



Woughton Community Council

Services & Communities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th February 2024 at 6:30pm
Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber,
60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

Present: Cllrs Nick Scott (Chair), Jeanette Bobey (Vice-Chair), Eamon Bobey, Maggie Ferguson, Michael Ferguson, Penny Glasgow, Deanna Norris, April Rennie, Liz Simpkins, Sue Smith, Alan Williamson.

Also present:

Steve McNay (Council Manager)
Sean Perry (Community Services Manager)

SC 78/24 Apologies:

Cllr Ruth McMillan (unwell)
Cllr D'Anne Mordecai (unwell)
Cllr Donna Fuller (meeting clash)

RESOLVED - All accepted

SC 79/24 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest

Noted

SC 80/24 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

There were no questions received.

Noted

SC 81/24 Chairs announcements:

There were no announcements.

SC 82/24 Minutes of previous meetings:

To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22nd January 2024.

With the exception of Cllr Liz Simpkins being noted as present when not, the minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Nick Scott

Seconded: Cllr Sue Smith

SC 83/24 To update the committee on issues relating to 20 mile per hour zone requests and community speedwatch programmes and training.

The Council Manager spoke to the paper that detailed the two issues:

a) MKCC requesting 'applications' for 20mph zone that show 'community involvement' and come

through parish, town or community councils, and
b) the process for applying to TVP for training and equipment around Community Speedwatch initiatives.

There were a number of issues raised by councillors, principally that there was support for 20mph zones, but that these would need to be 'policed' and concerns around the safety of speedwatch volunteers. For some estates, there was a clear view that speed restrictions would be supported but speedwatch wouldn't and that there needed to be additional elements included in any approach, including TVP support and the installation of speed bumps or similar. Those estates with 20mph limits did report that this was not a 'cure all'.

Any applications would need to be made by WCC to MKCC and would be agreed at this committee, once community support was evidenced. The Council Manager provided a sign-up form where residents could add their names to the list to support the application. It was suggested that community events (cafes, etc.) would be a good place to start with sign-ups, but for other places it might be helpful to door knock on each house to gain insight into support.

A request was made that Highways undertake a parish wide walk around to assess the situation, as things have changed significantly since the estates were built. The Council Manager agreed to suggest it to MKCC Highways department, whilst acknowledging the budget issues faced by the authority.

RESOLVED Proposal - That once petitions are provided to the committee, further action will be taken. NOTED

SC 84/24 To update the committee on the proposed donation of a van to support delivery of events, primarily linked to community food, across the parish.

The Council Manager gave a break down of the costs associated with the potential donation of a new van, via former councillor Brian Hepburn, coming from Tesco.

Councillors expressed their views that this would potentially enable additional services, such as Community Larders / Fridge on estates without buildings (PB and LH), offer additional benefits for events and similar and bring another vehicle for the councils use. It was also suggested that if the van was used for community fridge type services, it could also stock essentials and 'sell' these alongside. Councillors also stated that they would be happy to deliver these services, removing the cost of officer time.

It was noted that there would need to be a booking system to ensure that the van was used fairly and equitably.

RESOLVED Proposal - that the council agrees to take delivery of the donated van.

Proposed by Cllr Nick Soctt. Seconded : Cllr Sue Smith Vote: Unanimous

SC 85/24 To update the committee on publicity for upcoming events and other event related updates.

The Council Manager (CM) and Community Services Manager (CSM) presented the posters that have been created to advertise the upcoming events. These included D-Day, new table tennis club, the potential creation of a Residents Association for Coffee Hall and the Woughton is 50 event.

This included some further information about potential funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund towards some refurbishment of public realm resources, such as the Owl and the Pussycat Park. It was suggested that any work on public realm should include liaison with the residents association.

There was some concern that the Woughton is 50 poster was too small, but it was explained that this was only due to fitting on the committee papers, and it was the same size as the others. Concern was also noted that the poster was not as vibrant as some would like, that the Netherfield Residents Association (NRA) logo wasn't on it (it was, but very small) and that if this was an event that involved all estates, all RA logs should be included. The poster was not considered suitable and needed more 'oomph'.

RESOLVED – noted, with some further work to be done.

SC 86/24 Update on the January CCTV report from Crimewave Ltd.

The Council Manager updated the committee on the impact of the CCTV cameras. They have been useful in resolving issues and there have been thanks offered by TVP and others for the benefits that this has brought.

One camera will be moved to another area, where ASB, dog fouling and fly tipping is prevalent.

RESOLVED - noted

SC87/24 Update on the Communities and Environment grants fund for 2023/24

The Community Services Manager provided an update on the current situation with the grants fund. One change to the paper provided, with a trip being to Skegness, rather than Southend.

There remains a significant amount unspent - £6969. Any applications that are made prior to 1st March can be considered in the committee in March and, as long as awards are made at that meeting, activities can take place in the next financial year.

RESOLVED - noted

Date of next meeting:

Monday 18th March 2024, 6:30pm, at the Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber, The Local Centre, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.