



Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 11th October 2018
At Centrecom Meeting Place, Central Milton Keynes

Present: Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
 Hilarie Bowman
 Andre Brady (to item 171/18)
 Linda Inoki
 Oya Discombe
 Andrew Thomas (from item 164/18)
 Thomas Walker (Deputy Clerk) (to 176/18)
 Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Ramo Erdogan

In attendance: None

	Minutes	Actions
161/18	Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Erdogan	
162/18	Declarations of Interest No additional declarations of interest were advised. In line with Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, it was noted that Items 176/18 will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to contractual matters and the Town Council therefore unanimously resolved that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from this item. Item 173/18 was removed from the meeting's papers.	
163/18	Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council on 13 th September 2018 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair, subject to the following amendment:- Item 157/18 para 3- insert 'in principle' after 'pilot'.	
164/18	Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. Councillor Thomas arrived during this item. Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:- Item 17/072- Mark on for review in November Item 18/006- Mark on for review in February 2019 Item 18/018- Closed Item 18/022- Mark on for review in November Item 18/031- Mark on for review in November	

	Item 18/033- Mark on for review in December Item 18/041- Mark on for review in November Item 18/045- Mark on for review in November Item 18/054- Mark on for review in November Item 18/056- Mark on for review in December Item 18/059- Mark on for review in November Item 18/060- Closed Item 18/061- Closed Item 18/062- Closed Item 18/063- Closed Item 18/064- Closed	
165/18	Representations from Public There were no members of the public present at the time of this item.	
166/18	Finance Paper The papers, as previously circulated, were noted. The Clerk reported that the External Audit had been returned with no comments.	
167/18	Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.	
168/18	Events Plateau The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. The actions of the Working Party in terminating the project were ratified and the closure of the Working Party confirmed. The Chair thanked those councillors who had been part of the Working Party from the start of the project and those who had joined latterly for their hard work and commitment to the project. She noted that ward councillors had been supportive of the decision to terminate the project given the circumstances. She commented that the Town Council should be proud that it achieved Planning Permission on the project, albeit that factors have since meant that the project is not able to proceed.	
169/18	Land at Smithson's Place The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. It was agreed that:- - discussions regarding the Heads of Terms should now proceed. - a Working Party would be formed. - Members of the Working Party would be:- Councillors Bowman, Discombe, Brady, Kurth and the Clerk. - Councillor Kurth assume the role of 'lead'. The Chair reminded councillors that the expiry date of the next tranche of s106 monies is August 2020.	
170/18	Service Delivery of Landscape Maintenance The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.	

	The Chair noted that this was an important decision, but did not have a high level of financial risk. The following points were made during the discussion on the paper:- • What is new that was not considered when the previous decision not to proceed was made? • What will be seeking to gain by opting to take over the contract? • How much would it cost to return the neglected landscape to an acceptable standard? • If the Town Council takes over the contract with the current grant we will receive all the complaints and without further precept increases will not be in a position to address these. • This is part of a wider devolution agenda. • The contract can be handed back with six months' notice • A difference approach which could serve the Town Council better could be to enhance the specification. This could enable the Town Council to support the CMK Renaissance agenda and be part of that discussion. • If the Town Council takes the contract on it will receive all the brickbats. Walking away from the contract at a future date would not bring any credit. • £49k is not sufficient to do what needs to be done. How would the contract oversight be undertaken? At this juncture a Recorded Vote was requested, the outcome of which was:- In favour- Councillor Kurth Against- Councillors Brady, Discombe and Thomas Abstain- Councillors Bowman and Inoki. The recommendation was not accepted and the contract will remain with MKCouncil. Councillor Brady left the meeting at this juncture.	
171/18	Community Infrastructure Fund- Landscape Enhancement Proposal The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. The Chair noted that the request is for match funding of £5000 to begin the process of replanting planters in entrances to residential blocks. This sum has been allocated in this year's budget for landscape enhancement. A comment was made that professional advice would be required to select the appropriate planting. This could be achieved working with MKCouncil's landscaping team and would be a positive way to make a visible difference. The proposal to prepare a CIF application was approved unanimously. The proposal to establish a working party was not felt necessary at this time and it was agreed that Officers would work with the Chair to develop the application in the first instance.	PC/TW/RK

172/18	CMK Community Enabler The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. Councillor Bowman introduced the paper, noting that the costs had been advised by Community Action, reflecting not merely the enabler's costs, but Community Action's oversight costs monitoring the programme. Concerns were expressed over the cost, particularly if the role might be extended after the six month pilot, and the limited role proposed for the enabler comparative to that undertaken by the street warden agreement with MKCCM. Votes were taken on the three proposals, all of which were approved by 4 votes in favour with 1 abstention:- • Agreement to support a CMK Community Enabler pilot. • The budget should not exceed £7k for the pilot. • Councillors Bowman, Kurth and the Clerk to bring back a draft agreement to the November meeting for further consideration.	HB/RK/PC
173/18	This item was removed for the papers.	
174/18	Hotel La Tour Prospective Stopping Up The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. Councillor Thomas outlined the background to the request. The proposal, with one amendment as below, was approved unanimously. Councillors agreed in principle to object to any Stopping Up Order which seeks to impact public access to the front of the Hotel La Tour site.	
175/18	Items for Information The papers, as previously circulated, were noted. a) Draft Planning Committee meeting minutes 25 September 2018 The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. b) Licensing Variation- Station Square Premier News The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. c) Licensing- Mr. Teapot The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. d) 'Leads' for Working Parties The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. e) Clerk's Time Log The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. f) Deputy Clerk/ Communications Officer's Time Log The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.	

	g) Actions Process for Enquiries/Requests Received The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. The Lead of the Residents' Services Working Party noted that she will consider the paper further. h) Dates for Town Council meetings 2019 The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. Councillors noted that next year's regular meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month. i) Parishes Forum meeting minutes 13 September 2018 The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. i)Parishes Clean-up Fund The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. ii)Armed Forces Covenant The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. iii)Do the Honours The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. At this juncture the Chair noted that last year the Town Council agreed to purchase an Armistice Day wreath and requested that Chair's Action be agreed to enable a wreath to be purchased for this year's ceremony, in sum of £50. The request was unanimously agreed. Councillor Thomas agreed to once again lay the wreath on behalf of the Town Council. iv)Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme Briefing The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. j) MKALC meeting minutes 22 May 2018 The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. k) Chair of RoRE The paper, as previously circulated, was noted. The Deputy Clerk left the meeting at this juncture.	PC
176/18	CONFIDENTIAL ITEM The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.	
177/18	Items for Next Agenda:- None. The meeting closed at 8.10pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 8th November 2018 at Centrecom Meeting Place.	

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 11 October 2018**Financial Items**

A list of expenses incurred, authorised at the Town Council meeting, is provided below:-

Cheques:-

MK Community Properties	£	40.80
MK Community Properties	£	506.94
Centrecom	£	380.00
PKF Littlejohn	£	1,200.00

Debit card items:-

NEST	£	58.53
Vonage	£	10.22
Google	£	46.20
Tsohost	£	5.99
Carluccios	£	90.00
Post office	£	5.05
	£	11.20
Office Outlet	£	3.89
Solopress	£	34.00

Standing order:-

Salaries	£2,710.00
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Chair's Signature.....

Date.....