Woughton Community Council

# WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## PLANNING, LICENSING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th July 2025, 6:00pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, the Council Chamber, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.**

**Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair),** Deanna Norris (Vice Chair), Penny Glasgow, Michael Holland, Ruth McMillan, April Rennie, Alan Williamson and Donna Fuller.

**Also present:**
Steve McNay (Council Manager).
Cllr Charlie Marsh (as non voting 'second' for Beanhill)
One (1) member of the public

**LD 13/25 Apologies:**
Apologies were received from:
- Cllr Eamonn Bobey (NF)
- Cllr Stacey Munkley (NF Deputy)

**RESOLVED - noted**

**LD 14/25 Declarations of Interest:**
*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.*
Cllr Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in item LD 20/25, as neighbour to one of the applicants.
**RESOLVED – noted**

**LD 15/25 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):**
*To receive questions and statements from members of the public.*
There were no questions from the public, but an email had been received relating to item LD 23/25.
**RESOLVED - noted**

**LD 16/25 Chairs announcements:**
*To receive announcements from the Chair.*
- The Chair updated the committee and members of the public regarding the current situation with the Old Rectory on Waterside, Peartree Bridge insofar as they have been served with a 'stop notice' on works, following queries regarding works being undertaken.

**RESOLVED - noted**

**LD 17/25 Minutes of previous meeting(s):**
*To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on:*
- Monday 12th May 2025.

**The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Norris.**
**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

**Cllr Smith signed the previous minutes for filing.**

**LD 18/25 To discuss the recent s106 application regarding community arts provision with Mr Shane Downer from Milton Keynes Council**

Mr Shane Downer attended the meeting remotely, to explain the application and the proposals included therein. Details were provided around the four (4) proposed projects, with the specific ones relating to WCC building on the work already undertaken through a previous grant (that covered the works towards the 50th Anniversary of the parish). It was stated that the initial funding had been very successful with lots of local people, including young people, involved. The new funding that has been applied for and awarded will help build upon that, aligning with MKCC strategies and Woughton being a priority area and having important art piece in place, meaning that the ABC / Owl and Pussycat can be completed, with the potential for additional pieces across the parish.

Additional elements include:

- Work with Arts for Health to help support the collection held by that organisation to be shared more widely, including encouraging people into the hospital to view them, maintaining them more effectively and sharing in other ways. Concerns were noted about access to the hospital and the issues around safeguarding and health issues.
- MK PAINT (Public Art in New Towns), working with Stevenage, Harlow and Peterborough and focusing on these 'new towns' and the challenges that are faced by all four places. The small amount through s106 (£5,000) is hoped to lead to £100,000 of additional heritage funding, with a view to deliver arts and heritage trails in 2026 onwards.

Queries were raised by councillors regarding the s106 process and Mr Downer did explain that there had been some missing parts of the process, due to changes within the s106 team, for which he apologised.

**RESOLVED** - noted

**LD 19/25 To consider and respond to the following planning applications, received from Milton Keynes City Council**

**a) PLN/2025/1233**

**Site address**

Verge off Grafton Street, by the end of Dunsby Road, Redmoor, MK6 4AD

**Description**

Removal of condition 3 (Finish colour) and variation of condition 1 (Approved plans), seeking to allow for wooden paladin fencing (relating to permission ref. PLN/2024/2497 for the construction of micro energy storage facility)

The Committee discussed this application, noting that the feedback from the committee regarding the initial application was a request that it was 'in sympathy' with the surrounding area and that the condition relating to the green colouring was greatly appreciated.

It was also noted that the application stated that *'the application of coloured coatings to the battery units has been found to negatively impact their performance and long-term functionality',* however, the company have been unable to provide any such evidence, other than to suggest that brighter colours reflect the sun better and therefore help reduce overheating. Committee members suggested that if the application states '..*has been found*…', then these findings should be able to be shared.

**Proposal:**

*'That the committee supports the retention of the condition, namely that the installation remains green in colour and blends into its surrounding'.*

**Proposed by: Cllr Holland. Seconded by: Cllr Smith**

**RESOLVED** by way of majority vote (one abstention).

**LD 20/25 To consider and respond to licensing applications provided by MKCC Licensing Department.**

The committee considered the four (4) applications and had no comment to make on any aspects.

