



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 12th June 2014
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes**

Present: Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
Charles Ashbury
Ken Baker (from item 3)
Andre Brady
Hilarie Bowman
Linda Inoki (from item 8)
Andrew Thomas
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Absent: Ramo Erdogan

	Minutes	Actions
1	Apologies & Declarations of Interest Councillor Bowman declared an interest in Item 10	
2	Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 8 May 2014 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair, subject to the following amendments:- Item 2 Brad Curcillo is Chair of the City Centre Operations Group, not MKCCM as noted. Item 7 Reference to the 'CMK Plan' in the last sentence should read 'MK Plan'. Item 12 Councillor Ashbury, not Councillor Kurth sits on the City Centre Operations Group.	
3	Matters Arising & Outstanding Items The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. It was agreed that short updates on outstanding items should be added by those responsible for their progression on the Outstanding Matters action sheet. More substantial updates should be submitted as papers for noting. Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:- 14001 Close item 14003 Close item, but working party formed consisting of Councillors Ashbury and Bowman, who will bring a paper back to the next meeting. A14012 Close item. Clerk to note that where any future TPOs are presented for comment that the planting of replacement trees should be a condition. A14026 Councillor Brady reported that he had met with MKCMS and got clarification of the grant proposal. It was agreed that Councillor Brady and Ashbury work together with MKCMS to produce a paper for consideration at	 PC AB, CA

	<p>the July meeting. The Clerk reminded the Council that the original application was for a grant award, and that either an amended grant application is brought forward or the Council could consider a different way of working with the group, which would sit outside of that process.</p> <p>Councillor Baker arrived at this juncture.</p>	
4	<p>Ratification of Minutes of the AGM of the Town Council The minutes of the AGM of the Town Council, held on 8th May 2014 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.</p>	
5	<p>MKALC Report The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillor Bowman continue to attend MKALC meetings and provides a brief report back on future developments.</p>	
6	<p>Annual Accounts The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p>The Chair signed sections 1 & 2 of the external accounting document on behalf of the Town Council.</p>	
7	<p>Finance Paper The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p>	
8	<p>Resources Working Party The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.</p> <p>Councillor Inoki arrived during this item.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the outcome of the working party was a recommendation that instead of seeking two individuals the roles should be combined into one role of 25-30 hours per week.</p> <p>It was agreed that prior to considering advertising for the role a combined role specification and reward structure be brought back to the full council for consideration.</p> <p>Questions were raised about the ability of one individual to perform both functions, both from a skills basis and also in respect of the hours proposed. However, it was also noted that it would not be possible to determine the demands on the role until some time had passed.</p> <p>The need to pay a going rate to get someone with the required skill set was noted. The Chair referred to elements of the budget which could be utilised towards the cost which totalled £11,000.</p> <p>A request was made that a list of current working parties and their membership be provided for the next meeting.</p>	PC
6	<p>Albion Place, cycle parking scheme The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Ashbury spoke to this paper, noting the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars parking on pavements presents a challenge for the disabled and young parents with buggies. • Cars block the view of corners, causing a risk to pedestrians. 	

	<p>The Town Council acknowledged that this was an issue, but queried whether the solution was one which would be welcomed by the residents, and whether residents would be prepared to ensure the upkeep of the planters.</p> <p>It was agreed that a working party consisting of Councillors Brady and Ashbury develop the idea and if they felt that it was a viable option then to present a paper to a future Town Council meeting with firm recommendations for consideration.</p>	AB,CA
10	<p>Trial of CMKTC sponsored skip hire The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Bowman spoke to the paper, noting the value of the resource to residents close to the location of the skip.</p> <p>The Chair congratulated Councillor Bowman on an excellent paper.</p> <p>After some discussion it was agreed that, whilst the idea had merit, this was not a role which the Town Council should be playing. Additionally, it was agreed that the cost of providing similar services throughout the parish would be prohibitive and the provision of one such skip would raise expectations which could not be delivered upon.</p> <p>A vote was taken on whether to support the scheme, and the proposal was declined.</p> <p>A further discussion resulted in the agreement that a working party be set up to develop options for enhancing services to residents. It was agreed that Councillors Bowman, Brady and Inoki form the working party and that its first role would be to return to the Town Council with Terms of Reference.</p>	HB, AB, LI
11	<p>Change of meeting date The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Town Council agreed to the request from the Clerk to move the August meeting from 14th to 21st August.</p> <p>The Clerk to ensure that the new date is advertised clearly on noticeboards etc.</p>	
12	<p>Community Facility, Section 106 The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Chair and Clerk provided the Town Council with information supplied by Jonathan Robinson in respect of the Section 106 monies currently available within the parish.</p> <p>It was agreed that one working party be formed to consider both the Gallery and Sports Facility options and to determine which one, if either, warrants support from the Town Council by use of the Section 106 monies currently available. It was noted that other projects considered were too long term, given that the majority of the current funds will cease to be available from 2018.</p> <p>The Chair noted that if either project were progressed care should be taken to ensure that the facility would be available for use of the residents in perpetuity, not for a limited period.</p> <p>The Working Party to be Councillors Brady, Ashbury and the Clerk. The Terms of Reference to be brought to the next meeting for consideration.</p>	CA,AB,PC

13	<p>John Lewis Car Park Alternative Approach The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Chair outlined the work that had been undertaken by herself and Councillors Baker and Thomas to develop a alternative model for the proposed multi storey car park by John Lewis. She outlined work done with MKCouncil Officers and the presentation provided to Hermes.</p> <p>She requested agreement that the substance of the slides as presented be placed in the public domain, with copies being made available to Hermes and others upon request.</p> <p>Councillors expressed gratitude to Councillor Baker for the work undertaken on the alternative design.</p> <p>The request was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>A discussion ensued whether the Town Council should also seek to proactively promote the scheme. The view was expressed that it was not the role of the Town Council to court public opinion on such matters, but to influence the thinking of developers and MKCouncil officers and elected members.</p> <p>It was accepted that there may be exceptions where adopting a more public face might be appropriate, particularly in respect of developments which address specific matters identified within the CMK Alliance Plan.</p> <p>It was agreed that strategy will be developed on a case by case basis.</p>	
14	<p>MKDP Land adjacent to MK Gallery The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>Councillor Thomas spoke to the paper, noting that there was a real opportunity to make a comment at this early stage in the planning process.</p> <p>It was agreed that the response should be 'The Town Council expects that the use of this MKDP site remains with the Theatre and Gallery in support of the cultural and community functions and any future expansion plans'.</p>	PC
15	<p>Items for Noting</p> <p>i) Working Party Procedures The paper, as previously circulated, was noted and agreed.</p> <p>ii) MBE Workshops The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. The Chair agreed to submit a budget relating to the current workshop for the next meeting.</p> <p>iii) Grant applications The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>iv) Licensing Variations The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. It was agreed that, whilst not being able to raise an objection, the principle that there should be suitable thoroughfare outside restaurants requesting external tables to be licensed should be established, recognising the path as a clearway.</p> <p>v) Office Search The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. The initial search for alternative office accommodation had not borne fruit, and the working party noted that it would be pursuing three further locations prior to</p>	RK PC

	reporting back further. It was agreed that, should the locations not prove to be suitable, the working party should stand down, with the issue being reviewed at a future date.	
16	The meeting closed at 8.25pm The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 10th July at Centrecom commencing at 6pm.	