

Woughton Community Council

Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th July 2019, 6:00pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes

Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Jordan Coventry (Vice-Chair), Elina Apse, Janette Bobey, Tina El-Shabrawry, Margaret Ferguson, Donna Fuller, Brian Hepburn, Luke Louis, Ruth McMillan, John Orr, Terri Parish (from 6:56pm), Nick Scott, Yvonne Tomlinson, Alan Williamson, Pam Wilson.

Also present: Brian Barton (Committee & Member Services Officer), Steve McNay (Council Manager).

In attendance: Cllr Carol Baume (Woughton & Fishermead Ward-Milton Keynes Council).

FC 46/19 Apologies for Absence:
Received from Cllr Lauren Townsend (Holiday).
AGREED

FC 47/19 Declaration of interests:
There were no declarations of interest.
NOTED

FC 48/19 Minutes of previous Full Council meetings:
The minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th June 2019 were **AGREED** and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

FC 49/19 Questions from the public:
There were no questions from the public.
NOTED

FC 50/19 To note the minutes from the following Committees:

- Services Committee - Tuesday 28th May 2019
- Operations Committee - Monday 17th June 2019 - **under in attendance delete "Cllr Donna Coventry" and replace with "Cllr Donna Fuller"**
- Accounts Sub Committee - Wednesday 19th June 2019
- Services Committee - Monday 24th June 2019

RESOLVED

1. **To note the minutes from the following Committees:**
 - **Services Committee - Tuesday 28th May 2019**

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 - **Services Committee - Monday 24th June 2019**
- 2. Operations Committee - Monday 17th June 2019 under in attendance delete "Cllr Donna Coventry" and replace with "Cllr Donna Fuller"**

FC 51/19 Ward Matters arising:

Cllrs Donna Fuller and Nick Scott informed the meeting that they were chasing Milton Keynes Council to confirm that they had cleared all the drains of any debris and have recently been informed that the work has now been completed.

Cllr Elina Apse asked what the criteria is for Milton Keynes Council to come out to clear any drains. The Council Manager said that he will find out and will send the information to Cllr Apse.

The Chair informed the meeting that the Four Bridges Festival will be held on Saturday 13th July 2019, 2:00pm - 4:00pm at the Two Halls Park on Rochfords, Coffee Hall.

The Chair asked if any Member knows of any organisation that has a secure parking area to let the Council Manager know, so that he can approach them to see if the trailer can be parked on their premises.

Cllrs Tina El-Shabrawry and Margaret Ferguson had recently been presented by the Beanhill Action Group with a community award.

Cllr John Orr said that he was concerned that there was a childcare company that would be using the Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place during the day and would prevent other groups from hiring the hall, also the childcare company are using the green plastic bins in the garden area which were purchased by the Tinkers Bridge Residents Association and not by Woughton Community Council. The meeting agreed to discuss the matters raised at the next Full Council meeting.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Council Manager to find out what is the criteria for Milton Keynes Council to come out and clear the drains and send the information to Cllr Elina Apse.**
- 2. To discuss the use of the Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place at the next Full Council Meeting.**

FC 52/19 Feedback from meetings with Outside Bodies:

a) Woughton Welfare Trust - **Cllr Elina Apse**

No meetings had taken place.

b) Hedgerows Family Centre - **Cllr Maggie Ferguson**

No meetings had taken place.

c) MKALC - **Cllr Elina Apse, Cllr Sue Smith, Cllr Yvonne Tomlinson**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th July 2019.

d) Parishes Forum - **Cllr Janette Bobey, Cllr Sue Smith**

The meeting had a briefing on highways, there had not been much take up on the speed watch scheme, the meeting also discussed the criteria for introducing 20mph speed limits in residential areas, a consultation is taking place on reinstating the index on areas of multiple deprivation submissions can be given via the Milton Keynes Council website. The meeting was informed that community asset transfers are going well some Parish and Town Council are considering taking on the bulk waste service, Milton Keynes Council say that partnership working is very successful with Parish and Town Councils, although concern was expressed about the lack of communication on some issues. An election took place on the position of Vice-Chair between Cllr Tom Fraser and Cllr Sue Smith, Cllr Smith was elected.

NOTED

FC 53/19 Update report on the Wellbeing Room:

The meeting was informed that there is a four (4) week wellbeing course that is taking place, the room can be hired out to appropriate groups / organisations which will bring additional services for the residents of the Woughton area.

Cllr Terri Parish arrived at the meeting at 6.56pm.

