



Central Milton Keynes Town Council Meeting held on 6th November 2025 at Centrecom Meeting Place Central Milton Keynes

Present:

David Stabler (Chair)
Minhi Chun
Rebecca Kurth
Peter Lightfoot
Andrew Thomas
Helen Mortimer (Acting Clerk)

Apologies: Andre Brady, Anurag Jain, Philip Murphy

Members of the public: Two members of the public were present.

25/129 – Apologies

Councillors Brady, Jain and Murphy extended their apologies for the meeting.

25/130 – Declarations of Interest

None.

25/131 - Ratification of Minutes of the October Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

25/132 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 25/23- Closed. Councillor Lightfoot and a member of the public provided updates.

Item 25/25- Mark on to January

Item 25/27- Closed

Item 25/28- Closed

Item 25/29- Closed

Item 25/30- Mark on to December

25/133- Representations from the Public

None

25/134 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

25/135 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

25/136 – Half yearly accounts

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Lightfoot was commended on the community van, a picture of which was circulated. The Chair provided details of a BBC Look East reporter, suggesting that he contact her as this could be combined with coverage of the CEO sleep out event.

Councillor Chun enquired regarding the residents' forum, the details of which Councillor Kurth clarified.

25/137 – CEO Sleepout

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Lightfoot reported that he was sleeping out as part of this initiative on 13th November. The sum of £250 + fees was approved to be donated to the initiative, as last year.

25/138 – Meeting with MKYMCA

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillor Kurth reported that the public space on floor 14 of Hotel La Tour had not been utilised for the public benefit. Obstacles to this occurring had been encountered by the curatorial group, and no progress has been made. This has primarily been due to blocking from MKCCouncil.

She continued that the multi-media space, consisting both of screens and floor space, needs to be made to work for the benefit of the public.

The proposal to work initially with the MK Islamic Arts Council to produce material to activate the space by using the £5,000 'Arts Strategy' budget linked to the £9,000 'Staffing for special projects' budget to enable this project to be developed was unanimously approved.

It was further agreed that the time frame for the project could be a 3-6 month delivery period and that Linda Inoki is employed to undertake the development and management of the project in collaboration with Hotel La Tour and MKIAC.

It was agreed that there was a need to re-define the space from the lift to the bar area. Councillor Lightfoot proposed that a domain name for a website to promote the space should be created and that an article should be included in a forthcoming newsletter.

Concerns were expressed that the 'Big Shop Friday' space under the multi storey car park had not been brought back as a public space. It was felt that the 'collection' of public spaces which have been facilitated by CMK Town Council could be combined into a brand. It was agreed that this approach would require a report and consideration prior to any proposals for action.

ACTION- Clerk to schedule as a separate item for discussion.

25/139 – Sports and leisure working party report re: Downs Barn playing fields

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The background to the proposal was outlined:-

Due to the proposal for development of Campbell Park northside, the Downs Barn Sports Pavillion and Playing Fields in land adjacent to the proposed development was discussed with MKCCouncil Leisure Services. The following comments were made:-

Councillor Stabler noted that Great Linford parish council (GLPC) refused this property under the Asset Transfer scheme. He stated that they had a sufficient number of leisure facilities and decided that there was no need for more. Additionally, it was felt that at least a £100k spend was needed to update the facility when this was considered some years ago.

Clean Slate Christian Football Club hold the lease to 2030. However, the football club ceased to play in 2019, when the sole remaining director took over the lease, keeping the terms and name on the lease as before. The freehold is owned by MKCCouncil. 'Clean Slate' is now a dormant business according to Companies House, but the grass is being maintained at sports field standards to continue to meet the base conditions of the lease.

Councillor Thomas noted that there could be challenges with a cross-Parish Council transaction. Before the proposal is discussed further he observed that

a meeting with GLPC would be required, expressing concern that money will need to be committed before clarity is obtained on the ongoing provenance.

Councillor Thomas continued that there is a need to obtain confirmation in writing that GLPC will not wish to have anything to do with the running of the facility once CMK Town Council takes on the lease, i.e. before any money is spent GLPC councillors need to confirm that they do not wish to run this project instead of CMK Town Council.

Councillor Kurth expressed the wish to have a facility on the Campbell Park side to enable a 'natural' connection across the bridge to both facilities.

Councillor Thomas proposed that, subject to a formal letter from GLPC ascertaining whether they have an interest in developing this site or if they are content that CMK Town Council to do this alone, then a desktop survey could be undertaken. Any further actions would be subject to the appropriate lease being granted by MKCCouncil in its favour in due course.

This proposal was agreed and the following action agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to develop a letter for GLPC in collaboration with the working party.

25/140 Parish assembly

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The meeting at the Almere was approved.

Councillor Lightfoot noted that he would like a leaflet delivered to all residents promoting the event. Social media, the website and notice boards to be engaged.

25/141- Livable cities

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

Councillors noted that this proposal would be Councillor Chun's in her personal capacity, and would not represent Town Council views.

They wished her well with her paper.

25/142 MK City Plan 2050 and possible Development Corporation

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

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Councillor Thomas spoke to this item, making the following observations:-

- The 2050 Plan 'takes a sledgehammer' to CMK. There are two main issues: the Mass Rapid Transport scheme, which will see the demise of the car in CMK, and the potential destruction of the green frame.
- This plan is bigger than any plan before. Twenty consultants have been employed by MKCCouncil to deliver the Plan.
- As councillors are aware, DLP have been engaged to respond to the Plan, but it is clear that they will need extra help on the transport side from their transport arm.
- The Budget item of £37k 'Planning Support' is primarily designated for responses to the Plan.
- There is a need to defend the underpasses
- MKCCouncil had chosen CMK to focus on for 16,000 residences.
- No new builds are planned for outlying areas around north MK for development. There is a need to meet housing targets and CMK is an easy target.

Councillor Lightfoot commented that it is a nonsense, when we have 2,000 residential units approved but not being built, to expect a total of 16,000 units to be built in CMK.

Councillor Stabler noted that this is being driven by the planners, not developers.

Councillor Thomas clarified that the Council is set statutory targets, but MKCCouncil is planning to build more than they are required to, seeking to go above the minimum government targets which is 50,000, with MKCCouncil looking for 59,000.

Councillor Thomas sought agreement to meet with DLP again, any additional cost staying well within the approved budget. This was agreed.

25/143 – Items for Information

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

- i) To note meeting dates for 2026
- ii) Draft minutes of Planning committee meeting 21 October 2025
- iii) Minutes of Parishes Forum 11 September 2025- apologies were extended for the lack of attendance by both councillors.

The meeting closed at 7.52pm.

**The next monthly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday
4th December 2025 at Centrecom Meeting Place**

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Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 6 November 2025

Debit card items:-

Royal Mail	£	26.40
Royal Mail	£	18.30
Vonage	£	10.25
NEST	£	95.11
Google	£	257.60
Lloyds Bank	£	4.25
Zoom	£	155.88

Online payments:-

Warners of Bedford	£	114.40
Helen Mortimer	£	615.80
Christine Andrews	£	37.00
BALC	£	50.00
BALC	£	50.00
Centrecom	£	310.00
CloudyIT	£	144.40

Monthly Standing Orders:-

Salary	£	1,979.57
MK Community Properties	£	606.90
Samantha Carmichael	£	500.00
Conversationware	£	58.80

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....