

WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Services & Communities Committee

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To update the committee about progression relating to the Youth Service's plans to have the Barrista Park walls, on Jonathans, Coffee Hall repainted.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Committee notes the report.**

**MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS**

**Historically:** The Youth Manager (TD) has for some years now been exploring options for repair, rejuvenation and redesign of the Barrista park walls that face the road on Jonathans, Coffee Hall. Prior to Covid there had been some headway with local artists and funding options, but these unfortunately were not continued after the pandemic. TD reached out to various artists and new funding streams in 2022. One of which was Motus dance company, because they have completed significant, high-quality projects which have incorporated street art, music and dance together. There have been a few meetings to explore options and share what Woughton want from a partnership. Not least funding. Helen (director) went away with a very loose brief and the task of finding funding to develop a project.

**Recently:** TD and the Motus director met again in January & February as Motus have now secured 16mths funding for a collaborative project, through the Arts Council England. TD attended a Motus event on 18<sup>th</sup> March to get more of a personal insight into the quality and potential of the piece we are looking to develop. They are a vastly professional organisation and have an impressive catalogue of excellent quality projects.

**Motus Background:** *Motus <https://www.motusdance.co.uk/> were established in 2013 by professional dancers from MK, trying to fill the gap in professional dance houses with programmable dance in MK. They have worked with national and international companies, presented nine festivals, and offer workshops and masterclasses for all levels all year round. They specialise in performances that take place in public open spaces: Which is why they are such a great fit for this project.*

**The Proposal:** Following the most recent meeting, Helen from Motus is pulling in choreographers and artists from across the country who TD will meet with in April, bringing some local music and street artist along. Together the idea of a collaborative, multi-disciplined piece will be developed. The plan is to create a project that enables local young people to work on the different aspects: dance, sound, vocals and street art together over a period of time, working towards an event in July of 2024 when the walls will have been repainted and showcased as part of a

dance & performance piece. There is a drive to work with anyone from the parish but incorporate pieces with distinct minority groups: Girls and women, the LGBTQ+ community, young carers and a group of blind young people. Everything will be captured throughout the project and documented so that both the process and the final piece can become part of Woughton's Arts Heritage walks we are developing.

This is a phenomenal opportunity to work with some very big names, alongside local young people and local artists to create something very special. TD will update the committee again in due course.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

None foreseen other than officer time.

**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

Officer time.

**OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

Only positive outcomes foreseen.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

None.

**AUTHOR:**

Tash Darling, Youth Manager & DSL/ DCPO.

**Agenda item: SC 80/23**

**WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Services & Communities Committee**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To provide the committee with an overview and update of the Environment team and their work.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That committee notes the report and asks any questions they may have regarding the department.**

**MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

We continue to have regular meeting with the Environmental Enforcement Team at MKCC, with some good positive outcome regarding the installation of covert camera around the Parish.

Expansion of tool library (Library of Things) at the new landscape depot utilising a 20ft container currently on site waiting to be re-painted and Grafo-thermed (condensation proofed) by end of the month.

Flood equipment starting to arrive at the Hub ready to be placed in container waiting for re-painted as above.

£91,000 Big Lottery Grant has been awarded for establishing the new Community Garden on the land behind Rochfords, Coffee Hall. This can now be developed as a growing space for organisations such as RAs, schools, playgroups and to incorporate Forest School.

14 new dog bins ordered for replacement and to move some existing ones. New litter bin ordered for Peartree Bridge at the community garden space.

Various species of new trees have been planted across the parish over the last few weeks.

Small orchards are planned for Eaglestone and Coffee Hall, these have been funded by Branching Out grant, these will be planted in association with various youth groups.

We are reviewing the planting outside Eaglestone Activity Centre to incorporate grass area seating and soft planting.

Attached is a breakdown of the situation with Fly Tipping over the past six months.

**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

**OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Fly tipping report – six months to Feb 2023 (attached as an appendix).

**AUTHOR**

Steve McNay – Council Manager

## Appendix 1 – Fly tipping six monthly to end Feb 2023

### **Environmental report**

#### **Figures for Fly Tipping for the last 6 months**

##### September

	Reported.	Cleared by end of following month.
Dumped Rubbish	65	49
Environmental Crime	4	1
Abandoned Vehicles	0	0
Street Lighting	2	2
Other	4	4
Total	75	56

##### October

	Reported.	Cleared by end of following month.
Dumped Rubbish	72	71
Environmental Crime	5	3
Abandoned Vehicles	1	0
Street Lighting	0	0
Other	5	4
Total	83	78

##### November

	Reported.	Cleared by end of following month.
Dumped Rubbish	67	66
Environmental Crime	6	5
Abandoned Vehicles	1	0
Street Lighting	2	1
Other	15	12
Total	91	84

