

Agenda Item 26/003



Central Milton Keynes Town Council Meeting held on 4th December 2025 at Centrecom Meeting Place Central Milton Keynes

Present:

David Stabler (Chair)
Minhi Chun
Anurag Jain
Rebecca Kurth
Philip Murphy
Andrew Thomas
Paul Cranfield (Clerk)

Apologies: Peter Lightfoot

Absent: Andre Brady

Members of the public: Four members of the public were present. Two left the meeting after item 25/155.

25/145 – Apologies

Councillor Lightfoot extended his apologies for the meeting.

25/146 – Declarations of Interest

None.

25/147 - Ratification of Minutes of the November Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair, subject to the following amendment :- The title of item 25/138 should be changed to 'Meeting with MKIAC'.

25/148 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:
Item 24/24- Mark on to June 2026

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Item 25/30- Closed
Item 25/31- Short paper to January meeting
Item 25/32- Mark on to January for report

25/149- Representations from the Public

Concerns were expressed by a member of the public that homeless were beginning to access the stairwells of their building again.

Councillor Kurth proposed that an informal meeting be held with the Chief Executive of MyMK to discuss whether they would be prepared to provide access to their local 'bobbies' on an 'ad hoc' basis as required to address this issue. It was agreed that a conversation would be worthwhile in the first instance.

ACTION- Clerk to arrange meeting with Chief Executive of MyMK

Councillors were advised that work was progressing within a block to transfer the service contract onto a 'Right to Manage' agreement. The member of the public agreed to advise when this was completed and to provide some tips on how to approach the exercise for incorporation in the newsletter.

25/150 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

25/151 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

25/152 – Precept update

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The clerk advised that the tax base for the forthcoming year will be 3,813.87 Band 'D' equivalent properties. Currently the precept yield is £130,000, and this would be increased by some £3,000 per annum if the precept 'ask' per Band 'D' equivalent property remains at the same level next year.

25/153 – Landscaping Update

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillors welcomed the report. However, they requested a 'walkabout' meeting with the Landscaping team to enable them to discuss how the cleared spaces were to be revitalised. Also, they asked that the ash tree not be removed from the corner of Secklow Mound without further discussion.

ACTION- Clerk to arrange walkabout in January

25/154 – Update on Plan 2050 Reg 19

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that there were three main areas of concern for CMK within the Plan 2050 Reg 19 proposals. These are:-

- How to fit the projected number of household units into CMK
- How to also provide employment opportunities and to satisfy social and welfare needs of the high number of residents- namely provision of a surgery, school, pre-school, play areas etc
- How to address the parking needs of a large number of new residents, and to provide a 'fit for purpose' transport system in the space available.

A proposal to delegate the response to the Plan 2050 Reg 19 Local Plan to the Planning Committee was made by Councillor Kurth and seconded by Councillor Jain. The proposal was unanimously supported.

i) NPPF and the Planning and Infrastructure Bill

Councillor Thomas provided an update on the Bill, identifying three aspects of the prospective legislation which may impact upon CMK.

25/155 – WMCC Premier League cricket

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Two representatives of the cricket club were present and responded to questions from councillors. It was agreed that the Town Council supports the concept of bringing this level of cricket to CMK via a one-day event at Campbell Park cricket ground on a Sunday in May/June 2026. This would require access to changing rooms, toilets etc within the pavilion as well as use of the pitch, and side areas where bouncy castles etc could be set up.

The club representatives were asked to estimate the cost of the various elements of the event, and how much would be sought by way of a grant. Additionally, they were requested to make initial enquiries of The Parks Trust regarding availability and cost for provision of the facilities required. Following that they were requested to revert to the Clerk. Councillor Jain agreed to work with the club should the event prove to be possible.

25/156- Grant Request- One Love Luncheon Club

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

After some consideration councillors unanimously agreed that they were unable to support the request for funding on this occasion.

25/157 Portfolio Actions and Budgets

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The portfolio proposals were considered, where possible the Lead speaking to their proposal. The proposals were agreed to be brought forward as part of the budget for 2026/27, subject to the amendments as below:-

i) Communications portfolio

It was agreed that the budget for the newsletter should be increased to include the cost of a trial exercise requiring the newsletters to be inserted in envelopes.

ACTION- Clerk to bring a paper to the January meeting providing an indicative cost increase

ii) Community & Cultural Infrastructure portfolio

An amended paper was tabled.

Councillor Murphy explained the background to the various projects listed.

iii) Governance and Stakeholder Engagement portfolio

Councillor Kurth requested that an additional item be included- that all councillors should have '2 stage verification' on council email accounts.

iv) Planning portfolio

No amendments required.

v) Public Realm, Highways & Movement portfolio

No amendments required.

vi) Residents Services portfolio

Two additional items were requested by the Lead, as follows:-

- Provide assistance to Campbell Wharf residents who might be considering setting up residents' associations.
- Develop a workshop for residents interested in pursuing a 'Right to Manage' for their rental block. The additional cost of this exercise to be a maximum of £1,000.

25/158 – Items for Information

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

- i) Licensing request- Flavourrush Pizza, Lloyds Court
- ii) Licensing request- Mylestone Ltd, Lloyds Court
- iii) Licensing request- Popeyes, Midsummer Place
- iv) Gambling shop request- Boylesports, Midsummer Boulevard
- v) Slides from New Towns Taskforce briefing

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 4 December 2025

Debit card items:-

Royal Mail	£	26.40
Royal Mail	£	119.88
Royal Mail	£	441.14
Vonage	£	10.25
NEST	£	95.11
Google	£	257.60
Lloyds Bank	£	4.25
Sainsbury's	£	36.47
McAfee	£	109.99
Microsoft	£	104.99

Online payments:-

Warners of Bedford	£	114.40
Enthuse	£	281.25
Christine Andrews	£	37.00
BALC	£	50.00
DLP	£	744.12
Eagle Graphics	£	1,101.00
Samantha Carmichael	£	600.00
MK Community Properties	£	96.00

Monthly Standing Orders:-

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

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....

