

Woughton Community Council

FULL COUNCIL

26th January 2026

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Eamonn Bobey, Tony Coughlan, Margaret Ferguson, Michael Ferguson, Penny Glasgow, Luke Louis, Charlie Marsh, Ruth McMillan, Stacey Munkley, D'Anne Mordecai, Liz Simpkins, Lorna Webb, Alan Williamson

Also present:

Steve McNay (Council Manager)

FC 140/25 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs Nick Scott, Deanna Norris, April Rennie, and Michael Holland

NOTED

FC 141/25 Declaration of interests:

Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act, members must declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting, and any additional interests not previously declared.

No declarations were made.

FC 142/25 Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting:

To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on:

- Monday 15th December 2025

The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Bobey.

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

The minutes were signed by the Chair.

FC 143/25 Chair's Announcement(s)

The Chair noted the following points

- Thanked Cllr Coughlan and James Appleby for the successful Bird Watch that took place.
- The Chair also updated on events, with a Jumble Sale and the MKALC meeting noted.

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 144/25 Questions from the public:

There were no questions.

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 145/25 Milton Keynes Council Ward Councillors report:



Cllr Smith provided a brief update – usual casework challenges and busyness. This item will be paused from next meeting, due to the upcoming election and the pre-election period of sensitivity (AKA purdah).

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 146/25 2 minute Estate updates from councillors

Beanhill

- Fly tipping a growing issue. Parking at school times. Complaints re: potholes. Issues with tap water. Dog waste issues. Scooter parking map requested – Council Manager to send to all councillors.

Coffee Hall

- Fly tipping also an issue on this estate.

Eaglestone

- Harrier Court has been further delayed. Community Cafe moving to 12 – 2pm from start of February – focus on lunch and residents, and no longer any waste food distribution.

Leadenhall

- Parking, school runs. Residents Association meeting on 5th Feb, 5.30pm at the Academy.

Netherfield

- Lighting is out at the ABC park – a known issue but remains unresolved and is considered a danger. Fly tipping an issue – mattresses specifically noted. Suggestion that the Environmental Crime unit may wish to visit? Residents Association on Weds and then bingo on Friday.

Pear tree Bridge

- Underpass between Pear tree and Eaglestone has been painted, but the 'covid picture' is still there. Request that the whole thing is painted.

Tinkers Bridge

- Fly tipping, verge parking and churn up, rubbish all over and a lack of response from those in power was noted.

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 147/25 Feedback from meetings with Outside Bodies:

a) Woughton Welfare Trust - **Cllr Maggie Ferguson**. No update, but positive work happening.

b) MKALC - **Cllrs McMillan, Cllr Rennie & Cllr Smith**. Meeting 25th Feb.

c) Parishes Forum - **Cllrs McMillan & Cllr Smith**. Meeting on 12th March

d) Sustainable MK - **Cllrs Ferguson and Rennie**. No update

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 148/25 To note the minutes from the following Committees:

a) Planning, Licensing and Development 1st December 2025

b) Operations and Resources 8th December 2025

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 149/25 To consider a response to the naming decision from MKCC with proposal to have 'Terrier' as a standalone name.

Having previously agreed to the name 'Terrier' as one of the roads on Netherfield new development, MKCC responded suggesting 'Terrier Grove'. Council confirmed their earlier agreement and requested that the Council Manager remind MKCC of the decision made.



RESOLVED – noted.

FC 150/25 To consider ongoing involvement in a ‘Beyond’ project, following the success of the initial project.

The Council Manager spoke to the paper which considered whether to be part of the ‘part two’ project proposal of the BEYOND project, supporting the Open University to build upon the existing ‘pilot’. Cllrs Coughlan and McMillan both spoke positively about the phase one project.

Proposal:

That council agrees to continue working with the Open University on ‘bid two’ with a view to being a partner in the next phase and task the Council Manager with ongoing liaison.

Proposed by: Cllr Coughlan. Seconded by: Cllr Marsh.

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

FC 151/25 Resident and community engagement approach

Following a proposal to include a discussion on the agenda from Cllr Simpkins, the Council manager introduced the paper provided, Cllr Simpkins provided the overview from their viewpoint and a discussion around the importance of engagement was agreed. Various ideas were mentioned, including councillor surgeries, different times (evenings and weekends) for engagement events, something less formal than RA’s for people to be involved in locally, building a level of ‘pride in place’ to promote estate-based approaches, that ‘events’ have better engagement than meetings and other considerations. The need for commitment from those running RA’s is key for long term success.

Proposal:

That the council provides an outdoor event on every estate over the coming months, involving local councillors.

Proposed by: Cllr Smith. Seconded by: Cllr Webb

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote

FC 152/25 The future of parishes with restructured government

Following an approach from the Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, council considered feedback regarding the role parishes may play in the future. The Council Manager spoke to the issue, giving background and linking this to proposals around local government reorganisation and possible greater responsibilities coming to any larger principal authority. Councillors will offer any views to the Council Manager prior to the response date of 6th February.

An option to attend an MKALC meeting where a consolidated response from parishes may be considered was also provided.

RESOLVED - noted

FC 153/25 To consider any views regarding EV infrastructure

In response to a consultation from MKCC, council considered views regarding the placement of Electric Vehicle infrastructure, including charging points and ‘car club’ infrastructure. Various issues were noted, including the lack of infrastructure on many estates, MKCC allowing car charging points for households (especially where road parking is the only option), managing the balance between provision of charge points and loss of general parking, etc.

RESOLVED - noted



FC 154/25 Consideration of any items for discussion within council or committees over the coming months

A number of issues were suggested for greater exploration within a Full Council meeting that included:

- Fly tipping and environmental crime, including a review of the MKCC ‘action plan’, the new ‘tips’ plan and potential impact on Bleak Hall tip, the options around bulk waste collection and similar.
- Highways – parking, street lighting, redways, etc.
- Cabinet members and officers from MKCC invited to attend to talk on key issues and answer questions / queries.
- Affordable rents

The Council Manager will work with MKCC to see what is possible in terms of attendance, documents, etc. and work to get regular attendance at Full Council meetings.

RESOLVED – noted.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 23rd February 2026, to commence at 6.00pm. Held at Council Chambers, The Local Centre, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:18PM

Chair _____ Date _____