##### December

	Reported.	Cleared by end of following month.
Dumped Rubbish	49	27
Environmental Crime	4	2
Abandoned Vehicles	0	0
Street Lighting	3	1
Other	3	2
Total	59	32

##### January

	Reported.	Cleared by end of following month.
Dumped Rubbish	116	66
Environmental Crime	7	4
Abandoned Vehicles	1	0
Street Lighting	2	1
Other	20	14
Total	146	85

February

	Reported.	Cleared by end of following month.
Dumped Rubbish	72	7149
Environmental Crime	5	3
Abandoned Vehicles	1	0
Street Lighting	0	0
Other	5	4
Total	83	78

**Agenda item: SC 81/23**

**WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Services & Communities Committee**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To update Services Committee on proposed activities in the Wellbeing and Advice Service.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Committee notes the report.**

**MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

Our Wellbeing and Advice Officer reduced their working time to 15hrs per week in January 2023. This had an effect on the amount of wellbeing support we can give to residents, so we have been exploring options for supplementing the work that our WAS team provide. We have held meetings with Arts for Health and the Milton Keynes Recovery College and have the following proposals:

**Arts For Health**

A fully funded 10-12 week course for up to 12 people, to take place at a Woughton venue. Arts For Health will provide a dedicated artist to run the course and an administrator to handle registrations and measure outcomes. They also provide materials and volunteers as necessary. There are a wide range of options for the actual course content – painting, collage, textiles, music, photography etc – and the course could have an overall theme, for example Milton Keynes becoming a city.

WCC's commitment would be to provide a space for the course, and ideally basic refreshments for the participants. These can be provided through community fridge donations.

**MK Recovery College**

CNWL and Rethink Mental Illness recently opened a Recovery and Wellbeing College in Queensway, Bletchley. They offer a “safe, empowering and non-stigmatising space to explore, share and learn together and support each other on a journey of self-discovery” to residents in Milton Keynes.

In practical terms, they offer a wide range of workshops & courses to help cope with everyday life. Courses include:

- Coping with Loneliness and Isolation
- Understanding Health Anxiety
- Money Matters
- Interview Skills

A full list of upcoming courses and workshops is included with this report.

We would like to run a series of ‘taster’ sessions in our Wellbeing Room at Coffee Hall to see if local residents could benefit from this service. We have requested the following sessions:

- Developing Resilience
- Exercising for Health
- Spirituality and Wellbeing
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Introduction to Managing Stress
- Low Mood

If successful, we would like to explore the possibility of running regular courses at venues on Woughton. This could be particularly beneficial for people who need to rely on public transport – for example it can take over an hour to get from Peartree Bridge to the Recovery College by bus.

Although the existing courses and workshops are open to all Milton Keynes residents, we have agreed that any courses held on Woughton would be predominantly for our residents.

### **Chair Yoga**

In September 2022 we piloted a 6 week Chair Yoga class at Coffee Hall. The course was very well received, with 9+ attendees every week and positive feedback from all those who attended, including:

- Feeling less stressed/more relaxed
- Sleeping better/longer
- Feeling physically better - more mobile

The sessions also had a strong social aspect which led to some lasting friendships being created. We have an opportunity to repeat this course at other venues on Woughton and feel it would be beneficial to other residents.

### **STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

None perceived.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Arts for Health and Recovery College programs are fully funded, so the only cost to WCC is the potential lost contribution from hiring out our venues for the duration of the session.

Chair Yoga costs £240 for a six week course (£40 per session). The initial course was provided free of charge to attendees, but future sessions could charge a nominal fee eg. £1 or £2 per person, with the balance coming from the Warm Room budget.



**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Milton Keynes Recovery and Wellbeing College Curriculum April-July 2023.

**AUTHOR**

Sean Perry, Community Services Manager.



# Milton Keynes Recovery & Wellbeing College

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

You can request a place on any of our courses in one of three ways:



1. If you have joined us before, welcome back! Email [cnwl.mkrecoverycollege@nhs.net](mailto:cnwl.mkrecoverycollege@nhs.net) with your choice of courses



2. If you are new to the College and have never enrolled online before, welcome! Please click [this link](#) to enrol, or go to [www.cnwl.nhs.uk](http://www.cnwl.nhs.uk) find 'Services' then click 'Recovery and Wellbeing College' to find out more



3. If you'd rather speak to a person, do call **01908 725351**

Please note

- All face-to-face courses are held at **226 Queensway Bletchley MK2 2TE.**

Introduction to Recovery and Wellbeing (for Milton Keynes students only)

Face-to-Face 2.5 hour workshop

226 Queensway  
Bletchley Milton  
Keynes MK2 2TE

1.30pm – 4pm

Monday 17th April

Discovering Self-Compassion (for Milton Keynes students only)

