



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council  
Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
at Centrecom Meeting Place  
Central Milton Keynes**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:** Philip Murphy

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

**25/059 – Apologies**

Councillor Murphy extended his apologies for the meeting.

**25/060 – Declarations of Interest**

The Clerk declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Item 25/070.

**25/061 - Ratification of Minutes of the March Town Council meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

**25/062 - 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- Closed

Item 24/15- Closed- Councillor Lightfoot explained that upon further investigation there are two map offerings currently in operation, from MyMK and 'Look Again'.

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It is difficult to see how the expenditure of developing and keeping a further iteration of a CMK map up to date would be a worthwhile use of funds. Accordingly, the project is closed.

Item 25/09- Closed.

Item 25/10- Closed.

**ACTION- A new item to be raised to enable the Working Party to report back in July.**

Item 25/11- Closed.

### **25/063 - Representations from the Public**

The member of the public declined to speak at this juncture.

### **25/064 - Finance Paper**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

### **25/065 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

**ACTION- Councillor Murphy to be invited to attend the 24/06 meeting**

### **25/066 – Year end accounts**

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

### **25/067 – Parish Assembly**

Councillors noted that, once again, there was a minimal attendance at the Parish Assembly. It was agreed that the venue worked well and it was hoped that through more active resident engagement measures in the forthcoming year the attendance going forward would be greater than of late.

### **25/068- Appointment of an Internal Auditor**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The appointment of Helen Mortimer as internal auditor for the year 2024/25 was unanimously agreed.

### **25/069- Strategy for Resident Engagement**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Lightfoot spoke to the paper, noting that the town council is not connecting with its residents and suggesting the following ways forward:-

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- Active use of the 'Welcome to CMK' newsletter for new residents.
- This can only be achieved by working with the current and new apartment blocks to engage their internal communication options to tenants.
- Residents to be encouraged to sign up for newsletter by email. The necessary GDPR compliant structure to hold details will need to be set up in conjunction with Conversationware, our web hosts.
- Councillor Lightfoot and other councillors to meet with the block owners where possible.

The member of the public indicated that in his block the newsletters were left on top of the 'pigeon holes' rather than placed in each one.

### **ACTION- Clerk to clarify delivery instructions issued by Royal Mail**

#### **25/070- Grant request, Centrecom**

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The Clerk left the room for this item. Notes were recorded by Councillor Kurth.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that, whilst the Town Council was not unhappy to assist with the cost of the replacement heating/coolant system in the hall, it was unhappy that the landlord, MKCCouncil, does not appear prepared to replace the system as requested. This has been installed for at least 20 years and has become unreliable.

The following response was agreed, to be signed by the Chair and forwarded to Centrecom, MKCouncil and ward councillors:-

'CMK Town Council is concerned that the heating /cooling system in this key community facility is not functioning effectively due to its age, and needs to be replaced by MKCCouncil as the landlords for the building.

However, in recognition of the importance of the centre to local and MK residents, the Town Council would consider making a reasonable contribution towards the replacement costs, if the landlord and Centrecom do the same.'

#### **25/071 – Items for Information**

The papers were noted, as previously circulated.

- i) Parishes Assembly 13 March 2025 minutes
- ii) Together We Can- final document

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

**The next monthly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Centrecom Meeting Place**

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**Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 8 May 2025**

**Debit card items:-**

Google	£	204.02
Adobe	£	19.97
Vonage	£	10.25
NEST	£	95.11
Royal Mail	£	23.10
Events Calendar	£	142.78
Lloyds Bank	£	4.25
Royal Mail	£	307.32

**Online payments:-**

Friends of Conniburrow Ctre	£	500.00
Centrecom	£	315.00
DLP	£	1,850.76
Helen Mortimer	£	415.00
Warners of Bedford x2	£	114.40
	£	114.40
Christine Andrews x2	£	37.00
	£	30.00
MK Community Choir	£	500.00
Rialtas Business Systems	£	243.60

**Monthly Standing Orders:-**

Salary	£	1,979.57
MK Community Properties	£	606.90
Samantha Carmichael	£	500.00
Conversationware	£	58.80

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

**Date.....**