Central Milton Keynes Town Council

Meeting held on 3rd November 2022

at Centrecom, North Row, Central Milton Keynes

Present:
Rebecca Kurth (Chair)
Peter Lightfoot
Andrew Thomas
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Andre Brady, Mary Moore, Philip Murphy, David Stabler

In attendance: One member of the public.

22/129 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Brady, Moore, Murphy and Stabler. Councillor Kurth, as vice Chair, assumed the Chair.

22/130 – Declarations of Interest

None

22/131 - Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

22/132- Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 22/45- Closed
Item 22/46- Closed
Item 22/47- Mark on to January
Item 22/53- Closed
Item 22/54- Closed
Item 22/55- Closed
Item 22/56- Mark on to January

22/133 - Representations from the Public

None at this juncture.

22/134- Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Clarification was provided in respect of the sponsorship agreement with CMK Green Gym.

22/135 - Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

The paper, as tabled, was noted.

22/136 – Budgets/actuals for the half year

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The budget adjustments and half yearly accounts were noted.

Scoping Exercises

CMK Neighbourhood Plan

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Thomas noted that he had spoken to an expert in the area who had indicated that the Plan would need a substantive change, and would be a significantly slimmer document under current legislation. It was suggested that the Town Council should seek to engage an Examiner to undertake the scoping exercise on our behalf.

It was noted that work had been undertaken on the level of recent and prospective office to residential conversions. It was agreed that this should be shared with Councillor Lightfoot for input.

ACTION: Councillor Kurth to explore possible candidates for the work.

ACTION: Clerk to append Councillor Thomas' paper to any subsequent agenda item on the work.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate work undertaken by Thomas Walker- Werth on increases in housing in the parish to Councillor Lightfoot.

Parking Strategy

Councillor Thomas noted that when previous workshops were held to move this issue forward the lack of data was an issue. However, with the installation of the electronic parking sensors by MKCouncil, this information should now be accessible. It was agreed that Councillor Thomas raise the progress on the Parking Strategy at a meeting with MKCouncil in early December.

ACTION: Councillor Thomas to report back following meeting on 5 December.

22/137 – Planning application Validation Requirements Consultation

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The response, as indicated, was agreed.

22/138- Grant Applications

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

i) YMCA

The grant request was considered by councillors. The sum of £500 was agreed for equipment to enable sports activities to take place. Councillors agreed that if the equipment is to be stored in a specific cupboard there should be acknowledgement of the grant award in the vicinity.

ii) Friends of Conniburrow Children's Centre

The grant request was considered by councillors. The sum of £284 was agreed.

22/139- 'Horizons' Project Proposal

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the request for funding should be declined.

It was felt that the proposal was reliant upon audio contributions and that this would not work within the See:MK facility.

It was also the view that the proposal would not be sufficiently CMK-focussed.

Councillors agreed that they remain supportive of more content for the space, but that this needs to be more visual and CMK-specific.

22/140- Coordinating Councillors & Portfolios

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The Clerk advised councillors that Councillor Moore had indicated her willingness to take over the coordination of the Residents' Services portfolio.

Councillor Lightfoot agreed to take over coordination of the Communications portfolio.

It was agreed that the detailed portfolios should be brought forward to the December meeting at which time consideration will be given to the practicalities of the projects previously agreed and budget sums discussed for the forthcoming year.

ACTION: Clerk to bring forward detailed portfolios to the December meeting.

22/141 Planters on Silbury Boulevard

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The proposal from the CMK Green Gym to replace the box hedge in one of the planters was agreed. The Green Gym to work up proposals in conjunction with the Strategic Landscape and Countryside Manager.

22/142 - Items for Information

i) Minutes from the September Planning Committee meeting
ii) 2023 Meeting dates
iii) Licensing application- Itsu, Midsummer Arcade
iv) Land abutting Solstice Apartments Enforcement Notice

Councillor Thomas noted that the document is a Notice of a Planning Enforcement Investigation.

v) Parishes Forum presentation- Environment and Waste
vi) Parishes Forum presentation- Code of Conduct

22/143- Items for the next agenda

None.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 1st December 2022 at Centrecom Meeting Place.

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 3 November 2022
Cheques:-

MK Community Foundation	£	36.00
MK Community Foundation	£	21.60

Warners	£	76.44
CMK Green Gym	£	700.00
BMKALC	£	35.00
BMALC	£	50.00
Centrecom	£	180.00

Debit card items :-

Google	£	1.59
Google	£	106.26
Tsohost	£	5.99
NEST	£	74.85
Vonage	£	10.25
Newsletter	£	44.04
Royal Mail	£	251.86
Currys	£	10.35
Costco	£	28.18
Amazon	£	31.90
Zoom!	£	143.88

Monthly Standing Orders:-

Salaries	£	2,050.00
MK Community Properties	£	559.30

Chair's Signature……. Date…….

Chair's Initials……