Face-to-Face 2.5 hour workshop

226 Queensway  
Bletchley Milton  
Keynes MK2 2TE

1.30pm – 4pm

Wednesday 19th April

Getting a Good Night's Sleep (for Milton Keynes students only)

Face-to-Face 2.5 hour workshop

226 Queensway  
Bletchley Milton  
Keynes MK2 2TE

10.30am – 1pm

Friday 21st April

Coping with Loneliness and Isolation (for Milton Keynes students only)

Face-to-Face 2.5 hour workshop

226 Queensway  
Bletchley Milton  
Keynes  
MK2 2TE

10.30am – 1pm

Wednesday 26th April

Introduction to Easy Crafts for Recovery (for Milton Keynes students only)

Face-to-Face 2.5 hour workshop

226 Queensway  
Bletchley Milton  
Keynes  
MK2 2TE

1.30pm – 4pm

Friday 28th April

How Healthy Eating and Being Active can Improve Mental Health (for Milton Keynes students only)

Face-to-Face 2 week course

226 Queensway  
Bletchley Milton  
Keynes  
MK2 2TE

1.30pm – 4pm

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

For full course descriptions, please see the online prospectus

[CNWL Recovery & Wellbeing College](#)

226, Queensway, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2TE.

**Agenda item: SC 82/23**

**WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Services & Communities Committee**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To propose an event to celebrate the coronation of King Charles.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Committee notes the report.
2. That the Committee agrees to a 'Big Lunch' on 7<sup>th</sup> May, as detailed.

**MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

The coronation of King Charles takes place over the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The official itinerary is:

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey - the Coronation Service will take place on the morning of Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. The Coronation is a solemn religious service, as well as an occasion for celebration and pageantry.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Neighbours and communities across the United Kingdom are invited to share food and fun together at Coronation Big Lunches on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, in a nationwide act of celebration and friendship. From a cup of tea with a neighbour to a street party, a Coronation Big Lunch brings the celebrations to your neighbourhood and is a great way to get to know your community a little better.

Also on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will take place at Windsor Castle. Produced, staged and broadcast live by the BBC and BBC Studios, the Coronation Concert will bring global music icons and contemporary stars together in celebration of the historic occasion.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The Big Help Out will be held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the United Kingdom. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation. The aim of The Big Help Out is to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend.

We would like to hold the Big Lunch event on the green at Coffee Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. This could include:

- A family picnic, with residents encouraged to bring along and share their own food
- Cooked refreshments (ie. Coronation Chicken) provided by Woughton Community Council.
- Live entertainment, for example karaoke, singalong
- If the event was held later in the day we could show the Coronation Concert outdoors on a big screen.

**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

Would require Council Officers and involvement from Councillors and volunteers in order to work. The exact staffing requirements will only be known when a running program is agreed.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Approximately £200 for entertainment, £100 for food.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

None.

**AUTHOR**

Sean Perry, Community Services Manager.

**Agenda item: SC 83/23**

**WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Services & Communities Committee**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To update Services Committee on proposed Community Engagement activities with the Milton Keynes Islamic Centre.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Committee notes the report.**

**MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

We are exploring ways of developing our existing relationship with the Milton Keynes Islamic Centre on Coffee Hall. At a recent meeting we discussed ways of working together, with Ramadan being seen as a good opportunity to start this work.

We have proposals to work towards the following events together:

Sunday 26th March – Community Food at Coffee Hall Meeting Place. Start cooking 4.30pm. MKMA will provide and cook all the food. The event will be open to everyone.

Friday 7th April – Youth Iftar, for up to 50 young people at Eaglestone Activity Centre. Access from 5pm.

We also explored the possibility of starting a youth project after Ramadan. It was suggested that this would be a one off event, which if successful could happen on a more regular basis. The project would take the form below:

A Games / Video games night – possibly at Eaglestone Activity Centre.  
12-18 years old. Thirty attendees. If successful we would look at running this weekly on Fridays or Saturdays to promote youth engagement. Open to all Woughton Youth.

The Youth Manager sees this as a fantastic opportunity as the team have tried, with minimal success, to reach some of our minority groups within Woughton, our Islamic community being one of these harder to reach cohorts. Aside from it being an outcome on the existing service plan. The Youth manager wants to endorse this and any open access, collaborative working as the youth team is particularly keen to develop more diverse relationships within Woughton youth. We know this as not only an integral part of individual's personal, social development but it's vital for cohesion for our youth community.

**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

A Council Officer or Caretaker will be needed to open and close buildings. If the youth engagement project takes off, we would look at the possibility of a volunteer Youth Worker attending the sessions.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

These projects will utilise buildings that are not currently being rented. We would not propose to charge for access while we are building on this relationship.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

None.

**AUTHOR**

Sean Perry / Kevin Vickers / Tash Darling