



Central Milton Keynes Town Council Meeting held on 6th June 2024 at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present:

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

Apologies: Peter Lightfoot

24/052 – Apologies

Councillor Lightfoot extended his apologies for the meeting.

24/053 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor Kurth declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Item 24/065.

24/054 - Ratification of Minutes of the May Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

24/055 - Ratification of Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 9th May 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

24/056 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 24/05- Mark on to August

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Item 24/07- Mark on to July
Item 24/09- Closed
Item 24/11- Closed
Item 24/12- Closed
Item 24/13- Closed
Item 24/14- Mark on to July

24/057 - Representations from the Public

There were no members of the public present.

24/058 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

24/059 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

ACTION: Clerk to check what was submitted in respect of the New Town Heritage Register consultation.

24/060 – Year End Financial Reports 2023/24

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

24/061 – Annual Audit Return

i) Internal audit

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillors commented upon the thoroughness of the Internal Audit, noting the 'Very Good' standard met once again by the council.

The recommendations within the Internal Audit were noted. A councillor commented that the observation that 'the Councillors have voted for a smaller increase this year' misrepresented the views of some councillors (as articulated within the minutes to the Budget meeting) and would have been more accurately phrased as 'the Town Council has voted for a smaller increase this year'.

ii) Annual Audit Pages 3,4 & 5

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Section 1 of the Annual Return was considered by councillors and responses to the statements were unanimously agreed and the document signed on behalf of the Town Council by the Chair.

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Section 2 of the Annual Return was agreed and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Town Council.

Councillors unanimously extended their thanks to the Clerk.

24/062 – Annual Parish Assembly

Councillors agreed that the format of the meeting worked well. It was regretted that only two residents turned up, but those who did were engaged with the material presented. The catering was at the right level and should be repeated next year.

It was agreed that the concerns of a resident that there is insufficient disabled parking in the vicinity of Centrecom should be pursued with MKCCouncil.

ACTION: Clerk to write to MKCCouncil requesting that additional disabled parking bays be created near to Centrecom.

24/063 – Variations to financial regulations

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The Clerk noted that, due to the receipt of new draft financial regulations after the Annual Parish meeting, at which the current regulations were ratified for a further year, it would be necessary, if councillors wished to adopt the new financial regulations with immediate effect, for a Special Motion to be agreed enabling consideration of this change within 6 months of the approval of the current regulations.

The Special Motion was unanimously approved.

After due consideration it was agreed that the 2024 Financial Regulations be adopted with immediate effect.

Additionally, with regard to the recommendation within the Internal Audit report, and using the same Special Motion, the General Reserves sum within the penultimate paragraph of the Financial Reserves policy was increased from £15,000 to £25,000.

24/064 – Changes to payroll arrangements

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillors agreed to transfer the current payroll arrangements from CVS Northampton (which is closing at the end of June) to CASPA payroll, run by the head of payroll at CVS.

24/065 – Parks Trust Event Parking Update

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillors were critical of The Parks Trust's events communications to residents, noting that the postcards which were to be distributed to all Campbell Park residents had not been received by the two councillors living in the area or their neighbours.

It was noted that there are a number of roads within the area which are yet to be adopted and their status as Highway will need to be clarified.

ACTION: Clerk to express disappointment re: distribution of postcards to residents

24/066 – Items for Information

- i) Licensing request, B4 car park
Councillors expressed concerns at the open nature of the licensing request.

ACTION: Clerk to seek clarification from Licensing

- ii) Licensing request, Campbell Park events
- iii) Licensing request, Wingstop
- iv) Licensing request, MK Mela, Campbell Park

ACTION: Clerk to enquire of MKCCouncil when events are scheduled for Fred Roche Gardens

The meeting closed at 7.32 pm.

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

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 6 June 2024

Cheques:-

BMKALC (001501)	£	10.00	Training
Warners of Bedford (001502)	£	85.80	Dog bins
Royal Mail (001503)	£	1.97	Pre-paid postage charge
Samantha Carmichael (001504)	£	600.00	Spring newsletter
Open University (001505)	£	3075.72	Residents' survey
MK Pride (001506)	£	500.00	Grant award
HM Design (001507)	£	125.00	Internal audit

Debit card items:-

NEST	£	90.02	Pension payment
Royal Mail	£	23.10	Postage
ICO	£	40.00	Data Protection renewal fee
Google	£	165.00	

Monthly Standing Orders:-

Salaries	£	1,920.00
MK Community Properties	£	606.90
Samantha Carmichael	£	500.00

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....