

## Woughton Community Council

### Planning, Licensing & Development Committee

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 6:00pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, the Council Chamber, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.**

**Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Eamonn Bobey (deputising for Cllr J Bobey), Alan Williamson, Michael Holland, Penny Glasgow**

**Also present:**

Steve McNay (Council Manager).

One (1) member of the public.

**LD 168/24 Apologies:**

Cllr Janette Bobey (Cllr Eamonn Bobey as deputy in attendance) – accepted.

Cllr April Rennie – accepted

Cllr Deanna Norris - accepted

**LD 169/24 Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations made

**LD 170/24 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):**

No questions received

**LD 171/24 Chairs announcements:**

- The Chair informed the committee that the MKCC Planning Portal is now back up and running.
- The Chair also reminded the committee that there is training on Wednesday evening for councillors, looking at social media, communications and also looking at Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

**LD 172/24 Minutes of previous meeting(s):**

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

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.

**Cllr Smith proposed that these were a true and accurate record. Seconded by Cllr Glasgow.**

**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

**LD173/24 To consider and respond to the following planning applications, received from Milton Keynes City Council**

- a) Prior Approval of single storey rear extension, with eaves of 2.55 metres and maximum height of 3.58 metres, extending 3.5 metres from the original rear wall At: 42 Buckingham Gate Eaglestone Milton Keynes MK6 5A

No specific objections were noted, but it was requested that feedback including reference to parking standards.

**Proposal:**

***That feedback is provided to the planning authority requesting that parking standards are enforced with this application***

**Proposed by Cllr Holland. Seconded by Cllr Williamson  
RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

- a) Variation of condition 1 (Approved plans) seeking changes to plant room roof height and increased area to accommodate a third Air Handling Unit (AHU). Removal of guard rails and increase height of main roof parapet wall. Stair core roof parapet height increase. x2 quench pipes for MRI rooms now shown. Changes to door provision on the southern elevation, to window provision on south-east elevation (level 02), and the replacement of green walls with area of wildflower on the main roof. (relating to permission ref. 21/01523/FUL relating to the demolition of existing MRI Scanner building and erection of a new CT & MRI Scanner building)  
At: Milton Keynes University Hospital Standing Way Eaglestone Milton Keynes MK6 5LD

No objections were noted.

**Proposal:**

***That the council offers no comment regarding this application***

**Proposed by Cllr Holland. Seconded by Cllr Smith  
RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

**LD 174/24 To consider and respond to licencing applications received**

- a) Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - MK Ices, KC19 KPP, Ref 167347

**Proposal:**

***That the council has no objections to this application and offers no comment***

**Proposed by Cllr Bobey. Seconded by Cllr Smith  
RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

**LD 175/24 To consider and respond to a consultation regarding installation of on street EV charging points on Phoenix Drive, Leadenhall**

The committee considered the placement of these points to be challenging, based upon the local knowledge of committee members, specifically the member for Leadenhall. It was suggested that the placement of the points would encourage additional traffic onto the estate, that the road is narrow at that point, that there are issues with visibility from two nearby junctions and that the points would push other

vehicles into other places (as has happened with the EV charging points elsewhere on the estate which are used widely by DPD vans, reported by Cllr Glasgow).

**Proposal**

***That the council manager responds to the consultation expressing concerns noted above, namely the placement of the proposed points, additional traffic, additional pressure on parking.***

**Proposed by Cllr Smith. Seconded by Cllr Williamson  
RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

**LD 176/24 To consider and respond to a consultation regarding changes to traffic management at the junction of Phoenix Drive and Chaffron Way**

The committee discussed the challenges relating to this stretch of road, with particular reference to schools exit times and supported attempts to resolve this issue through this proposal.

**Proposal**

***That Woughton Community Council supports this proposal for traffic management approaches on the specified junction***

**Proposed by Cllr Glasgow. Seconded by Cllr Holand  
RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

**LD 177/24 To review decisions issued by MKCC Planning Department**

For information only

**RESOLVED - Noted**

**LD 178/24 To receive slides regarding Flood and Water Management, presented at the Parishes Forum**

For information only

**RESOLVED - noted**

**LD 179/24 To discuss and agree and further actions following recent flooding on parish**

The Council Manager covered much of this when running through the slides above, with specific mention of the need to ensure that all household flooding is reported to MKCC, to enable inclusion in any debrief / reporting. This may help ensure that suitable resources are allocated in future.

**RESOLVED - noted**

**LD 180/24 To review initial draft of the Biodiversity Policy and agreed to any changes needed prior to ratification**

The Council Manager ran through the purpose and the feedback offered regarding the initial draft, reminding the committee of the legal duty to ensure that this policy is in place. Due to time pressures, the feedback has not been used to update the initial document, but it was agreed that the following were helpful and should be considered for version 2:

- Removal of elements linked to other 'green' elements (e.g. carbon neutrality issues should sit within a separate policy)
- Inclusion of updated information around use of community-based organisations, to support initiatives (e.g. green gyms, conservation volunteers)

- A range of suggestions that came from officer attendance at the BMKALC Conference

**PROPOSAL:**

*That the council manager is tasked with creating version 2 of the policy draft, incorporating the views noted above (where appropriate) for formal agreement at the next meeting.*

**Proposed by Clls Smith. Seconded by Cllr Glasgow.**

**RESOLVED** by way of unanimous vote.

**LD 181/24 Updates on the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), potential impact on Neighbourhood Planning and responses from umbrella organisations**

The Council Manager spoke to the various responses relating to national proposals to make changes to planning policy. There were three specific papers discussed – one from Oneil Homer (the neighbourhood plan consultants) that focused on Neighbourhood Planning issues, and then responses from the umbrella organisations – Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

It was agreed that monthly Neighbourhood planning sessions should be diarised.

**RESOLVED - noted**

**LD 182/24 Update on the MK50 City Plan**

This item was intended to include feedback from Cllr McMillan regarding a recent 'drop in' session regarding the plan, but this did not take place. Responses are needed by 10<sup>th</sup> October and councillors were encouraged to submit.

**RESOLVED - noted**

**LD 183/24 Sharing of the slides from the 'Reviewing a made Neighbourhood Plan' session**

Some useful discussions took place and the links between the Neighbourhood Plan review, the MK50 City Plan and wider planning policies were covered.

**RESOLVED - noted**

**LD 184/24 Agreeing a council response to the MKCC Housing Allocations consultation**

The new proposed policy was provided, alongside a list of the questions posed in the consultation. To ensure a democratic response, the questions were posed individually, with majority vote on response to each question. These responses were noted by the Council Manager, alongside additional comments relating to the consultation and the proposals contained within. These will be collated and provided to the November meeting for agreement, prior to submission.

**PROPOSAL:**

**'That the committee tasks the Council Manager with formulating and submitting the agreed responses, when agreed by this committee in November'**

**Proposed by Cllr Smith. Seconded by Cllr Williamson.**

**RESOLVED** by way of unanimous vote.

Although not on the agenda, Cllr Holland requested that information be shared around the current challenges relating to the works at Harrier Court and the impact of

parking on the area. He requested that people don't park in the Harrier Court carpark, utilising other spaces instead.

**Date of next meeting:**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 @ 6.00pm

Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Council Chambers, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

**THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:56PM**

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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