



**Central Milton Keynes Town Council
Meeting held on 8th January 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: One member of the public was present.

26/001 – Apologies

Councillors Brady and Kurth extended their apologies for the meeting.

26/002 – Declarations of Interest

None.

26/003 - Ratification of Minutes of the December 2025 Town Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chair.

26/004 - Clerk's Report on Outstanding Items

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Updates to the action sheet were agreed, as follows:

Item 25/25- Mark on to March 2026
Item 25/31- Closed
Item 25/32- Closed
Item 25/33- Closed

Item 25/34- Closed

Item 25/35- Closed.

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the evident failings of the delivery system for the newsletter, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to those residents for whom email addresses are held to enquire if they are in receipt of the newsletter. A report back to a later meeting will then determine how best to ensure the newsletter is seen by as many residents as possible.

In the interim it was not felt that the use of envelopes would increase the likelihood of the newsletter being received and read.

ACTION - Clerk to report back on the results of his email enquiries

26/005- Representations from the Public

Information was provided to inform the discussion regarding newsletters.

It was also noted that reports on Facebook state that the new surface on Station Square is proving to be a slip hazard in the colder weather.

This, together with concerns expressed by Councillor Thomas regarding the apparent lack of drainage on the Square surface, resulting in water 'pooling' on the surface were discussed. The Clerk was requested to express these concerns to MKDP and request a response.

ACTION – Clerk to write to MKDP regarding water drainage and slip hazard following the resurfacing of Station Square.

26/006 - Finance Paper

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

26/007 – MKCCouncil Forward Plan Monitoring Sheet

There were no MKCCouncil Forward Plan items for consideration.

26/008 – Downs Barn playing fields and pavilion

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

The support from Great Linford parish council for the proposed course of action was welcomed. A number of concerns were expressed regarding the project, although it was accepted that this was in very early stages and that there was much to be considered going forward should the project develop.

ACTION – Clerk to seek meeting for Sports & Leisure Working Party members with Bee Lewis, MKCCouncil Assistant Director Property and Development re potential lease terms for the site.

26/009 – ‘Branding’ of public spaces ‘facilitated’ by the Town Council

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

It was agreed that it would not be appropriate to seek to ‘badge’ the community spaces at The Almere, Unity Place and Hotel la tour as spaces enabled by the town council.

However, it was agreed that the spaces could be featured in future newsletters, with links to the booking agents where appropriate. It was also suggested that some short video content, in collaboration with the space providers, could be used in the town council’s social media feeds.

On a related matter it was noted that the community space created on the ground floor corner of the John Lewis car park had not been used for some time. The previous users of the space ‘Big Shop Friday’ appear to have vacated the unit, with no replacement usage. The Clerk was asked to enquire regarding the space.

ACTION - Clerk to enquire of centre:mk regarding the space.

26/010 – Data Protection Toolkit and ‘Assertion 10’

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

After some discussion, whilst the cost of the Toolkit was considered expensive, a vote was taken on its purchase for a 1 year trial period at the sum of £695 + VAT. Proposed by Councillor Lightfoot and seconded by Councillor Thomas the purchase was approved by 5 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

26/011 – CAB funding support

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Councillors commended the work of the dedicated CAB Outreach service and unanimously supported the renewal of the funding agreement at the slightly increased sum of £4,395.

26/012 – Right to Manage

The paper, as previously circulated, was noted.

Inclusion of a £1,000 budget was approved to enable a workshop to support residents in developments considering pursuing the Right to Manage model.

26/013 Quarter 3 budget to actuals & year end projections

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

26/014 – Items for Information

The papers, as previously circulated, were noted.

- i) Parishes Forum meeting 4th December minutes
- ii) Draft Planning Committee meeting 16th December minutes
- iii) Briefing note re: proposed Jennie Lee statue
- iv) MK City Plan 2050 Reg19 submitted response
 - a. Final submitted representation
 - b. SHLAA sites
 - c. Traffic Modelling Document
 - d. CMK Road Hierarchy
 - e. Submission Stage Representation Form Policy CMK3

A discussion ensued regarding the importance of Sustainability within the context of MK City Plan 2050 and NPPF. It was agreed that an item to further consider this matter be placed on the agenda for the February Town Council meeting.

The meeting's thanks were extended to Councillor Thomas for his work on the MK City Plan 2050 Regulations 18 & 19 town council submissions.

The meeting closed at 7.59 pm.

Appendix to Minutes of Meeting of CMK Town Council on 8 January 2026

Debit card items:-

Royal Mail	£	26.40
Adobe	£	19.97
Conversationware	£	58.80
Vonage	£	10.25
NEST	£	95.10
Google	£	257.60
Lloyds Bank	£	4.25
Andrew Thomas	£	13.00
Browns	£	561.53
Browns	£	80.00
Amazon	£	35.08

Online payments:-

MK Community Properties	£	96.00
CMK Green Gym	£	1,000.00

Monthly Standing Orders:-

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

Chair's Signature..... Date