NOTED

FC 54/19 To propose a four (4) year investment programme for the Landscape and Environment Team:

It was proposed that a four (4) year investment programme is put in place for the Landscape and Environment Team.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the committee notes the report.**
- 2. That the committee agrees to the investment in equipment for the Landscape & Environment team.**
- 3. That the committee receives updates regarding additional income generation from the Landscape & Environment team, utilising new equipment.**

FC 55/19 To authorise the signing of the Pentewan Gate Depot lease:

The meeting was asked to authorise the signing of the Pentewan Gate Depot lease.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the council agrees to sign the lease.**
- 2. That the Chair of Council and Leader of Council are signatories and witnessed by the Council Manager.**

FC 56/19 To propose a 20mph speed limit across the Woughton Community Council area:

The meeting was asked to consider a proposal for a 20mph speed limit across the Woughton area estates.

Members suggested roads around Schools, Sheltered Housing Schemes, Local Centres and parks.

Members were asked to seek their Resident Associations views of which streets should be included and report back to a future Full Council meeting.

Members wished to progress with Milton Keynes Council the installation of temporary speed cameras in various hotspots.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council note the report.
2. That Woughton Community Council supports the proposal to enforce a 20mph speed limit where requested by the Residents Association for the estate.
3. To pursue with Milton Keynes Council the installation of temporary speed cameras in various hotspots.

FC 57/19 To agree that Woughton Community Council seeks to adopt the General Power of Competence:

- a) Woughton Community Council must resolve at a meeting that it meets the criteria for eligibility relating to the electoral mandate and relevant training of the Council Manager.
- b) That at least two (2) thirds of Woughton Community Council must hold office as a result of being declared elected (i.e. not co-opted).
- c) That the Council Manager must hold a recognised professional qualification (e.g. Certificate in Local Council Administration, Certificate of Higher Education in Local Policy) AND pass the 2012 CiLCA module relating to the general power of competence.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the council agrees to adopt the General Power of Competence.
2. That the council resolves that it has:
 - a) at least two thirds of councillors have been appointed by election.
 - b) that the Clerk to Council holds the necessary qualification, namely the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).

FC 58/19 Committee Membership:

The meeting noted that Cllr Brian Hepburn has resigned from the Policy & Resources Committee and therefore there is now a spare place available if any Member wishes to be appointed onto the Committee.

If any Member is interested, they should let the Committee and Member Services Officer know.

NOTED

FC 59/19 To update the Council on proposals regarding the LCTRS grant and to define an approach for feedback into the consultation by Milton Keynes Council:

The meeting was updated on the proposals regarding the LCTRS grant and to define an approach for feedback into the consultation.

Members requested that in the submission to Milton Keynes Council to highlight the fact that other Parish and Town Councils have more band D properties than Woughton Community Council.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council notes the report and associated papers.
2. That the Council agrees to the Council Manager providing feedback, recommending that:

Woughton Community Council recommends that funding is maintained at the highest level possible.

b) Woughton Community Council recommends that Option B (providing funding based upon deprivation levels, rather than simply people within parishes) is agreed by Milton Keynes Council.

c) Woughton Community Council recommends that transitional arrangements are agreed, whatever option is agreed at the end of the consultation phase.

d) To highlight the fact to Milton Keynes Council that other Parish and Town Councils have more band D properties than Woughton Community Council.

FC 60/19 To propose a response to the updated information regarding regeneration within the parish:

The meeting proposed a response to the updated information from Milton Keynes Council regarding Regeneration within the Woughton area.

The following resolution was proposed:

'That Woughton Community Council broadly encourages the new approach to Regeneration, with the focus on local resident views and needs and welcomes the opportunity for us, local resident associations, residents and others to be involved in the new approach. Due to the age of the properties in Woughton, as the trailblazing estates within the new city, we support the focus of considerable resources within the parish, to reflect the needs of local residents and the condition of properties, as identified by Milton Keynes Council housing and property reviews.'

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council notes the report.
2. That the council agrees to the following position: *'Woughton Community Council broadly encourages the new approach to Regeneration, with the focus on local resident views and needs and welcomes the opportunity for us, local resident associations, residents and others to be involved in the new approach. Due to the age of the properties in Woughton, as the trailblazing estates within the new city, we support the focus of considerable resources within the parish, to reflect the needs of local residents and the condition of properties, as identified by Milton Keynes Council housing and property reviews.'*

FC 61/19 To move and second the following resolution:

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960:

That by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded during discussion of the following business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

AGREED

**FC 62/19 To recommend an incremental pay increase to the Council Manager, following his successful completion of the CiLCA qualification:
The Council Manager left the meeting and took no part in the discussions thereof.**

The meeting was requested to recommend an incremental pay increase to the Council Manager, following the successful completion of his CiLCA qualification.

RESOLVED:

To award a pay increase to the Council Manager, following the successful completion of his CiLCA qualification.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 9th September 2019, 6:00pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:54PM

Chair _____ Date _____