**RESOLVED** – no action.

**LD 21/25 To update the committee on decisions issued by Milton Keynes City Council planning department.**
The committee was updated on decisions that have been made. No comments were made,
**RESOLVED** - noted

**LD 22/25 To consider any response to the 'Reforming our approach to floods funding' from DEFRA**
The Council Manager spoke to the consultation paper, which is significant (70 pages long). Committee members noted the importance of the focus on surface water flooding, the challenges of working in a parish where floods happen in different places each time, importance of building regular maintenance into any resilience approach (e.g. drainage systems) and the likelihood that the risks will increase as weather changes. The Council Manager also shared a current questionnaire from ACRE / NALC asking about flooding and resilience.
Due to the size and complexity of the document and consultation, the following was proposed:
**Proposal:**
That the Council Manager develops a response based upon the discussions that have taken place and sends round to committee members for comments and agreement, alongside submitting information to the ACRE / NALC survey.
**Proposed by: Cllr Smith. Seconded by: Cllr Norris**
**RESOLVED** by way of unanimous vote.

**LD 23/25 To consider any response to the MKCC Draft Sustainability Strategy consultation**
The committee considered the initial email sent regarding the consultation, noting that there are several additional documents that are included via 'links' to the MKCC website. Due to the nature of the consultation, it was suggested that time to consider this more fully may be helpful.
**Proposal:**
*That a small working group is formed to explore the documents over the coming two (2) weeks, with a view to making a recommendation to Full Council for agreement*
**Proposed by: Cllr Smith. Seconded by: Cllr Norris**
**RESOLVED** by way of majority vote (one abstention).

**LD 24/25 To review the parking and traffic study of Lloyds provided by Crimewave Ltd and consider any further steps needed.**
Councillors reviewed the document that was shared by the Council Manager on screen and the Council Manager spoke to the paper. Committee members shared their concerns about what the pictures showed, with clear disruption and challenge at key times of the day / week. It was felt that this could be helpful in terms of providing clear evidence when looking at any further traffic management around the area and / or work with MKCC around installation of yellow lines, etc. Committee also considered suitable placement for the camera to continue to assessment of traffic and parking issues across the parish – a number of places were suggested, mainly around schools (which were considered to be better planned for after the summer holidays) and .
Committee members will email the Council Manager with any further ideas.
It was agreed that this issue would return this committee in September, once clarity regarding double yellow lines and contact with Highways had been reestablished.
**RESOLVED –** noted.

**LD 25/25 To consider the proposed 40mph speed limit on Chaffron Way, as part of the statutory consultation period.**
The Council Manager explained that, following lobbying from Campbell Park Community Council, MKCC have made proposals that would change the speed limit on Chaffron Way (between

Leadenhall and Oldbrook) from the current 60mp to 40mph. This follows a previous decision to NOT instal further measures (traffic lights, no right turns, etc). Cllr Glasgow stated that she has requested the traffic survey outcome from MK College, as this may help shed some light on traffic levels and similar, but has not had any response (Council Manager to chase this up).

**Proposal:**

*That the committee supports the provision of a 40mph speed limit, but also requests that further traffic calming measures are considered, including the option of a 'no right turn' being implemented at key junctions*

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

**RESOLVED** by way of majority vote (one abstention).

**LD 26/25 To consider the consultation on the Street Trading policy from MKCC**

Previously sent to the committee on 2nd June, the paper, spoken to by the Council Manager explained the proposed changes to the policy on Street Trading. The new policy provides greater clarity on the 'musts', tidies up some language and places additional rules on traders regarding sustainable packaging and waste management. These were all felt to be positive changes:

**Proposal:**

*That the committee supports this new policy and requests that the Council Manager, as part of the consultation, confirms this is writing.*

**Proposed by: Cllr Smith. Seconded by: Cllr McMillan**

**RESOLVED** by way of unanimous vote.

**LD 27/25 To consider approach to applications over the summer period**

Due to the gap between this and the next meeting (with no meeting in August), committee agreed an approach to responding, if necessary, over the summer. This is delegated where non-controversial and managed via email, and that an additional meeting is called in the event of the Chair / Clerk believing that an application is likely to be considered as needing full oversight. This is in line with the Scheme of Delegation.

**RESOLVED –** noted.

**Date of next meeting:**

**Monday 1st September 2025 @ 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 7:25PM**

Chair _____ Date _____