



## **Central Milton Keynes Town Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2023 at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes**

### **Present:**

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

**Apologies:** Andre Brady

**In attendance:** None

### **23/138 – Apologies**

None

### **23/139 – Declarations of Interest**

None

### **23/140 - Ratification of Minutes of the October Town Council meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

### **23/141 - 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- Closed  
Item 23/31- Closed  
Item 23/32- Closed  
Item 23/33- Closed

### **23/142 - Representations from the Public**

There were no members of the public present.

### **23/143 - Finance Paper**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

### **23/144 - Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

### **23/145 – Outcomes from Strategic Planning event**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Councillors agreed that the exercise was worthwhile and provided food for thought.

It was agreed that further work would be needed to focus in on the way in which councillors could make a difference during the next financial year. To this end the Clerk was requested to set up a follow-up meeting prior to the Christmas lunch. The meeting would be scheduled for 11am, with a lunch to follow at 1pm.

**ACTION:- Clerk to email councillors to agree a date**

### **23/146 - Resident's Survey**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that external sources should be sought to assist in the implementation of the survey. The Clerk and Councillor Kurth to meet with prospective providers.

**ACTION:- Clerk to make enquiries and report back with costs and timelines.**

### **23/147 – MK New City Plan**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Thomas noted that with the Royal Assent of the Levelling Up Bill there is likely to be substantial changes to NPPF, which will need to be considered as a response to the New City Plan is developed.

It was agreed that Councillor Thomas continues his dialogue with Andrew Turner to develop a potential date for some councillors to meet with the MK City Plan team to enable an early understanding of direction of travel.

It was agreed that a small number of councillors should attend the meeting, providing a briefing at the next scheduled meeting.

It was further agreed that the following individuals should be considered for the role of advisor to assist in developing a response to the New City plan consultation as it relates to CMK in due course:

David Lock, Will Cousins, Jennifer Smith and Nick Freer.

It was felt that when the draft is published the advisor could be engaged to assist in comparing the current requirements under Plan:MK to those proposed.

A brief will need to be developed to go to the prospective advisors enquiring whether they would be able to/wish to assist the Town Council in this regard.

**ACTION: Councillor Thomas to agree a date for meeting MKCC officers re New City Plan.**

**ACTION: Councillor Thomas to assist Clerk in drafting a brief for prospective advisors.**

#### **23/148 – MK Business Council re: MK City Plan**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that a meeting with the MK Business Council should be sought, with a request that a councillor could attend their meetings as an observer.

**ACTION:- Clerk to respond as follows: CMKTC is happy to work with MK Business Forum on responses to the New City Plan as it pertains to CMK. Delegates or observers will be sent to meetings as required.**

#### **23/149 - Social Media Report**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The report by Samantha Carmichael was welcomed as the first stage in improving the town council's profile within social media.

Councillors agreed that they would flow items for inclusion on social media to Samantha and to achieve this they would be included into the 'what's app' group currently used by the Clerk and Councillor Lightfoot.

Various subjects for articles were suggested.

**ACTION:- Clerk to arrange 'what's app' group invitation to councillors.**

### **23/150- Items for Information**

- i) Licensing application, Casa Centro, Xscape
- ii) Licensing application, Lane 7, former Debenham's store
- iii) Planning committee meeting minutes, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- iv) Planning committee meeting minutes, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- v) Parishes Forum minutes 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023
  - a. Tackling ASB
  - b. Resident engagement
- vi) Who is responsible for removing and preventing dog excrement?
- vii) Lower West Side

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm.

**The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 7 December 2023 at Centrecom Meeting Place**

### **Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 2 November 2023**

#### **Cheques:-**

MK Community Foundation	£	36.00
Warners	£	76.44
BMKALC	£	60.00
Centrecom	£	180.00
CMK Green Gym	£	700.00
Eagle Graphics	£	929.00
Samantha Carmichael	£	600.00
Barbara Paterson	£	2,614.45

#### **Debit card items :-**

NEST	£	82.44
Google	£	1.59
Currys	£	10.35
Royal Mail	£	15.75
Royal Mail	£	13.00
Adobe	£	19.97
Google	£	165.00
Amazon	£	16.99
Zoom	£	143.88
Sainsbury's	£	43.53
B& MK Waterways Trust	£	120.51
Royal Legion	£	100.00
Costco	£	348.36
Aldi	£	66.47
Royal Mail	£	288.96

**Monthly Standing Orders:-**

Salaries	£ 2,100.00
MK Community Properties	£ 606.90
Samantha Carmichael	£ 500.00

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