



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council  
Extraordinary Meeting held on 23rd October 2014  
At the Town Council Office, Margaret Powell House, Midsummer  
Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes**

**Present:** Rebecca Kurth (Chair)  
Ken Baker  
Hilarie Bowman  
Linda Inoki  
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

**Apologies:**  
Andrew Thomas

**Absent:**  
Andre Brady  
Ramo Erdogan

**Also present:-** Thomas Walker (Communications Officer) & 1 member of the public

	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Apologies.</b> The Chair welcomed members to the extraordinary meeting of the Town Council.</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Councillor Thomas</p>	
2	<p><b>Budget to respond to Plan:MK consultation</b> The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Clerk referred to the previously agreed sum of £500 to engage a suitable individual to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Town Council. The individual initially approached was unable to undertake the work. Subsequent enquiries by the Chair have resulted in early discussions with a firm of Town Planners who have indicated a willingness to undertake the work. However, given the amount of work to be undertaken and the short timescale for response, with the consultations closing on 3 December, it has become clear that a larger sum will need to be allocated for this piece of work.</p> <p>It was also noted that this initial consultation will develop into more detailed consultations on aspects of the Plan:MK over the next few years.</p> <p>The sum of £2000 plus reasonable expenses was proposed by the Chair and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>The Chair noted that she would be advising of a date for those available to meet with the Town Planners prior to commencement of the work</p>	

3	<p><b>Budget to respond to issues relating to the multi storey car park planning application</b></p> <p>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.</p> <p>The Chair reprised the current position with regard to the planning application, noting that the Town Council had lodged a very vigorous objection to the application, and that MKCouncil officers have recorded views both in favour of the application and also against. It was noted that the Transport &amp; Highways Officers had recommended refusal on the basis of danger to members of the public, particularly during Saturday afternoon. A councillor noted that December and January is as busy as an average Saturday afternoon all month.</p> <p>It was agreed that if the application receives approval this will have a real impact on residents. A councillor noted that some 50 residents had objected to the application, indicating that any action the Town Council can take to object to the application would be in the interests of residents.</p> <p>The Town Council was asked to consider an ‘in principle’ budget of £5,000 plus reasonable expenses to enable the Chair and Chair of Planning to seek professional advice and to instruct legal action if felt necessary.</p> <p>This proposal was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Additionally, agreement was sought to appoint a professional town planning firm and/or law firm with expertise in planning law should this prove necessary. The cost of any legal advice and action would be charged to the Council’s legal fund of £10,000, ring-fenced within the Council’s reserves.</p> <p>This proposal was also unanimously agreed.</p>	
4	<p><b>The meeting closed at 5.25pm</b></p> <p><b>The next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday 13 November at Centrecom commencing at 6pm.</b></p>	