



Central Milton Keynes Town Council Meeting held on 4th July 2024 at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present:

David Stabler (Chair)
Andre Brady (from item 24/071)
Rebecca Kurth
Peter Lightfoot
Philip Murphy
Andrew Thomas
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Anurag Jain

24/068 – Apologies

Councillor Jain extended his apologies for the meeting.

24/069 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Item 24/079 ii).

The Clerk declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Item 24/079 i).

24/070 - Ratification of Minutes of the June Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

24/071 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Brady arrived during this item.

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Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 24/07- Closed

Item 24/10- Closed

Item 24/14- Councillor Lightfoot signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and confirmed that he would join the Editorial Working Party.

Item 24/15- Closed

Item 24/16- Closed

Item 24/17- Closed. The requested additional disabled parking outside Centrecom has been agreed by MKCCouncil.

Item 24/18- Closed

Item 24/19- Closed

Item 24/20- Closed

Item 24/20- Closed. The Canalside Forum has been wound up, minutes to follow.

24/072 - Representations from the Public

There were no members of the public present.

24/073 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The Chair requested that balance movements from the last report be shown going forward.

24/074 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

The paper, as amended and tabled, was noted.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate papers when available

24/075 – Residents’ Survey Overview

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The summary of the recent residents’ survey was welcomed by councillors.

It was agreed that an amended version of the paper should be used to accompany the Town Council’s response to the Reg 18 consultation on Plan 2050.

Further it was agreed that the next survey should take place in 3 years’ time.

Also, it was agreed that the basis of the paper should be used for a press release (focussing on the ‘87% satisfied with living in CMK’ and drafted by Samantha Carmichael) in addition to the social media output and newsletter.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Samantha Carmichael.

24/076 – Provision of Digital Map of CMK

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Lightfoot presented the paper and outlined the possible options should councillors agree to develop the project.

Councillor Lightfoot noted:-

- The resource would be hosted on our website, not on an app.
- The breadth of the programme is significant, but initially the work could be a CMK 'route planner', guide to community facility spaces, arts and major building updates (to be routed to the MKCCouncil's planning portal).
- The possibility of transferring the website to another domain, enabling 'https//' status to be available, should also be considered.

After further discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Lightfoot should proceed to discuss the project with the preferred developer and revert to the Town Council with greater detail and more firm costings and an alternative quote.

Further, the possibility of folding maps available to new residents as part of a 'Welcome to CMK' pack was discussed. The Clerk noted that the basis of a Welcome Pack already existed and would arrange for this to be made available for discussion.

ACTION: Councillor Lightfoot to bring back a fully costed proposal and alternative quote for further consideration.

ACTION: Clerk to furnish Councillor Lightfoot with log in details to be back of the website. Additionally, to provide details of previous 'Welcome Pack' to councillors.

24/077 – Renewal of Insurance Cover Policy

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The continuation of the Zurich policy was unanimously agreed.

24/078 – Deposit Account Options

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should arrange to open a deposit account with Cambridge Building Society and that the sum of £200,000 (*to be redacted from published minutes*) should be invested.

ACTION: Clerk to make arrangements to open an account with Cambridge Building Society using dual signature procedures

24/079 –Grant Applications

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

i) Centrecom Limited

The grant request of up to £532.80 was unanimously approved, subject to the detail of how best to enable the delivery of the noticeboard being determined.

ii) MK Islamic Arts and Culture Organisation

The grant request was considered and, after some discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the sum of £500 be made available, this being in line with the approach afforded other such applications.

Further, councillors requested that the grant programme be brought back to councillors in the last quarter of this year for consideration on whether a more flexible, possibly two-tier system could be implemented to facilitate grant awards greater than the recommended £500 for larger initiatives.

ACTION: Clerk to bring a paper to the October meeting for consideration

24/080 – MK Plan 2050

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Councillor Thomas and the Clerk provided a verbal update with regard to discussions with DLP regarding engaging them to facilitate responses and analysis in respect of the impact of the Reg 18 Plan on CMK.

Discussions with DLP to date have involved any proposed engagement being on a structured approach basis... the initial piece of work identifying the implications of the Reg 18 Plan on Plan MK and the CMKAP. This could then be followed up by specific focussed pieces of work which would form the thrust of the Town Council's response to the Plan 2050.

It was noted that there were a number of issues within the proposed Plan 2050 as it relates to CMK which will require challenging. Call-in of the delegated decision was discussed.

As the update superceded the proposal that some initial work should be requested from Thomas Walker, it was agreed that this option should not be considered.

It was unanimously agreed that DLP should be instructed to produce the initial piece of work and a budget for this first stage should not exceed £5,000.

ACTION: Clerk to instruct DLP to commence work on the first phase.

24/081 – Items for Information

- i) **Bank House Public Inquiry**
The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Councillor Thomas provided additional verbal information regarding the manner in which the Inquiry was conducted, noting that he was able to raise the matter of G9 as an issue by virtue of the Appellant's Opening Statement.

Councillors thanked Councillor Thomas for his work with regard to this matter.

- ii) **Sex Establishment Licence Renewal**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 1 August 2024 at Centrecom Meeting Place

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 4 July 2024

Cheques:-

BMKALC	£	90.00
Warners of Bedford	£	85.80
Zurich Insurance	£	369.96
MK Community Properties	£	72.00

Debit card items:-

Royal Mail	£	23.10
Amazon	£	103.99
Sainsbury's	£	18.68
Google	£	165.00
Adobe	£	19.97
Tsohost	£	187.06
Vonage	£	10.25
Google	£	164.99

Monthly Standing Orders:-

Salaries	£	1,920.00
MK Community Properties	£	606.90
Samantha Carmichael	£	500.00

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....