



Agenda item 24/022

**Central Milton Keynes Town Council  
Meeting held on 4th January 2024  
at Centrecom, North Row,  
Central Milton Keynes**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:** Andre Brady, Rebecca Kurth

**In attendance:** None

**24/001 – Apologies**

Councillors Brady and Kurth extended their apologies for the meeting.

**24/002 – Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Murphy noted a non-pecuniary interest in item 24/011 i).

**24/003 - Ratification of Minutes of the December Town Council meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

**24/004 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 23/38- Closed  
Item 23/39- Closed  
Item 23/40- Closed  
Item 23/41- Closed

**24/005 - Representations from the Public**

There were no members of the public present.

**24/006 - Finance Paper**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

**24/007 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet**

A discussion ensued in respect of the scheduled Delegated Decisions meeting item regarding the extension of the Saxon Court purchase completion timeline.

It was agreed that, subject to the terms of the paper to be submitted to the meeting, the Chair of Planning and Clerk were delegated to draft a submission to the meeting making the following points:-

- The Town Council is concerned about the delays in completing the purchase, noting the risk of planning blight from this and the Food Centre development should they not be progressed.
- The Town Council wishes to see the arrangements within the s106 agreement delivered without adulteration and is hopeful that, should the time extension be approved, MKCCouncil will use that time positively to assess its options on the site going forward.

**ACTION:- Clerk to cascade Delegated Decisions paper when issued.**

**24/008 – Mission Statement**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed to accept the Mission Statement as drafted, with the proviso that this could be redrafted at a future date as required.

**24/009 – Proposed Responses to Design Code Questions**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed to accept the recommendations within the paper.

**ACTION:- Clerk to submit the responses online**

**24/010 – Quarter 3 Accounts Update**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The underspends on certain lines were noted.

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## 24/011 – Grant Applications

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

### **i) Fred Roche Foundation**

Councillor Murphy left the room for the duration of this item.

The enhancement of Fred Roche Gardens was welcomed as a positive contribution to the environment for residents. It was noted that pro bono work to prepare the ground and for the planting was to be provided by CMK Green Gym and MyMK.

It was unanimously agreed that a grant of £3,460 be made for the purchase of planting for the scheme. This would be paid from the Landscaping budget allocation.

A request would be made that recognition of the funding of the planting be included within the beds.

Councillor Murphy returned to the room at this juncture.

### **ii) CMK Green Gym**

Councillors expressed their pleasure in the work of the CMK Green Gym and agreed to continue support for a further 3 year term. However, it was unanimously agreed that the sum should be increased from the £2,500 requested to £3,000 over the 3 years to enable the purchase of jackets for the team with CMK Town Council logos, and possibly, portable signage.

This sum would be drawn from the Landscaping budget.

### **iii) MKCAB**

Councillors were pleased to see that the initial scheme for provision of a dedicated advisor for CMK residents for one day each week had proven a success. This service was considered a valuable asset for residents and the full amount of £4,000 requested was unanimously approved. This sum to be drawn from the Residents' Services budget.

### **iv) covidfamiliesuk**

It was noted that the grant request had been made to all MK parish and town councils and that a number had declined to assist. After some discussion it was agreed that the sum of £500 would be made available in support of the request, subject to confirmation of the event being fully funded.

## **24/012 - Ratification of portfolios and strategic objectives**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The Clerk noted that the majority of the portfolios had been discussed during the recent strategy event, but that final amendments could be made ahead of the budget discussions later in the month. The portfolios were agreed as below:-

Communications- Agreed

Community & Cultural- Agreed, subject to the removal of the Saxon Court s106 action. It was also noted that the items relating to the Parish Art & Cultural Strategy should be reviewed following the completion of MKCCouncil's new Arts & Culture strategy.

Housing- Add 'Ensuring affordable housing is delivered' as an action.

Planning- Agreed

Public Realm, Highways and Movement- Agreed

Residents' Services- Agreed, subject to a detailed review by Councillor Kurth

Strategic Objectives- Agreed, with section 2 of Objective 1 amended to read 'Encourage collective parish 'pride' in CMK & Campbell Park.

## **24/013- Items for Information**

- i) Affordable Housing

Whilst the response from the MKCCouncil Team Leader Strategy and Commissioning Housing & Regeneration was noted as being helpful, it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Councillors Stabler and Lightfoot to further interrogate the response.

### **ACTION :- Clerk to arrange meeting**

- ii) Draft Planning committee meeting minutes, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
iii) Curation Committees  
iv) Draft minutes Parishes Forum meeting 7 December 2023  
a. Transport presentation

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

**The budget meeting will be held on Thursday 25 January 2024 at Centrecom Meeting Place and the next scheduled meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.**