Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 7th November 2013
At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes

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

Apologies: None

Members of the public: One (for part of the meeting only)

	Minutes	Actions
1	**Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting** The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 10 October 2013 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such, subject to the following amendment:- Item 5 Para 3 to read 'It was understood that the film….'	
2	**Matters Arising** - Councillors noted that the parking issue is also a concern in Albion and Dalgin Place. A response from Sara Bailey indicating that the issue of double yellow lines on Adelphi Street was being considered to be conveyed to the members of the public who raised the issue. Councillor Ashbury advised that he has been placing notices on cars parked incorrectly in the area, which has resulted in two emails of complaint. The Clerk to clarify the legal position regarding the use of the flyers. - The Clerk provided details of the cost of installation of rubbish bins and noted that should the Town Council move forward with this idea MKCouncil would need to be consulted regarding whether they would adopt these and empty them. It was agreed that provision of rubbish bins should not be the responsibility of the Town Council and councillors agreed to pursue with MKCCM in the first instance. - The Clerk outlined the cost of a formal chain of office. Councillors discussed whether a chain of office is needed, and if so whether this should be one produced by national manufacturers in the standard form. After some discussion a vote was taken on the principle of seeking to pursue development of some symbol of office. The vote was won, with 4 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions. It was agreed that Councillor Inoki pursue local alternatives to a formal chain of office and report back to the Town Council in due course. - The two oak trees partly within David Lock Associates' property were discussed. The Clerk confirmed that the matter was still being investigated by MKDP, who were seeking guidance on a way forward. The Town Council was advised that a report on the condition of the trees had been	PC RK/AB LI

	completed for MKDP and it was agreed to await further developments. A member of the public joined the meeting at this time. - Councillor Brady reported on his meeting with JCC Media. He noted that the group use local young people in every aspect of developing, making and compiling a short film. A minimum of 10 young people from the local parish will be sought to be involved in the project, and if the Town Council was to sponsor the project it would be encouraged to be involved as well. It was noted that the end result would not necessarily be of a quality that would mean that film could be used by the Town Council and that the grant was more about the process and learns for the young people rather than the outcome being of a professional standard. A vote was taken on a proposal to grant JCC Media the sum of £1000, to be made available in three increments. The vote was won with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions. An advert to be posted in a newsletter seeking interested young people. Councillor Brady to follow the project through. - Due to the attendance of a member of the public the issue of parking in and around Adelphi Street was again discussed. The member of the public stated that she was very pleased that the Town Council had taken her previous request for action seriously and noted that the inconsiderate parking in the area had reduced since the interventions. The member of the public left the meeting at this juncture. - The response to the Elder Gate paper remained outstanding. It was agreed that this matter was now historical and that a response at this late date would not be of any value.	AB
3	**Finance Paper** The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. The Chair noted that after working with Dropbox she had decided that the system was not flexible enough to support the functions the Town Council will require and was cancelling the contract within the 30 day period necessary for a full refund. Google Drive is to be tested as a free alternative.	
4	**Update on Business Neighbourhood Plan** The Chair noted that she had written twice to the Examiner seeking an indication of a date for the examination of the BNPlan. A response was awaited.	
5	**Newsletter for November** It was agreed that a newsletter should be produced during November. Items to be included to be discussed via email, with councillors being asked to write a small piece on selected subjects. Additionally it was agreed that a quarterly timetable be adopted for production of newsletters going forward.	LI
6	**Hi Vis Vests** The Chair suggested that the Town Council purchase 10 hi vis vests with the name on the reverse. The Clerk to pursue.	PC
7	**Milton Keynes Road Safety Consultation** The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. It was noted that this was a borough-wide strategy, with no specific	

	mention of CMK. Councillor Thomas agreed to consider the document and advise the Clerk should there be any areas requiring input.	AT
8	**Licensing** The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.	
9	**Taxi Licensing Policy** The paper, as tabled, was noted. The Chair agreed to consider the consultation document, noting that any feedback should be provided by February.	RK
10	**Any Other Business** - The Chair reported on a recent meeting with the Chief Executive of MKCCM where the matter of fly tipping on South Row and occasionally also North Row was discussed. She agreed to circulate a letter in respect of fly tipping with the newsletter, or include the issue within the text. - The Future City exhibition at the Gallery will involve activities on 12 and 19 December to be followed by a discussion chaired by Councillor Kurth on 'My vision for CMK going forward'. - Councillors Thomas and Kurth will be attending a meeting of the CMK Primary Shopping Area Study Group, which will include representatives from landowners and MK Council. - Councillor Inoki reported that she had represented the Town Council at a visit from the Shadow Planning Minister. Councillor Inoki gave a presentation on CMK and the BNPlan, following which the Shadow Minister requested a copy of the BNPlan. - Councillor Inoki noted that she had heard that there is to be a consultation on how public consultations are conducted. The Clerk to pursue. - Councillor Ashbury noted that there had begun to be some fly tipping on Albion Place and that this was partly the result of 30% of the lights being out in the area. Councillor Ashbury to provide information to enable the issue to be pursued. It was also noted that most of the portes cochere remained unlit. - Councillor Baker spoke of formative plans to develop Milton Keynes as the City of Trees. He noted that this idea had not received support from the Chief Executive of MKCouncil, but that others had been receptive. The idea will be developed with a view to a launch in 2017 coinciding with 50 years of Milton Keynes and the European Year of the Tree. - Councillor Erdogan raised concerns regarding the lack of public toilets facilities outside of the centre:mk. It was agreed that this was a difficult issue which needs to be pursued, but was deferred for a future discussion. - Councillor Brady noted that the office was developing well, and that the work study student was proving of value. The possibility of acquiring a computer for the office was discussed, noting that the funding for this had been agreed. - It was agreed that the Grace Academy should be included on the next agenda.	PC PC
11	**In Camera Items** Two items of a sensitive nature were discussed.	
12	**The meeting closed at 9.00pm** **The next meeting to be held on Thursday 5 December at Centrecom commencing at 6pm.**	