



Agenda Item 24/040

**Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 7th March 2024
at Centrecom, North Row,
Central Milton Keynes**

Present:

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

Apologies: Andre Brady, Peter Lightfoot

In attendance: None

24/020 – Apologies

Councillors Brady and Lightfoot extended their apologies for the meeting.

24/021 – Declarations of Interest

None

24/022 - Ratification of Minutes of the January Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

24/023 - Ratification of Minutes of the Budget meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

24/024 – Adjusted 3-year budget

The adjusted 3-year budget, as determined by the lower level of precept agreed at the budget meeting, was noted.

24/025 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 23/37- Mark on to April

Item 24/01- Closed

Item 24/02- Closed

Item 24/03- Closed

24/026 - Representations from the Public

There were no members of the public present.

24/027 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

24/028 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

ACTION:- Clerk to cascade Delegated Decisions papers when issued.

24/029 – Thomas Walker-Werth Resignation

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that Helen Mortimer be engaged on a self-employed basis to provide Clerk cover, consultation responses and liaison with Tsohost, the Town Council's webhost. This will be on an invoiceable hours contract at £20 per hour. The arrangement to be reviewed in six months.

The lack of success in identifying Planning support was discussed.

ACTION:- Councillor Murphy to speak to a possible candidate to satisfy the Planning Consultant role.

24/030 – Biodiversity Policy

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the policy should be adopted, subject to two minor amendments.

24/031 – Rule 6 Request re: Appeal against the Bank House Planning Refusal

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

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After some discussion, it was agreed that the Town Council needed to lodge a robust Submission to the Inquiry in defence of CMKAP G9, and that, to facilitate this, it would need to engage a Planning Consultant, and thus, apply to be a Rule 6 Party to the Inquiry.

It was further agreed that Councillors Stabler and Thomas meet with Officers to discuss how this defence could be best presented, whether MKCCouncil's Barrister could provide this service or whether it is felt more appropriate and effective to the case for the Town Council to instruct its own Barrister.

Councillor Thomas indicated that he had been provided with a name of a Planning Consultant which he would pursue. It was agreed that this work should proceed, with further reports to the Town Council as matters progress.

The Clerk noted that any costs relating to the Rule 6 engagement would be met by the existing ring-fenced Legal Fees.

ACTION:- Clerk to arrange a meeting with officers to discuss

ACTION:- Councillor Thomas to progress a Planning Consultant to engage with the Rule 6 Appeal Inquiry.

24/032 – Grant Application- UnityMK

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The sum of £500 was unanimously agreed.

24/033 – Elections Timetable

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

24/034 – MK Homelessness Partnership

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

It was agreed that, as the sum requested within the letter was for a salary, the Town Council would not be able to grant fund this request.

24/035 – 'Look Again' Project

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

It was agreed, by a vote of 4 in favour and 1 abstention, that, as the Town Council had not been consulted on the design during the development of the pilot scheme and councillors had concerns over the size and branding of the signage, it would decline to be associated with the scheme.

However, it was confirmed that social media and the newsletter would be used to promote the presence of the signs.

24/036 – Items for Information

- i) Licensing application, Kiki's Café
- ii) Licensing application, Artisan Collective Farm Shop
- iii) Draft Planning Committee meeting minutes 20/02/2024
- iv) Double Yellow Lines application procedure
- vi) Licensing Request- Fred Roche Gardens

v) Growth Options- New City Plan presentation

The contents of the presentation were noted.

Concerns were expressed over the projection that 15,500 new homes are proposed for CMK by 2050. It was agreed that this level of development within the parish would be untenable, and would require up to another 50 high-rise buildings. This would effectively create a dormitory town without supporting infrastructure, such as schools, doctor's surgeries etc.

Councillor Thomas commented that the Town Council would need to source professional support to make the case for submission when the Regulation 18 Plan is brought forward for consultation. Councillor Thomas noted that he had been provided with a possible name and agreed to progress this.

ACTION:- Councillor Thomas to progress a Planning Consultant to engage with the Regulation 18 consultation in due course.

Additionally, concerns were raised regarding the suggested MRT route, which currently is designated to cut through Campbell Park.

It was agreed that a marker needed to be put down with regard to the concerns expressed and that the Clerk request a meeting with Officers, seeking answers to the following questions:

- What would the population be if all the properties were built?
- What form would the city centre take if the 15,500 homes were built?
- How was the figure arrived at?

ACTION:- Clerk to raise the queries and request a meeting with Officers to discuss further.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

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

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Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 7 March 2024

Cheques:-

Warners of Bedford	£	85.80
Royal Mail	£	41.33
Transfers	£	45,000.00

Debit card items (for January and February):-

Vonage	£	10.25
NEST	£	158.81
NEST	£	90.02
Google	£	1.59
Curry's	£	10.35
Royal Mail	£	290.55
Adobe	£	19.97
Google	£	165.00 x2
Amazon	£	23.99
Sainsburys	£	88.33 x2
Amazon	£	58.94
Adobe systems	£	125.02

Monthly Standing Orders:-

Salaries	£	2,250.00 x2
MK Community Properties	£	606.90 x2
Samantha Carmichael	£	500.00 x2

Chair's Signature.....

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