parking space on North 10th Street is being used for deliveries to Rashanpani.

ACTION:- Councillor Jain agreed to speak to the owner to request that any deliveries use the Lloyds Court interior delivery area.

- A councillor enquired when the works on the flats being undertaken by Mears was due to complete.

ACTION:- Clerk to speak to MKCCouncil to ascertain prospective completion date.

The members of the public left the meeting at this juncture.

23/087- Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

23/088 - Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

None.

23/089 – Quarterly budget/actuals report

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

23/090- Insurance Policy

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

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It was unanimously agreed that the current policy be renewed with Zurich

Insurance for a further 12 months.

23/091- Draft Social Media Posts and Schedule

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillors congratulated Samantha Carmichael on the report. Small amends to the wording of the report were agreed.

It was agreed that any requests for input from councillors going forward should be routed via the Clerk, with the exception of engagement with Councillor Lightfoot, who has oversight of the project.

It was further agreed that emphasis should be made on posts etc that whilst the town council cannot solve problems they can act as influencers to enable outcomes.

Samantha Carmichael to provide a quarterly update and full half year report on progress.

23/092- Census Data

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The data within the package was welcomed by councillors. Councillor Kurth noted that the trends were generally the same as seen in the previous exercise, where directly comparable.

The Clerk was requested, where possible, to include into the graphs the retrospective information contained in the previous exercise.

It was agreed that the information could be used via Social Media to develop a dialogue with residents.

It was further agreed that the Clerk work with Councillor Kurth to develop thinking on how to progress thinking towards the development of a residents' survey.

It was noted that the information would be of value in discussions with MKCCouncil regarding future planning of CMK and could be introduced at the appropriate time.

ACTION:- Clerk to arrange to meet with Councillor Kurth and to add historic data to graphs where available.

23/093- Electra Grant Monies

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

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After much consideration it was agreed that the Clerk should identify dates when a private hire would be available. When the dates and times are identified approaches to be made to Green Gym and staff at the following:- YMCA, Central Library, Sports Central, MyMK, Christ the Cornerstone etc.

ACTION:- Clerk to source dates for private hire of Electra

23/094 - Items for Information

- i) Update on Strategic Planning Workshop
- ii) Response from Cllr Middleton re: Theatre MSCP

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

David Lock

Following the closure of the meeting Councillor Kurth notified councillors that David Lock had received the Ebenezer Howard award by the Town and Country Planning Association. This award has only been given 11 times in the past. It was agreed that the Autumn newsletter should feature the award.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 3 August 2023 at Centrecom Meeting Place

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 6 July 2023

Cheques:-

Warners £ 76.44

Action Speaks £ 250.00

Debit card items :-

NEST £ 82.44

Google £ 158.61

Google £ 1.59

Tsohost £ 5.99

Tsohost £ 187.06

Royal Mail £ 15.75

Vonage £ 10.25

Currys Care £ 10.35

ICO £ 40.00

BMKALC £ 70.00

Royal Mail £ 284.99

Monthly Standing Orders:-

Salaries £ 2,100.00

MK Community Properties £ 606.90

Samantha Carmichael £ 500.00

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

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