

Woughton Community Council

Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th October 2021, 6:30pm at the Coffee Hall Community Centre, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes.

Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Jordan Coventry (Vice-Chair), Elina Apse, Jeanette Bobey, Maggie Ferguson, Donna Fuller, Brian Hepburn, Phillip Hopcraft, Luke Louis, Amber McQuillan, Ruth McMillan, John Orr, Nick Scott, Liz Simpkins, Yvonne Tomlinson, Alan Williamson, Pam Wilson.

Also present: Brian Barton (Committee & Member Services Officer), Steve McNay (Council Manager), Samone Winsborough (Responsible Financial Officer / Operations Manager).

FC 83/21 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Terri Parish (work commitment)

AGREED

Cllr Lauren Townsend was not in attendance or gave her apologies.

NOTED

FC 84/21 Declaration of interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

FC 85/21 Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on:

- Tuesday 14th September 2021.

Were **AGREED** and will be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

FC 86/21 Chair's Announcement(s):

The Chair informed the meeting that the consultation on the proposed V8 Marlborough Street closing of exits ends on Friday 15th October 2021, residents are requested to directly respond to Milton Keynes Council.

The Community Café Souper Tuesday will be open between 11:00am to 2:00pm.

The Memorial Service which is attended by local schools will take place on Thursday 11th November 2021, there will be a separate Memorial Service to take place at the Christ the Vine Church on Coffee Hall on Sunday 14th November 2021.

NOTED

FC 87/21 Questions from the public:

There were no questions from the public.

NOTED

FC 88/21 Ward Matters arising:

Cllr Brian Hepburn – Spoke on the pilot Speed Watch scheme estates can make a request by registering online with Milton Keynes Council from Wednesday 29th December 2021, equipment provided, there may not be a charge, training will be provided, a meeting has been arranged with Residents Associations to progress.

Cllr Amber McQuillan – The road closure signs on the V8 Marlborough Street are nothing to do with the present Milton Keynes Council consultation but relate to a recent weekend event that took place. Cllr Donna Fuller had received various calls on this matter, but when visiting the site, noticed there were no notification about the consultation.

Cllr Sue Smith – Santa Tours will take place this year, dates to be advertised.

NOTED

FC 89/21 Milton Keynes Council Ward Councillors report:

Cllr Donna Fuller – dealing with a lot of casework at present.

Cllr Amber McQuillan – dealing with a lot of casework on reported fly tipping.

NOTED

FC 90/21 Feedback from meetings with Outside Bodies:

a) Woughton Welfare Trust - **Cllr Elina Apse - Nothing to report.**

b) MKALC - **Cllr John Orr, Cllr Sue Smith, Cllr Pam Wilson - No meeting has taken place.**

c) Parishes Forum - **Cllr Sue Smith, Cllr Alan Williamson – a meeting recently took place and had a Neighbourhood Watch presentation, a presentation on nationally devolved transport services, Newport Pagnell Town Council gave a presentation on the provision of various parks devolved to them by Milton Keynes Council, and how they tackled flooding incidents, at the next meeting there will be a presentation on the Demand Response Transport Service.**

NOTED

FC 91/21 To note the minutes from the following Committees:

a) Resources & Finance - Tuesday 7th September 2021.

b) Services & Communities - Wednesday 15th September 2021.

c) Planning, Licencing & Development - Tuesday 21st September 2021.

NOTED

FC 92/21 Council Manager's report:

The Council Manager updated the meeting on delegated decisions and other items of note.

RESOLVED

That the meeting notes the report.

FC 93/21 To agree the amended Full Council Calendar of Meeting dates:

The Council Manager informed the meeting of the proposed amended calendar of meeting dates.

The meeting was informed that the Operations Committee at the November meeting wish to discuss their meeting dates.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the council notes the report.**
- 2. To defer the agenda item to the November Full Council meeting.**

FC 94/21 To agree the membership of the various ALC's:

The Council Manager updated the meeting on the ALC membership rates for 2022/2023.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Council notes the report.**
- 2. That the Council agrees to continue memberships of the various ALC's for 2022/2023.**
- 3. That the Council continues the subscription to the LCR magazine but reduces this to one (1) copy.**

FC 95/21 To discuss the version two (2) draft 2022/2023 budget:

The Responsible Financial Officer presented to the meeting version two (2) of the draft 2022/2023 budget.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Council notes the report.**
- 2. That the Council reviews this version of the budget.**

FC 96/21 To inform the Council of a proposal for the 2022/2023 budget consultation:

The Responsible Financial Officer informed the meeting of a proposal for the 2022/2023 budget consultation.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Council notes the report.**
- 2. That the Council agrees to launch budget consultation/priorities from 10th November 2021.**
- 3. That the Council agrees to review the feedback in December's Resources and Finance Committee.**
- 4. That the Council agrees that the budget consultation/priorities feedback and budget is reported back to the January 2022 Operations Committee meeting.**

FC 97/21 Update on the Demand Response Transport scheme:

The Council Manager, the Chair of Council and the Leader of the Council attended a meeting with representatives from the contractor Via Van and Milton Keynes Council Officers, the Cabinet Member could attend.

It would appear that there are the same issues regarding the level of service throughout Milton Keynes.

A video had been produced of residents experiences with the service.

Issues raised were drivers lack of customer service skills, accessibility problems, lack of drivers, long waiting times.

Customers were advised to let the phonenumber know of any accessibility issues which should be then logged, so for future bookings the driver is aware, and will also pick up and drop off customers nearer to their requested venue.

The phonenumber, the meeting was informed, directs residents to other nearby bus services 86% of the time.

Cllr Donna Fuller informed the meeting that Milton Keynes Council must come up with better solutions and said that she will keep pursuing this and will not let things go, she also said that there must be progress after this meeting.

There then followed questions by Members.

NOTED

FC 98/21 To propose taking a lease on land at Rochfords, Coffee Hall for delivery of a landscape and environment depot:

The Council Manager proposed to the meeting taking on a lease on land at Rochfords, Coffee Hall for delivery of a landscape and environment depot.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council notes the report.
2. That the Council agrees to a lease of not less than ten (10) years (with suitable break clauses).
3. That the Council agrees to development of that site to deliver landscape and environmental services, with a further report to come via the Services Committee detailing the delivery and via the Resources and Finance Committee detailing the costings.
4. That the Council agrees to the Council Manager, Landscape Manager and Responsible Finance Officer progressing this proposal, within agreed limits (Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – ‘Delegated Powers’) in the immediate term to progress as swiftly as possible.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 8th December 2021 6:30pm, at the Coffee Hall Community Centre, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:36PM

Chair _____ Date _____