Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 8th August 2013
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present: Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
Charles Ashbury
Andre Brady
Linda Inoki
Andrew Thomas
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: None

Absent : Ken Baker, Ramo Erdogan,

Members of the public: None

	Minutes	Actions
1	**Welcome & Apologies**. The Chair reminded councillors of the need to complete the business by 7pm to enable attendance at the MKCouncil Development Control Committee meeting.	
2	**Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting** The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 11 July 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by Councillor Thomas, who had been present for all the previous meeting.	
3	**Matters Arising** -The Clerk advised that flags would cost in the region of £200 plus any design fees. He was asked to enquire whether there would be a charge levied by MKCouncil if flags were flown at Station Square. It was agreed that in principle the sum of £300 be made available to purchase a flag. - The response to the Elder Gate paper remained outstanding. It was agreed that the response should still be prepared at the earliest opportunity. - Councillor Ashbury advised that he had been informed that the lighting for the cycle sheds could not be improved due to the limited voltage available to the area. The priority for use of the available voltage is the bus shelters, hence the cycle sheds cannot be more adequately lit. - Councillor Ashbury reported that cyclists did not wish the existing secure cycle shelters to be relocated. It was agreed that the matter be raised with the Police and MKCCM at the next safety meeting.	PC AT
4	**Finance Paper** The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. It was noted that a Business Debit Card had been obtained, which would enable current and future internet-based expenditure to be processed via this solution. It was noted that at this time a full online banking facility had	

	not been requested. It was agreed that a third signatory be added to the account. Andrew Thomas agreed to be that signatory, which proposal was accepted unanimously. The Clerk to progress.	
5	**Landscape Maintenance & Associated Services** The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. Plans of the green spaces which would come into any such contract were tabled, and will be circulated by email to all councillors. After some discussion it was agreed that the Town Council would not proceed with Option 2, but would like to explore Option 3 further. This allows for contract negotiation by MKCouncil, with a devolution of the management of the contract to the Town Council. The Clerk was requested to enquire what the historic levels of spend on the maintenance of the parish have been, the term of any contract, what quality standards pertain and regularity of the works to be undertaken.	PC
6	**Community Rights to Buy** Papers confirming the agreement to community right to buy in respect of the market and the Buszy were noted, as previously circulated.	
7	**Licensing- Byron Hamburgers** The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.	
8	**Any Other Business** - Councillor Inoki noted that she would be dealing with publicity matters on an ad hoc basis and would not be producing a publicity plan, as she had been too busy with other Town Council work to do so. - Councillor Inoki proposed a mailshot to residents consisting of two sides A4 folded. The cost for an 1800 print run was projected at £170, and this sum was agreed. - Councillor Brady advised that he had identified a couple of people who might be able to provide office support initially on a voluntary work experience basis. However, one had asked if the cost of bus travel to and from the office could be covered. This was estimated at £14 per week and the Town Council agreed to this proposal, subject to the applicant working for at least 2 hours each week in the office.	
	The meeting closed at 7.00pm **The next meeting to be held on Thursday 5 September at Centrecom commencing at 6pm.**	