



Central Milton Keynes Town Council



Meeting held on 5th August 2021

at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present:

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

Apologies:

Andre Brady
Amir Chahardehi
Linda Inoki
Gill Kirkup

In attendance: None

21/079 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Brady, Chahardehi, Inoki and Kirkup.

21/080 – Proposed leave of absence

The Chair advised councillors that Councillor Inoki had requested a leave of absence until January 2022. This was unanimously agreed. It was noted that for this period Councillor Inoki's town council email will not be operative, with emails referred to the clerk.

For the duration of the leave of absence it was agreed that the Clerk should have oversight on Councillor Inoki's portfolio items.

21/081 – Declarations of Interest

None.

21/082 - Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 8th July 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

21/083 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 21/003- Closed

Item 21/018- Closed

Item 21/020- Closed

21/084 - Representations from the Public

No members of the public were present at this juncture.

21/085 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

21/086 - Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The Clerk noted that the date of the Landscape Services Provision had been changed to 31 August. Councillor Stabler to be sent a reminder of this item.

The Clerk was requested to send details of the 2016 application to develop the land at Glebe roundabout for information to new councillors.

Action: Clerk to send link to planning portal for the Glebe roundabout application.

21/087 – Quarterly Budget/Actuals Update Quarter 1

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

It was agreed that the sum of £1600 be released to General Reserves resultant from the lower cost of newsletter preparation going forward.

The sum of £300 was agreed to source support for the preparation of the year end management accounts.

21/088 – Project Manager Role

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the sum of £2000 be made available to Simon Wright to be engaged in respect of development work on the phase two report on multi-purpose venues.

It was also agreed that the residual £6000 be written back to General Reserves.

21/089- 'gridspinners' Film Project Update

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Concerns were expressed regarding the project. Councillors required assurance that the current plans as indicated supported the initial brief and requested a further update, to include details of the original proposal, to be brought back to the next meeting.

In the interim, it was agreed to release the sum of £1250 against stage 3 of the agreement with Thomas Gray.

ACTION: Clerk to bring back a paper to the September meeting

21/090- Social Media Short-term Arrangements

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

After some discussion, it was agreed that activity on the Town Council's social media accounts should be 'mothballed' until the appointment of a replacement for the Community development Officer is agreed.

In the interim, it was agreed that a review should be undertaken on the future use of Facebook and Twitter by the Town Council.

ACTION: Residents' Services Portfolio Holder to bring forward a paper considering the future use of social media.

21/091- Community Infrastructure Fund

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that an application under the CIF scheme for the year 2022-2023 would not be progressed.

Concerns were expressed in respect of the quadrants, which were replanted with previous CIF match funds and have deteriorated over the lockdown periods.

21/092- CMK Digital Light Art Circuit Phase 2 Report

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The Chair introduced the item and spoke to the papers. She noted that the steering group had indicated that installations should be on the smaller side, in order to engage local artists with the project. Funding of £300k initially and

a further similar sum to be sought primarily from s106 Public Art monies. The work could be commissioned by MKGallery or a sub group.
The following queries and suggestions were brought forward by councillors:-

- Need to clearly identify the client, who would hold the budget and manage the project?
- More clarity required, via the use of architects etc, on how the project will be physically delivered.
- The proposal is highly complex, needing professional advice, project management etc going forward.
- A commissioning body could be formed under the aegis of the Town Council.
- A document is required outlining the background to the project, requesting the establishment of a Commissioning Board, which would begin the process of developing the project, the Town Council holding the funding.
- There needs to be buy-in from all parties. Talk of s106 is a distraction at this early stage. One of the tasks of the Board would be to identify sources of funding.
- Engagement from MKCouncil, by way of an appointment of elected members to the Board, will be necessary to establish a 'corporate' structure to the Board.

It was agreed that the Chair and Councillor Stabler would come back to the Town Council with further information in due course.

AGREED: RK & DS to revert to the Town Council with further information on the project.

21/093 – Community & Cultural infrastructure Portfolio Review

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The Chair reviewed the above portfolio, noting the updates on progress across the portfolio.

21/094 - Items for Information

a) Licensing application- Happy Planet Festival, Campbell Park
The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

b) Licensing application- Pride Festival, Campbell
The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

c) Update of Sex Establishment Licence Renewal Request-Garuuda
The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

d) Gambling Premises Licence Variation- Aspers
The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

e) 'Welcome' leaflet

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillors wished to commend Councillor Kirkup on the leaflet.

f) Email relating to YNCA defibrillator grant application

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 9 September 2021 at Centrecom Meeting place

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 5 August 2021

Cheques:-

Centrecom	£ 420.00
MyMk	£ 600.00
Simon Wright	£2,000.00
African & Caribbean Arts & Heritage Union	£ 500.00
Warners	£ 76.44
YMCA	£ 500.00
Thomas Gray	£1,250.00

Direct Payments:-

Google	£ 59.80
Google	£ 1.59
Tsohost	£ 5.99
NEST	£ 72.94
Royal Mail	£ 19.12

Monthly Standing orders:-

Salaries	£1,925.00
MK Community Properties	£ 518.84
Michael Green	£ 520.00

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....