



Agenda Item 24/003

Central Milton Keynes Town Council Meeting held on 7th December 2023 at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present:

David Stabler (Chair)
Andre Brady
Anurag Jain
Rebecca Kurth
Andrew Thomas
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Peter Lightfoot, Philip Murphy

In attendance: None

23/152 – Apologies

None

23/153 – Declarations of Interest

None. It was agreed that, in line with the terms of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Item 23/166 will be likely to disclose exempt information and it was agreed that for this item the public and press would be excluded, if present.

23/154 - Ratification of Minutes of the November Town Council meeting

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

23/155 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 23/34- Closed
Item 23/35- Closed
Item 23/36- Closed

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Item 23/37- Mark on to February
Item 23/38- Mark on to January

23/156 - Representations from the Public

There were no members of the public present.

23/157 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The Chair requested that the total sum of the balances available in the bank and savings accounts be shown in the report going forward.

23/158 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

Nil.

23/159 – Vision and Strategic Objectives

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the document should form part of the discussions at the Strategy event.

It was agreed that the Chair, vice Chair and Clerk meet by Zoom to discuss the agenda for the Strategy meeting on Friday 15th December.

23/160 - Resident's Survey Update

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The process for producing and circulating the resident's survey was agreed. It was further agreed that a QR code should be provided as part of the hard copy circulation.

The total budget for the exercise of £5,000 was approved.

23/161 – MK New City Plan Design Code Scoping exercise

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that a paper should be brought back to the January meeting addressing suggested responses to the 3 questions asked within the document.

ACTION:- Clerk to bring back a paper to the January meeting.

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23/162 – Annual Meeting of the Parish

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that a 'hybrid' meeting should be planned for June 2024, incorporating faced to face and Zoom options. This would enable the results of the residents' survey and 2021 census to be presented to those present. Also, the newly elected Town Council could be present.

ACTION:- Clerk to add a date to the calendar.

23/163 - Discounted Market Rates

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The Chair encouraged councillors to familiarise themselves with the appended papers, which will be of value in influencing the thinking of MKCCouncil on the subject.

Councillor Kurth suggested that the Town Council develops thinking on a 'How do we achieve affordable housing in CMK?' symposium.

It was agreed that the Clerk seeks clarification from MKCCouncil whether affordable housing targets are being met in other parts of MK and whether these are under the LHA guidelines or 80% of market rates.

ACTION:- Clerk to enquire of MKCCouncil.

23/164- 20 mph Zones

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillors expressed the view that 20mph zones are more appropriate in residential areas, of which there are none of any size within CMK. As 30mph is standard for the boulevards through CMK it was not felt necessary to consider approaching MKCCouncil to consider including areas in CMK for consideration within the current proposals.

It was agreed that the Town Council's position should remain as stated within the Movement, Connectivity, walking, cycling and e-scooters in CMK paper of February 2022 and this should be reviewed as required.

23/165- Portfolio Actions and Budgets

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the papers should form part of the Strategy event on 15 December.

23/166- Salary Adjustments

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The proposed salary increases in accordance with the NALC recommendations were approved.

23/167- Items for Information

- i) Licensing application, Campbell Wharf Convenience store
- ii) Draft Planning committee meeting minutes, 14th November 2023
- iii) Meeting dates 2024
- iv) Electra Shore Base Update

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 4 January 2024 at Centrecom Meeting Place

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 7 December 2023

Cheques:-

MK Community Foundation	£	126.00
MK Community Foundation	£	210.00
MK Community Foundation	£	84.00
Warners	£	85.80
Royal Mail	£	119.88
A. Thomas	£	15.50
Jon Muncaster	£	1,000.00

Debit card items :-

Vonage	£	10.25
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NEST	£	82.44
Google	£	1.59
Currys	£	10.35
Royal Mail	£	22.40
Adobe	£	19.97
Google	£	165.00
Merchandise Mania	£	30.40
Microsoft	£	79.99

Monthly Standing Orders:-

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

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....