



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council  
Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
at Centrecom, North Row,  
Central Milton Keynes**

**Present:**

David Stabler (Chair)  
Rebecca Kurth  
Peter Lightfoot (from item 24/090)  
Philip Murphy  
Andrew Thomas  
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Andre Brady, Anurag Jain

**Members of the public:** One member of the public and one ward councillor were present.

**24/083 – Apologies**

Councillors Brady and Jain extended their apologies for the meeting.

**24/084 – Declarations of Interest**

At this juncture the Chair proposed that item 24/093 be considered after item 24/096. The proposal was agreed.

**24/085 - Ratification of Minutes of the July Town Council meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

**24/086 - 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 October

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Item 24/14- Mark on to October  
Item 24/15- Mark on to October  
Item 24/16- Closed  
Item 24/17- Closed  
Item 24/19- Closed

### **24/087 - Representations from the Public**

The member of the public and ward councillor declined to speak. Later in the meeting a second member of the public attended very briefly to thank the Town Council for arranging additional disabled parking bays outside of Centrecom, as discussed at the Parish Assembly.

### **24/088 - Finance Paper**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Murphy advised councillors that the direct online payments system was now active. Payment items are being raised by the Clerk and second-approved by him. The Clerk added that this will entail a slight variation in how payments are recorded going forward.

### **24/089 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that a meeting was overdue with MKDP.

**ACTION: Clerk to arrange meeting with the Chair and Chair of Planning with MKDP**

### **24/090 – Quarter 1 accounts**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Councillor Lightfoot arrived during this item.

### **24/091 – Provision of Digital Map of CMK**

Councillor Lightfoot provided a brief update on the project. It was agreed that this item be deferred until the next meeting, when a costed proposal will be brought forward for consideration.

### **24/092- 'Welcome newsletter'**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

It was accepted that some updating of the current 'welcome' newsletter would be required to make it suitable for distribution.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the text of the newsletter be updated, and that a new version of the newsletter be developed by Eagle Graphics using the original template.

This could then be produced primarily as a 'pdf' which could be made available to new developments to be included in their 'welcome packs' for new residents.

**ACTION: Clerk to update the information and liaise with Eagle Graphics**

**24/094 – Secklow Mound**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Murphy noted the shabby nature of landscape maintenance in and around Secklow Mound, although there was only a small amount of litter.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Phil Snell to see how the Town Council could commission additional landscaping on the Mound, given the budget available for such actions.

Councillor Kurth requested sight of the Maintenance regime document for CMK.

**ACTION: Clerk to request details of how to commission additional landscaping for Secklow Mound and request the maintenance regime**

**24/095 – Tsohost**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The Clerk thanked Councillor Lightfoot for his assistance in migrating the website to a new host, and arranging for an SSL prefix to be added, enabling wider visibility of the website.

**24/096 – Items for Information**

- i) Licensing application- Molly O,Reilly's, D3 car park
- ii) Licensing application- Oodles, Lloyds Court
- iii) Licensing application- Express Food & Wine Kiosk
- iv) (Confidential item)
- v) Planning committee minutes July 2024
- vi) Draft August planning Committee minutes
- vii) Parishes Forum minutes 13 June 2024
- viii) 'Look Again' Stage 1 report
- ix) Dog Bins arrangements variation
- x) 'Silver Jubilee'- **to be included in the newsletter in 2026**
- xi) Licensing application- Parilla Steakhouse, The Hub

**24/093- MK City Plan 2050 & CMKAP**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

**i) MK City Plan 2050 Draft Submission**

Councillors agreed that the draft 2050 Plan submission is an excellent piece of work and extended their thanks to DLP.

It was agreed that the only amendments to be sought to the document prior to submission to MKCCouncil related at aspects of Transport policy and planning. Specifically, asking what the implications of the proposed plan are on transport in CMK, in particular the impact on traffic flow of the proposed closure of grid roads to accommodate a Mass Transit solution. Additionally, details will be required of when the new Local Transport Plan is to be completed.

The submission was unanimously accepted, subject only to Councillor Thomas' insertions as above.

**ACTION: Clerk to liaise with DLP and Councillor Thomas to ensure submission prior to the consultation end date of 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**ii) Suggested changes to the CMKAP**

Again, councillors welcomed the initial policy review and conformity check of the CMKAP. After some discussion, it was agreed that the report should be accepted and that any further action should be deferred for the time being. It was also agreed to bring the item back for further consideration in June 2025, when the picture in respect of the policies due to be adopted within Plan 2050 were more clearly defined.

Councillor Thomas proposed an amendment to the recommendation relating to this item as follows:-

It be noted that:

1. The structure of the Central Milton Keynes Alliance Plan (CMKAP) remains sound but would benefit from significant updates to:-
  - Reflect the latest national policy context and the emerging MK City Plan 2050
  - Strengthen focus on climate change, sustainability and biodiversity
  - Extend the plan period to 2050 to align with the emerging MK City Plan 2050

2. Should CMKTC decide to proceed with a review of the CMKAP, the following steps are required by the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations and guidance:

- Commission the necessary evidence-based studies.
- Prepare draft revisions of the policies.
- Conduct community and stakeholder engagement.
- Prepare the draft revised CMKAP.
- Submit the draft revised CMKAP to Milton Keynes Council for review.

3. To avoid a revised CMKAP becoming quickly out of date, following the adoption of the MK City Plan 2050, a major update of the CMKAP should not be commenced until the MK City Plan 2050 is at a post-Reg 19 advanced stage.

This was followed by a second amendment by Councillor Kurth to be considered in addition to the above, as follows:

Any decisions to undertake a major update of the CMKAP should be taken after assessment of the benefits and risks and prior to undertaking any substantive work.

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of both amendments.

**ACTION: Clerk to respond to DLP and to diarise to ensure further consideration of the CMKAP in June 2025**

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

**The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 3 October 2024 at Centrecom Meeting Place**

**Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 5 September 2024**

**Cheques:-**

Centrecom	£	255.00
BMKALC	£	90.00
Warners	£	85.80
Zurich Ins	£	369.96
MK Comm Properties	£	72.00
Warners	£	99.00
MK Islamic Arts	£	500.00
MKCAB	£	4000.00

Sam Carmichael	£	600.00
Eagle Graphics	£	953.00
Caspa	£	67.00
MyMK	£	600.00

**Debit card items:-**

Royal Mail x 2	£	10.50
Royal Mail	£	317.83
Conniburrow petrol station	£	51.22
Microsoft	£	79.99
NESTx3	£	270.06
Googlex2	£	165.00
Adobe x2	£	19.97
Tsohost	£	155.40
Vonage x2	£	10.25
QR code generator	£	63.82

**Monthly Standing Orders:-**

Salariesx2	£	1,908.27
MK Community Propertiesx2	£	606.90
Samantha Carmichael x2	£	500.00

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

**Date**.....