



## **Central Milton Keynes Town Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes**

### **Present:**

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

**Apologies:** Andre Brady, Andrew Thomas

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

### **24/111 – Apologies**

Councillors Brady and Thomas tendered their apologies for the meeting.

### **24/112 – Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Lightfoot declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 24/123.

### **24/113 - Ratification of Minutes of the October Town Council meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

### **24/114 - 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 December

Item 24/21- Closed

Item 24/25- Closed  
Item 24/26- Closed  
Item 24/27- Closed  
Item 24/28- Mark on to December  
Item 24/29- Closed

**24/115 - Representations from the Public**

The member of the public present undated councillors on the residents' efforts to reduce the noise pollution from the bars and restaurants on the ground floor of The Hub. He said that they had been successful in lobbying for changes in the licensing for the new club/restaurant in place of Oscars. He agreed to continue to update the Town Council on progress. The ward councillor also expressed his concerns over the continued issues with noise in the area.

**24/116 - Finance Paper**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

**24/117 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

**24/118 – Budget/actuals- haf yearly reveiew**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

**24/119 – Precept and balances**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Discussion ensued regarding the trends shown on the graphs and how future precept requests should be determined.

The Clerk was requested to add two columns to the table, showing operational expenditure each year and sums transferred to reserves.

Councillors agreed that informal discussions should take place in December regarding the possible projects which could be considered for inclusion in the budget projections for the year 2025/26.

Initial thoughts were that a graffiti removal company could be engaged and that a 'surgery' for residents could be held at The Almere.

A further paper will be brought forward for consideration at the December meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk to add columns to the table and to circulate the Good Councillor's Guide.**

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### **24/120- CEO Sleepout Donation**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The donation of £250 was ratified.

### **24/121 – Grant application**

The clerk noted that the grant request from MK Xmas Christmas party for the elderly had been withdrawn, as the event would not be taking place this year.

### **24/122 – Additional CMK Landscaping**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should seek a meeting with Phil Snell and councillors. The aim would be to determine what value would be added by the town council providing additional funding support to MKCCouncil to enhance its maintenance contract.

**ACTION- Clerk to pursue dates for a meeting**

### **24/123 – Grant Award support for UnityMK**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Lighfoot introduced the item, explaining the urgent need for support to enable the 'night shelter' service to operate effectively over this winter.

The Operations Manager for UnityMK was then introduced and spoke of the background to the charity, the work it has done and its plans for the future, given the growing need for its services.

The service is the last stop for the homeless in MK and is desperately needed.

After some consideration it was unanimously agreed that the sum of a maximum of £8,000 per annum for a 3 year period should be made available to enable the lease of a minivan for use to transport users as required and for other purposes. The lease would be taken by UnityMK and all liability for this would rest with them. The funding would be by way of a 3 year grant award commitment.

The above agreement to be subject to the clerk undertaking checks on the charity via the Charities Commission and advising councillors accordingly.

**ACTION- Clerk to examine UnityMK's submission to the Charities Commission**

**24/124 – Confidential Item**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted and the salary increase ratified.

**24/125 – Possible Change of Date for December meeting**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the date of the December meeting would remain as Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Additionally, it was agreed that the Clerk seek dates from councillors for the Christmas lunch, with the preferred location being Brasserie Blanc.

**24/126 – ‘Welcome Newsletter’**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the reprint proceeds, with a print run of 500 copies.

**ACTION- Clerk to arrange for design and printing of ‘Welcome’ newsletter**

**24/127 – Items for Information**

- i) Licensing variation- Garudaa
- ii) Geo-fenced parking zones for electric bikes and scooters

**ACTION- Clerk to advise Hayley Roche of issues with the scheme as advised by the member of the public**

- iii) Press Release
- iv) Update on Jaipur appeal

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

**The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 5 December 2024 at Centrecom Meeting Place**

**Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 7 November 2024**

**Debit card items:-**

Royal Mail	£	23.10
Amazon	£	96.88
NEST	£	90.02
Costco	£	34.06
Google	£	180.00
Adobe	£	19.97
Royal Mail	£	357.59
Vonage	£	10.25

Enthuse	£	275.00
Zoom	£	155.88
Finmere	£	34.70

**Online payments:-**

Thomas Walker-Werth	£	75.00
Warners	£	114.40
MK Marking Systems	£	1,584.48
Centrecom	£	315.00
dlp	£	3,816.00
Eagle Graphics	£	1,041.00
Jon Muncaster	£	1,000.00

**Cheques:-**

BMKALC	£	50.00
HM Design	£	100.00
Samantha Carmichael	£	600.00
Green Gym	£	1,000.00

**Monthly Standing Orders:-**

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

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

**Date**.....