



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 3rd October 2024
at Centrecom, North Row,
Central Milton Keynes**

Present:

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

Apologies: None

Members of the public: No members of the public were present.

24/098 – Apologies

None.

24/099 – Declarations of Interest

None.

24/100 - Ratification of Minutes of the September Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

24/101 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 24/05- Mark on to January

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Item 24/14- Closed
Item 24/15- Mark on to November
Item 24/18- Closed
Item 24/20- Closed
Item 24/22- Closed.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Phil Snell re value added by additional contributions to landscaping.

Item 24/23- Closed

24/102 - Representations from the Public

None.

24/103 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

24/104 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

None.

24/105 – External audit

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillors noted the completion of the external audit. The comments from the auditors were discussed.

ACTION: Clerk to bring a paper to the November meeting detailing the way in which precept and balances have varied over the past years.

24/106 – Grant Awards

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

After some discussion a proposal was made by Councillor Kurth, seconded by Councillor Thomas that the 'baseline' sum promoted for a grant application should remain at £500, but that a 'rider' should be added to all communications relating to grants stating that if a larger sum is required applicants should contact the Clerk in the first instance, who would then refer, as necessary, to Councillor Brady or another councillor, to determine a way forward.

A vote was taken on the proposal, which was agreed by 6 votes in favour to 1 against.

ACTION: Clerk to make necessary amends to Grant Award comms.

24/107- Draft Housing Allocation Scheme consultation

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Councillor Murphy reported on the MKCCouncil meeting to discuss the implications of the proposed document, noting that there are currently 3,000 people in temporary accommodation in MK, with another 300 applying to join the housing register each month.

He also noted that until now the allocation of housing has been determined using national guidelines which are complex. The idea behind the document is to simplify guidelines for applicants and enable officers to more transparently apply these to cases.

Councillor Murphy offered to submit a response on behalf of the Town Council.

ACTION: Councillor Murphy to submit a response via the online consultation before the deadline date for submissions of 9th December.

24/108 – Press Release

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was unanimously agreed that Samantha Carmichael be requested to draft and circulate the press release. Additional recipients were agreed as ward councillors, MyMk, MKCCouncil, MK Community Foundation and Unity Place.

It was further agreed that a drone shot of CMK would be preferable accompanying the piece, and that 'drone over mk' be contacted access a suitable image.

ACTION: Clerk to advise Samantha Carmichael accordingly.

24/109 – Items for Information

- i) Licensing application- Fireaway pizza, Garrick Walk
- ii) Planning committee minutes September 2024
- iii) Meeting Dates 2025
- iv) MK City Plan 2050 response

The meeting closed at 7.08 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 7 November 2024 at Centrecom Meeting Place

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 3 October 2024

Debit card items:-

Royal Mail	£	23.10
Cartridge Save	£	94.94
NEST	£	90.02
Microsoft	£	79.99
Google	£	171.29

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Adobe £ 19.97

Poppy Shop	£	40.00
Vonage	£	10.25

Online payments:-

Thomas Walker-Werth	£	87.50
Warners	£	114.40

Monthly Standing Orders:-

Salary	£	1,936.79
MK Community Properties	£	606.90
Samantha Carmichael	£	500.00

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....