



Central Milton Keynes Town Council Meeting held on 5th February 2026 at Centrecom Meeting Place Central Milton Keynes

Present:

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

Apologies: Andre Brady, Rebecca Kurth

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

26/021 – Apologies

Councillors Brady and Kurth extended their apologies for the meeting.

26/022 – Declarations of Interest

None.

26/023 - Ratification of Minutes of the January 2026 Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

26/024 - Ratification of Minutes of the Town Council Budget meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

26/025 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 26/02- Mark on to March 2026 Report back by Councillor Murphy.

ACTION- Cllr Murphy to examine slip potential on Station Square

Item 26/03- Mark on to March

Item 26/04- Closed

26/026- Representations from the Public

The members of the public declined to speak.

26/027 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

26/028 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

ACTION- Clerk to circulate papers to go to Delegated Decisions meeting on 24th February re: Park devolution

26/029 – Report on Landscaping Walkabout

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The improvements seen in the 'south streets' were commended.

The ash tree on the library corner of Secklow Mound was discussed further. It was agreed that should it be felt necessary to remove the tree the Town Council is advised of the replacement solution. It was also agreed, in principle, that if necessary the Town Council would consider funding a mature tree, rather than a sapling.

A further walkabout in the Spring is to be scheduled.

26/030- Grant Request MK Pride

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that the current procedure to support applicants of events taking place in CMK for the benefit of many across Milton Keynes should be followed on this occasion. Accordingly, councillors unanimously voted to award MK Pride the sum of £1,000.

26/031 – IT Policy

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

The model policy recommended by NALC was seen by councillors to be much more complex than was actually required to satisfy the needs of the current Town Council. However, the need to adopt the model to satisfy part of the Assertion 10 requirements and its ability to 'future-proof' its functions were noted.

A proposal to adopt the policy was proposed by Councillor Stabler and seconded by Councillor Lightfoot. A vote was taken and resulted in the policy's adoption by 5 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

26/032- New Town Heritage Register Phase 2

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

No comment was made in respect of the proposed list.

It was noted that any item on the heritage register would be considered as a 'non-designated heritage asset' when considering planning applications.

26/033 – Items for Information

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

i) John Lewis car park community space

ACTION- Clerk to contact 'Offset Projects' re their plans for the space

ii) Social Media Annual Report

Councillors welcomed the report. Suggestions were made for additional articles. Samantha Carmichael to be congratulated on her work in 2025.

iii) Understanding 'Sustainable Development' in the NPPF

Councillor Chun was thanked for the informative document. It was agreed that this should be included in Planning Committee papers to inform consideration of new planning applications.

Councillor Thomas noted that NPPF does not require achievement of sustainable development goals, merely that development contributes towards these.

iv) Provision for Education in CMK

Again, Councillor Chun was thanked for the informative document. It was agreed that this document (reformatted) could be shared with the Education Department in MKCCouncil following the outcomes of the Milton Keynes 2050 review to highlight issues raised within the town council's Reg19 response, which noted the lack of provision of services for what may be substantial increases in CMK population.

It was also agreed that this should be included in Planning Committee papers to inform consideration of new planning applications.

ACTION- Clerk to place include both papers in the next Planning Committee papers.

Councillors noted that the same concerns relate to heath provision going forward.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 5 February 2026

Debit card items:-

Royal Mail	£	26.40
	£	29.20
Adobe	£	19.97
Conversationware	£	58.80
Vonage	£	10.25
	£	10.25
NEST	£	95.11
Google	£	257.60
Lloyds Bank	£	4.25
Costco	£	68.19

Online payments:-

Centrecom	£	315.00
Warners of Bedford	£	114.40
Christine Andrews	£	37.00
Helen Mortimer	£	100.00
DLP	£	2,094.54
	£	1,971.60
	£	6,474.42

Monthly Standing Orders:-

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

Chair's Signature..... Date