

Woughton Community Council

Planning, Licensing & Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024, 6:30pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, the Council Chamber, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Eamonn Bobey (in place of Cllr Janette Bobey), Penny Glasgow, Luke Louis, Ruth McMillan, Deanna Norris, April Rennie, Alan Williamson.

Also present:
Steve McNay (Council Manager).

LD 129/24 Apologies:
None submitted.

LD 130/24 Declarations of Interest:
Cllr Bobey declared an interest in 134/24b, as a tenant of Milton Keynes City Council who may benefit from the retrofit of the property.

RESOLVED - NOTED

LD 131/24 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):
There were no questions from the public.

RESOLVED - NOTED

LD 132/24 Chairs announcements:
The Chair noted that the new portrait of the King has arrived and is on the wall in Chambers.

There was a further planning application that arrived today (too late for consideration) and with the delays due to Annual Meeting, etc. a response will need to be submitted using delegated power, so any queries, please let the Council Manager know. The Council Manager will send through a link to the application.

Domestic Abuse training for councillors takes place on Wednesday evening.

RESOLVED - NOTED

LD 133/24 Minutes of previous meetings:
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th February 2024, were **AGREED** as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

**Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Bobey. All in favour.
RESOLVED**

Due to attendance by Claire Dowds (Lead – Capital Works for Milton Keynes City Council), the Chair changed the agenda to allow the discussion regarding LD134/24b to take place first.

LD 134/24 To agree submissions to Milton Keynes City Council on the Planning Application(s) received:

b) Application no: 24/00504/FUL

Proposal: External retrofit of 380 properties owned by MKCC, by upgrading the thermal performance of walls, roofs, perimeter of the ground floor, windows, doors, improving air tightness, improving means of controlled ventilation and reducing summertime overheating (Regulation 3 application under the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992)

At: The Netherfield Estate Milton Keynes

The Council manager spoke to the application, providing a brief overview of the proposal.

Claire Dowds (CD) then provided further context, explaining that the new phase of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) was significantly larger than the first phase, with around 4 times the funding. The next phase includes more than this application (this application only for the further housing on Netherfield), with further applications to come for permission to do similar works on Tinkers Bridge and some parts of the city.

This wave of works is slightly different, as the properties in question have had some work already undertaken in terms of 'improvements'. This phase also has more planning, longer lead time and lessons learned from the first phase, so it is imagined that there should be fewer issues.

CD stated that some of this work is essential in terms of ensuring no further deterioration of the properties in question – they are wooden framed houses and, where water incursion has happened, there are some properties that have been damaged beyond economic repair and will be demolished.

Some specific queries were raised about window sizes, types of rendering and potential waste collections.

It was felt that there was nothing in planning terms that was a concern and as a result, the committee had no comment.

a) Application no: 24/00388/FULM

Proposal: Variation of condition 3 (ages 16-21) seeking to change the age range to 12-17 years of age (relating to permission ref. 16/03523/FUL Change of use from dwelling house (use class C3) to supported living accommodation (C2))

At: 80 Waterside Peartree Bridge Milton Keynes MK6 3DG

There was discussion about this application, clarifying that the application is to change the ages supported, rather than change of use – this was given permission to act as supported accommodation a few years ago

The committee did not consider there were any planning issues, but the following was proposed:

Proposal:

'That a letter is sent to the Planning Department expressing 'concerns' regarding staffing levels and potential safety issues'.

Proposed by: Cllr Smith Seconded by: Cllr Rennie

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

**LD 135/24 To inform the committee of decisions issued by MKCC:
RESOLVED – noted.**

LD 136/24 To consider licensing application(s), and to agree any submissions:
The committee considered the application for renewal of an ice cream van and had no concerns.

**LD 137/24 Planning issues for committee information, including any enforcement issues.
RESOLVED – noted.**

**LD 138/24 To inform the committee regarding the East / West Rail publicity and proposed timeline for engagement and delivery.
RESOLVED – noted.**

Date of next meeting:

To be confirmed at the Annual Meeting, taking place on 7th May 2024.

Likely to be Tuesday 14th May.

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THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:22PM

Chair _____ Date _____