



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 6th February 2014
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes**

Present: Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
Charles Ashbury
Ken Baker
Andre Brady
Linda Inoki
Andrew Thomas
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Absent: Ramo Erdogan

Members of the public: Two

	Minutes	Actions
1	Welcome & Apologies. Councillor Kurth welcomed councillors to the meeting, noting the lengthy agenda.	
2	Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 9 January 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair, subject to the word 'let' being replaced with 'left' in the penultimate paragraph of Item 11	
3	Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council on 23 January 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.	
4	Matters Arising Chain of Office- Councillor Inoki will report at a later date on alternatives. JCC Media- An update to be provided by Councillor Brady at a future meeting. Hi Vis Vests- The Clerk noted that the hi vis jackets had been received and was asked to email councillors to determine which size they will need. Petersfield Green- The Clerk noted that an update had been circulated to councillors stating that MKCouncil had planted Pyracantha bushes and repaired the wire and metal posts in the interim. It was noted that this did not resolve the matter, but was an improvement on the previous situation. Shared Warden- The Chair advised that she had been in touch with Melanie Beck to determine the basis upon which a shared role could be established and would bring the outcomes back to the Town Council in due course. Proposed Action Plan- It was agreed that whilst the broad action plan was ratified at the extraordinary meeting to enable to precept to be	LI AB PC RK

	<p>determined there remained much work to prioritise actions and timescales. It was agreed that the first item on the critical path was the identification of the personnel requirements. When personnel have been engaged this will enable a number of the projects to move forward.</p> <p>A vote, proposed by Councillor Kurth and seconded by Councillor Ashbury, was taken on the establishment of a working party to consider the prospective roles and responsibilities for personnel. The vote was won by 5 votes in favour to one abstention. It was agreed that Councillors Ashbury, Brady and Kurth will form the working party, with the Clerk to work up a broad brief.</p>	PC
5	<p>Finance Paper The paper, as amended, was tabled and noted.</p> <p>The Chair stressed the need for all invoices to feature on the finance paper and that invoices presented at the meeting without suitable prior notification would need to be deferred until the next meeting for payment.</p>	
6	<p>Oak Trees The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Town Council noted the contents of the letter from MKDP with great disappointment. It was agreed that an email be sent to MKDP stating the Town Council's disappointment that the trees subject to a TPO could not be saved. It was also agreed that the further evidence received concurrent to receipt of the letter from MKDP be sent on to them for completeness. Additionally, the email to formally note that the value of the trees was officially placed at £7,500 each and to seek reassurance that trees to a similar value will be planted within the parish.</p>	PC
7	<p>Maybe Magazine Following the last meeting an amended proposal was placed before the Town Council in respect of Maybe Magazine's engagement with the website. The following proposal was made by Councillor Kurth, seconded by Councillor Ashbury and passed with one abstention:- Councillor Inoki and the Clerk to take responsibility for production of content for sections 1&2 of the website, with Maybe Magazine being requested to produce content for sections 3,4 &5 on a pilot basis for a reduced fee of £500.</p> <p>It was also agreed, following a vote, that a working party be established to move the project forward. The working party to consist of Councillors Inoki, Brady and Ashbury and the Clerk.</p>	
8	<p>Office Phone The Chair reminded councillors that they should not use the office phone for any 0800 or 0845 calls or calls to mobiles except where absolutely necessary, noting that the current contract of a fixed fee of £6 per month only applies to landlines.</p>	
9	<p>Response to Wyevale Proposal Councillor Thomas advised the Town Council that written submissions for the consideration of the Planning Committee in the first instance had not been forthcoming.</p> <p>After much discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk circulate a form of words which would constitute an informal response to Abbeygate Developments in this regard.</p>	PC

10	<p>Landscape Maintenance Tender The Clerk advised that the tender is out, with a return date of 10 March. It is anticipated that the tender work would commence effective November 2014.</p> <p>The Chair requested that clarification be sought regarding the manner in which the tender will enable councils to have input into delivery. The Clerk to pursue.</p>	PC
11	<p>Adelphi Street The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Ashbury provided an update on meetings and conversations he has had with MKCouncil and Thames Valley Police in this regard. The outcomes to date are that the PCSO's have been made aware of the need to police the area and to issue fixed penalty orders if they feel that cars are parked improperly. It was suggested that the police could also generate a 'warning letter' and Councillor Ashbury agreed to pursue this option.</p> <p>Additionally, the Clerk to pursue a meeting with Steve Lain following provision of suitable dates and times from Councillors Ashbury and Inoki.</p> <p>It was agreed that, given the movement on this issue, the petition as initially positioned to residents, would not be appropriate at present. However, it was noted that should this be necessary it could be arranged via the Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>In the interim, it was agreed by a member of the public that she would make the Neighbourhood Watch members aware of the work undertaken to date in this regard.</p>	CA PC
12	<p>Submission for MBE Workshop The paper, as tabled, was noted.</p> <p>The five sections of the proposed submission were discussed individually and amendments agreed by majority vote.</p> <p>At the start of the discussion Councillor Thomas objected to the submission of the paper, noting that it could have a negative impact and that it was too detailed.</p> <p>A vote was taken on the submission on the document as amended. Councillor Thomas requested an annotated vote, which was as follows:-</p> <p>Proposal to submit the amended document made by Councillor Kurth and seconded by Councillor Ashbury. The voting on this proposal was noted as:-</p> <p>For:- Councillors Kurth, Inoki, Ashbury, Brady, Baker Against :- Councillor Thomas.</p> <p>The document submission was approved by majority vote.</p>	
13	<p>Licensing Applications The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p>No concerns were expressed with regard to either application. The Clerk to advise the Licensing team accordingly.</p>	PC

14	<p>Budget Consultation It was agreed that individuals should make any submissions they wished, and the Chair requested to be copied into any such submissions.</p>	
15-17	<p>It was agreed that, in the interests of time, items 15-17 be deferred for consideration in the March meeting.</p>	
18	<p>In Camera Items At this juncture the members of the public were asked to leave the meeting.</p> <p>Co-option It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Hilarie Bowman to the vacant position on the Town Council. The Clerk to liaise with her ahead of the March meeting and to notify Electoral Services of the co-option.</p> <p>Website Administrator and IT Support The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Following a vote proposed by Councillor Kurth and seconded by Councillor Inoki, which received unanimous support, it was agreed that Matthew Lake be initially engaged for 10 hours at £15 per hour to begin work on IT support requirements. The contribution made to the work of the Town Council will be evaluated at the next meeting, when any further engagement would be considered.</p>	
19	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 13th March at Centrecom commencing at 6pm.</p>	PC