**Central Milton Keynes Town Council**
**Meeting held on 21st August 2014**
**At Centrecom, 602 North Row, Central Milton Keynes**

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

**Apologies:** None

**In attendance:** Paul Williams (Ward Councillor)
1 member of the public, for part of meeting

| | Minutes | Actions |
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| 1 | **Apologies & Declarations of Interest**<br>The Clerk registered a declaration of interest in respect of item 5. | |
| 2 | **Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting**<br>The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 10 July 2014 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair, subject to the following amendment:-<br>Item 5 para 5- Replace 'consider a committee' with 'consider an approach'. | |
| 3 | **Matters Arising & Outstanding Items**<br>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.<br><br>Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:-<br>Items 026, 033, 034, 036, 038 and 039 completed.<br>Item 037 to be closed. | |
| 4 | **Finance Paper**<br>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. | |
| 5 | **Community Facility, Section 106 Factfinding Report**<br>The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.<br><br>Councillor Brady introduced the Pitch proposal, noting that the addition of a community facility would enhance resident access to a community hall. He noted that MKCouncil appeared to be open to discussing how this might best be accommodated within the pitch facility.<br><br>Councillor Inoki introduced the Gallery proposal, noting that matters were still flexible and that, although the terrace space is unique, there were other options which could be pursued within the project. | |

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| | Concern was expressed that the control the Town Council would not have a great deal of input and control over the extra elements of either project. It was also noted that both projects will proceed without the S106 monies<br><br>The Town Council then considered the 3 options before them.<br><br>Options 1 and 3 did not receive support.<br><br>A proposal that the Town Council chooses one of the projects and moves forward with that received some support.<br><br>An alternative option that the Town Council should defer any decision whilst exploring whether it could develop its own plans for use of the funds was proposed. This proposal was seconded.<br><br>A vote was taken on the alternative proposal and this option was agreed by 4 votes in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions.<br><br>Accordingly, the Clerk was requested to write to both projects indicating that at this time they would not be able to support leveraging the S106 monies towards their projects. | |
| 6 | **Grant Applications**<br>The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.<br><br>**Mediation Works MK**<br>Councillor Brady noted that the application was a revised one and was about getting the word out about the organisation.<br><br>A proposal that the application was declined was made by Councillor Thomas and seconded by Councillor Baker.<br><br>An alternative proposal that the sum of £200 be made available to the group for a seminar was made by Councillor Bowman and seconded by Councillor Brady.<br><br>A vote was taken and it was agreed by 4 votes in favour, 2 against and an abstention that the sum of £200 be provided for a seminar.<br><br>It was also agreed that the organisation should be promoted via the website and newsletter.<br><br>**CHRA**<br>The sum of £600 as requested was unanimously agreed.<br><br>It was agreed that for a capital purchase the Clerk should request a copy of the invoice once the funds have been spent.<br><br>Additionally, all groups should be asked to submit a report or photo reflecting how the monies have been spent. | PC |
| 7 | **Planning Matters**<br>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.<br><br>The Town Council noted the decision of centre:mk to disregard the collaborative efforts of the Town Council and stakeholders to develop an improved scheme.<br><br>It was agreed that a flyer should be developed to be distributed to residents to encourage them to lodge their comments in respect of the John Lewis car | |

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| | park scheme on the planning portal. However, it was agreed that the drafting of the flyer was not in the remit of the Planning Committee, which would be lodging its own formal objections to the planning application.<br><br>Councillor Thomas drew councillors' attention to the fact that the Town Council should not be seen to be against multi storey car parks as such, since these feature within the BNPlan.<br><br>It was noted that Councillor Bowman had drafted some comments to inform residents of Adelphi Street which could be used as the basis for the flyer and that this should be circulated to councillors for comment and input.<br><br>The proposed sum of £300 to be allocated to the flyer was agreed by a majority of 6 in favour and 1 against with a contingency sum of an additional £150 should this be required. | |
| 8 | **Working Party- Residents' Services Terms of Reference**<br>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.<br><br>The terms of reference were unanimously agreed as stated. | |
| 9 | **CMK Alliance Business Neighbourhood Plan Referendums**<br>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.<br><br>The Town Council noted the intention of MKCouncil to hold a borough-wide referendum.<br><br>The proposal that the Steering Group be delegated to consider the response to that decision was not accepted. It was agreed that the Steering Group has considered its preference in respect of referendums before, and that no value could be added by convening the group again at this time.<br><br>It was agreed that the Town Council accepts the intended decision and simply requests that there should be no further prevarication. | |
| 10 | **MBE Implementation Board/Steering Group**<br>This item was deferred. | |
| 11 | **Website and Newsletter Update**<br>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.<br><br>A member noted that care needed to be taken to ensure that there is sufficient editorial oversight of the website to create a consistent feel.<br><br>The process for producing the newsletter was unanimously agreed, subject to an amendment which cited the new communications officer as having responsibility for liaison with councillors to obtain content and to maintain oversight. | |
| 12 | **Potential Job Roles**<br>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.<br><br>It was agreed that the Resources Working Party should have responsibility for delegated decisions relating to the development of contracts and related matters. | |
| 13 | **Items for Noting**<br>**i) Nana Sagoe**<br>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. | |

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| | **ii) Licence Variations**<br>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.<br><br>**iii) Changes to CMK Handbook**<br>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.<br><br>Councillor Thomas noted that the Handbook was approved by Cabinet when drafted, but any changes are now undertaken under Delegated Decision.<br><br>The Clerk was requested to enquire of Neil Sainsbury whether there are any changes currently being considered and to seek confirmation that the new contractor engaged will be working within the guidelines of the current Handbook.<br><br>**iv) Walkways around centre:mk**<br>The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.<br><br>It was agreed that Councillor Bowman and Kurth would work with the Clerk to pursue this matter to obtain further clarification on the guidance issued. | PC<br><br>RK, HI, PC |
| 14 | **The meeting closed at 8.15pm**<br><br>**The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 11th September at Centrecom commencing at 6pm.** | |