

Woughton Community Council

Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th November 2020, 6:00pm via Zoom Video Call and Facebook Live.

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, Nick Scott, Liz Simpkins, Lauren Townsend, Alan Williamson.

Also present: Brian Barton (Committee & Member Services Officer), Tash Darling (Youth Manager & Safeguarding Lead), Steve McNay (Council Manager), Sean Perry (Community Services Manager), Samone Winsborough (Responsible Financial Officer / Operations Manager).

FC 204/20 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Terri Parish (Unwell).

AGREED

Cllr Carole Baume (Woughton & Fishermead Ward – Milton Keynes Council).

NOTED

Cllr Philip Hopcraft was not in attendance or submit his apologies.

Cllr Pam Wilson was not in attendance as she had connectivity issues.

NOTED

FC 205/20 Declaration of interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

FC 206/20 Minutes of previous Full Council meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th October 2020 were **AGREED** and will be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

FC 207/20 Chair's Announcement(s):

The Chair informed the meeting every Thursday between 10:30am – 11:40am there is virtual chat session the link is on the Woughton Community Council Facebook Page.

There will be a meeting of the Planning, Licencing & Development Committee on Monday 23rd November 2020 at 6:00pm.

The Services & Communities Committee will meet on Monday 30th November 2020 at 6:00pm.

NOTED

FC 208/20 Questions from the public:

There were no questions from the members of the public.

NOTED

FC 209/20 Ward Matters arising:

Cllr Liz Simpkins highlighted that parts of Eaglestone is flooded after bouts of heavy rainfall, Milton Keynes Council are aware of it and will monitor the situation but not take any action as it does not meet their criteria.

Cllr Simpkins had met with residents and saw for herself that the water levels were quite deep and asked the meeting if she can get anything done about it.

Members gave examples of flooding in their respective Wards.

The Chair asked for this matter to be put on the agenda for the next meeting, with an appropriate Milton Keynes Council Officer invited to attend.

Cllr John Orr brought up issues with the trees and repairs to Council housing on Tinkers Bridge and flooding at the underpass between Tinkers Bridge and Netherfield.

The Council Manager asked Cllr Orr to email him with a list of the matters outstanding so that he can produce papers for the next meeting to try and seek a solution to the issues raised.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Council Manager to arrange for an appropriate Officer from Milton Keynes Council to attend the next meeting on the flooding issue in the Woughton area.**
- 2. That the Council Manager to produce a report for the next meeting on the trees and repairs to Council housing on Tinkers Bridge and flooding at the underpass between Tinkers Bridge and Netherfield.**

FC 210/20 Feedback from meetings with Outside Bodies:

a) Woughton Welfare Trust - Cllr Elina Apse – no report.

b) MKALC - Cllr Elina Apse, Cllr Sue Smith – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020, which will be reported back on at the next Full Council meeting.

c) Parishes Forum - Cllr Janette Bobey, Cllr Sue Smith – at the last meeting there were Best Practise examples by Parish & Town Councils during the pandemic, discussion on the Together We Can, work is ongoing on the document, and will report back on any progress.

NOTED

FC 211/20 To note the minutes from the following Committees:

a) Planning, Licencing & Development – Monday 19th October 2020.

b) Services & Communities – Monday 26th October 2020.

NOTED

FC 212/20 To consider and discuss the draft 2021/2022 budget:

The Council Manager and the Responsible Financial Officer spoke to the proposed draft budget for 2021/2022, with a three (3) year projected budget included and a precept level for 2021/2022 for consultation with residents.

Cllr John Orr requested that a budget is produced that shows the full LCTRS grant to compare with the amount of grant that Milton Keynes Council is proposing to give, and to make representations to the Government and the local MP Mr Iain Stewart because the grant is no longer being given to Milton Keynes Council.

RESOLVED

- 1. That Council notes the report, proposed budget sheet and three (3) year projections.**
- 2. That Council agrees that this budget will be published to provide the basis for the budget consultation.**
- 3. That the Council Manager / Responsible Financial Officer publicise the consultation using all available means to gain as fuller participation as is possible.**
- 4. That a further report is provided to Council in December 2020, providing details of the consultation and any updates about projected income.**
- 5. That Council prepares to ratify the final budget in January 2021, based upon feedback and updated projections.**
- 6. That a budget is produced that shows the full LCTRS grant to compare with the amount of grant that Milton Keynes Council is proposing to give, and to make representations to the Government and the local MP Mr Iain Stewart because the grant is no longer being given to Milton Keynes Council.**

FC 213/20 To note the Interim Internal Auditors report:

The Responsible Financial Officer updated the committee on the internal auditors report from October 2020.

There are no recommendations other than, the use of the rubber stamp on invoices, this had become proper practise since the last audit however due to Covid-19 this has been unable to be implemented effectively due to Officers working from home.

RESOLVED

That the committee notes the report.

FC 214/20 To consider items for the 2021/2022 Annual Service Plan:

The Council Manager provided the meeting with a first draft of the Service Plan for 2021/2022 and requested Members to suggest any additional items for the Service Plan.

Cllr Tina El-Shabrawy suggested providing training on money management and home cooking skills for Woughton residents.

Cllr John Orr further suggested support to provide IT training to improve skills and obtain better employment opportunities for young people living in Woughton.

Members can contact the Council Manager with any further suggestions.

RESOLVED

1. That Council notes this report and the Version 1 Service Plan document.
2. That Council considers the suitability of the items already within the plan.
3. That Council considers any additional elements / items that should be included within the plan.
4. To add to the draft Service Plan to provide training on money management and home cooking skills for Woughton residents.
5. To add to the draft Service Plan to provide IT training to improve skills and obtain better employment opportunities for young people living in Woughton.
6. That the plan is further expanded and finessed prior to Full Council in December 2021, where a further draft will be provided, with a view to ratification in January or February 2021.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 14th December 2020, 6:00pm via Zoom Video Call and live on the Woughton Community Council Facebook page.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 6:41PM

Chair _____ Date _____