



## Central Milton Keynes Town Council

Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:** None

**In attendance:** None

**21/129 – Apologies**

None

**21/130 – Declarations of Interest**

None

**21/131 - Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

**21/132 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 21/004- Closed  
Item 21/024- Mark on to January  
Item 21/029- Closed  
Item 21/030- Mark on to January

Item 21/031- Closed  
Item 21/032- Mark on to January  
Item 21/033- Closed  
Item 21/034- Closed  
Item 21/035- Mark on to January  
Item 21/036- Closed  
Item 21/037- Closed

### **21/133 - Representations from the Public**

No members of the public were present at this juncture.

### **21/134 - Finance Paper**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

### **21/135 - Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet**

The paper, as amended, was noted.

### **21/136 – Transfers Between Accounts**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The transfers were agreed as stated.

### **21/137 – Co-option letter**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. An amended letter draft was tabled.

The wording of the amended letter was agreed. The form of distribution was agreed as an insert into the Winter newsletter.

At this juncture the Chair requested that Item 21/139 be considered prior to item 21/138. This was unanimously agreed.

### **21/139- Theatre Multi-storey car park**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. An addendum to the paper was tabled, following the meeting with Councillor Middleton earlier this week.

Councillor Murphy updated councillors on the recent meeting he and the Chair had with Councillor Middleton (Cabinet Member for Resources) which resulted in the addendum tabled to the meeting.

Councillor Murphy also confirmed that he would be speaking at Development Control Committee to outline the Town Council's thinking on the site.

The Chair advised that alternative proposals for the site would be worked up for inclusion in the draft Development Brief consultation.

Councillor Stabler, whilst welcoming the approach, expressed his concerns that there is a lack of 'natural' footfall in the vicinity and there would need to be some linkage with Xscape etc to enable the project to reach its potential.

The amended recommendation in the addendum was unanimously agreed, that the sum of up to £5,000 be made available to engage one or more consultants to develop initial proposals for the use of the Theatre MSCP site, the work to be undertaken within the next week to enable a submission to be made to the Development Brief consultation.

### **21/138- Draft response to Theatre MSCP Development Brief consultation**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Pursuant to the previous item, the Chair confirmed that she was asking the Town Council to note the draft and to give Councillor Murphy and the Chair delegated authority to develop and submit the final submission to the consultation. She confirmed that it had been agreed with Councillor Middleton that the submission would be accepted if lodged one week after the formal closure date for the consultation.

Councillor Thomas made the following observations:-

- that the consequences and 'harm' of removing classic infrastructure needed to be stated.
- that it would be most unusual for Highways to be able to agree to an oversailing proposal.
- that the proposals to develop the site as primarily residential-led are not in accordance with Plan:MK which does not designate this site as residential.

It was unanimously agreed that the Chair and Councillor Murphy develop a final submission.

### **21/140- Social Media Policy**

The paper, as previously circulated, was adopted.

**ACTION: The Clerk to arrange for a 'Moderator Approval Required' requirement to be placed on both the FaceBook and Twitter accounts pending engagement of a Community Development Officer.**

### **21/141- Staff Recruitment Protocol**

The paper, as previously circulated, was approved.

## **21/142- Draft SEEMK Curation Committee Strategy document**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The draft was approved subject to the following amendments:-

- Section 3) a) i) to read ' Hotel Management'
  - Section 3 c) is to read:-
    - a. 'Four rotating members (all from the music, arts and culture sector) will be selected on the following basis- one (1) member to be selected by, but not intended to directly represent, each of the following organisations:
      - i. Arts & Heritage Alliance (AHA) Milton Keynes
      - ii. MK Community Foundation
- The final two rotating members will be selected by way of open invitation to any individual or group active in the arts and cultural sector within Milton Keynes.'

## **21/143 Portfolio Updates**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

### **a) Planning Portfolio**

Councillor Thomas noted that there had been a significant number of large applications to consider recently.

### **b) Communications Portfolio**

Challenges within the website browser link following a comprehensive hack of the website some weeks ago were identified.

**ACTION: The Clerk to identify an 'expert' to solve the ongoing issues.**

### **c) Governance & Stakeholder Engagement Portfolio**

Noted

The Chair noted that she would be asking all portfolio holders to review their portfolios for the December meeting to identify projects which may have budgetary implications in the forthcoming budget year.

**ACTION: Clerk to remind portfolio holders of the requirement.**

## **21/144 - Items for Information**

### **a) Meeting Dates 2022**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

b) Simon Wright Update  
The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

**The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 2 December 2021 at Centrecom Meeting place**

**Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 4 November 2021**

Warners	£ 76.44
Friends of Conniburrow Children's Centre	£ 284.00
Centrecom	£ 360.00

**Debit card items :-**

Google	£ 57.50
Google	£ 1.59
Tsohost	£ 5.99
NEST	£ 72.94
Royal Mail	£ 14.34
Vonage	£ 10.25
Zoom	£ 143.88
Cartridge Save	£ 95.09

**Monthly Standing orders:-**

Salaries	£1,925.00
MK Community Properties	£ 518.84

**Chair's Signature.....**

**Date.....**