

Woughton Community Council

Planning, Licensing & Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd September 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), Cllr Eamonn Bobey (deputising for Cllr J Bobey), April Rennie, Alan Williamson, Deanna Norris, Michael Holland, Penny Glasgow

Also present:

Steve McNay (Council Manager).

Tash Darling (Youth and Community Manager)

One (1) member of the public.

LD 158/24 Apologies:

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

LD 159/24 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Eamonn Bobey declared an interest in item LD 166/24b, as the proposed site for forest is within the community garden space, currently licensed to the Residents Association.

LD 160/24 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

No questions received, but one comment about possible speaking on Facebook earlier.

LD 161/24 Chairs announcements:

- The Chair reminded all that this Saturday (7th September) is the Woughton is 50 Festival, and that Saturday 28th September is Apple Day, taking place at the community garden from noon.

LD 162/24 Minutes of previous meeting(s):

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

- Monday 1st July 2024.

**Cllr Smith proposed that these were a true and accurate record
RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

LD163/24 To have a presentation from Toby Phipps regarding a proposed Padel Tennis development

Mr Phipps presented information about a proposed development on Leadenhall that would provide several padel tennis courts, alongside associated spaces (changing,

offices, meeting room, parking, etc). There will be a formal planning application made (which will come before this committee), but prior to this, Mr Phipps answered questions and queries from committee members around the proposal.

Mr Phipps was thanked for attending and agreed that discussions will continue.

RESOLVED - noted

LD 164/24 To inform the committee of decisions issued by MKCC:

The Council Manager spoke to the paper, detailing the planning decisions issued since the previous meeting. It was also noted that since the paper was issued, two further decisions have been issued, including the new hospital building and a further household extension.

RESOLVED - noted

LD 165/24 To consider licensing application(s), and to agree any submissions:

The Council Manager detailed the application for a scrap metal licence, following the sale of a business and the need for the new owners to be licenced.

RESOLVED – no comment from the committee.

LD 166/24 To inform the committee of various planning issues:

a) Feedback from recent concerts at MK Bowl

The Council Manager provided an overview of the debrief meeting that was held at the stadium following the recent events. He explained that the organisers had acknowledged that there had been some mistakes made, but that they were eager to review and make arrangements to improve things in future years. Cllrs Smith and Fuller also attended and made representations to have stronger traffic management in place for the bordering estates. There is also an opportunity for local groups to potentially organise and manage parking in future, with any monies raised being used by those groups (if suitable space, volunteers, etc. can be managed).

b) Proposal for community involvement around ‘mini forests’

The Council Manager provided a presentation around the proposed ‘mini forests’ planned by MKCC for Netherfield and Coffee Hall. Further discussions will take place with the relevant resident associations to ensure that these are in the right places and supported by the community.

c) A request for sites to build a volleyball centre

As WCC doesn’t have any land, this proposal was acknowledged, whilst no further action is needed. It was noted that Mr Phipps may be able to work with this group and details will be passed on, with permission given by Mr Phipps.

d) Planning enforcement notices issued

An update was provided on two (2) enforcement issues – one resolved (due to passage of time) and one being investigated.

RESOLVED - noted

LD 167/24 An update on Neighbourhood Planning

The Council Manager provided an update on the recent Neighbourhood Plan working group meeting, explaining that the work programme had been reviewed alongside the updated proposals around potential development sites. Further funding is being investigated, both for further consultancy and technical support. The Council

Manager agreed to distribute the outcomes to both the working group and members of this committee, for oversight.

RESOLVED - noted

Date of next meeting:

Monday 2nd September 2024 @ 6.30pm

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

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:02PM

Chair _____ Date _____

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