



Central Milton Keynes Town Council Meeting held on 5th December 2024 at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present:

David Stabler (Chair)
Andre Brady (from item 24/137)
Anurag Jain
Rebecca Kurth
Peter Lightfoot
Philip Murphy (on other Town Council business from item 24/138)
Andrew Thomas
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: None

Members of the public: One member of the public was present.

24/129 – Apologies

None

24/130 – Declarations of Interest

None

24/131 - Ratification of Minutes of the November Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

24/132 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 24/15- Mark on to February 2025

Item 24/28- Closed. Councillor Murphy confirmed that he had lodged comments on the Housing Allocation Scheme consultation online.

Item 24/30- Closed
Item 24/31- Closed
Item 24/32- Closed
Item 24/33- Closed
Item 24/34- Closed

24/133 - Representations from the Public

The member of the public present provided an update on efforts to manage the noise issues within the Hub. Additionally, he was critical of the lack of progress in improving the look of Station Square.

24/134 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

24/135 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

24/136 – Precept and balances

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that any commitment to expenditure should be targeted to ensure visible benefit for residents, whether this be simply the town council's actions or working with partners.

The Clerk was requested to bring to the budget meeting a number of 'what if' options for next year's precept.

24/137 – Website Hosting Changes

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was unanimously agreed that the Managed Hosting Service provided by conversationware should be formally accepted.

The cost of £49 per month was approved.

24/138- Remote Meetings Attendance, National Consultation

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

After some consideration, given the broad range of organisations which may respond to the consultation, it was agreed that this should be completed by individual councillors if they wish to do so.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate consultation link

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24/139 – Graffiti

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillors agreed that it was clear that MKCCouncil did not appear to be taking the matter of graffiti removal as a priority, except in the case of sexual or racist graffiti.

After some discussion, it was agreed that a strongly worded letter should be sent to the Assistant Director, Environment, Waste and Commissioning, copied to the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive seeking clarification on what action is being taken to address this increasingly serious blight on the city.

Additionally, enquiries should be made of MyMK to establish whether they have an arrangement with an external company for removal of graffiti within the BID area.

Subject to outcomes of the above, the Clerk to make enquiries of external companies which may be able to provide an 'ad hoc' removal service. Care needs to be taken to ensure that any graffiti removed under such a scheme on private land has the prior approval of the landowner.

ACTION: Clerk to draft letter for Chair and to enquire of MyMk what arrangements, if any, they have made within the BID for graffiti removal.

24/140 – Local Transport Plan

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Thomas provided an update, noting that there had not been a submission of draft proposals to request by delegated decision that consultations on new LTP/MRT plans are commenced this year.

However, it was noted that there is a survey relating to MRT options which is current.

It was agreed that a maximum spend of £10,000 should be allocated to enable instruction of dlp to respond to LTP5 and MRT formal consultations when they are released.

ACTION- Clerk to circulate the link to the MRT survey

24/141 – Portfolio Actions and Budgets

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

It was agreed that the portfolio actions should be brought to an informal meeting, which will be used to consider ideas for projects to be undertaken in the financial year 2025/26. This additional meeting will be held prior to the January formal meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange MPH room for meeting beginning at 5pm.

24/142 – Items for Information

- i) Licensing application- W.H.Smith, Elder Gate
- ii) Changes in Lloyds Bank tariff

The meeting closed at 7.29 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 9th January 2025 at Margaret Powell Housed commencing with an informal meeting at 5pm, to be followed by the formal meeting commencing at 7pm.

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 5 December 2024

Debit card items:-

Royal Mail	£	23.10
Google	£	180.00
Adobe	£	19.97
Vonage	£	10.25
Centrecom	£	+793.45

Online payments:-

Warners	£	114.40
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Cheques:-

Royal Mail	£	119.88
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Monthly Standing Orders:-

Salary	£	1,936.79
MK Community Properties	£	606.90

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....