



## **Woughton Community Council**

### **Services & Communities Committee**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 6:30pm  
Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber,  
60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.**

**Present: Cllrs Nick Scott (Chair), Janette Bobey (Vice-Chair),** Eamonn Bobey, Deanna Norris, April Rennie, Liz Simpkins, Alan Williamson.

#### **Also present:**

Tash Darling (Youth Manager & Safeguarding Lead)

Steve McNay (Council Manager)

Sean Perry (Community Services Manager)

#### **SC 65/24 Apologies:**

- Cllr Liz Simpkins (personal commitment)
- Cllr Maggie Ferguson (unwell)
- Cllr Michael Ferguson (unwell)
- Cllr Donna Fuller and Cllr Sue Smith (another meeting)
- Cllr D'Anne Mordecai (personal)
- Cllr Penny Glasgow (illness)
- Cllr Ruth McMillan (illness)

**AGREED**

#### **SC 66/24 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest

**Noted**

#### **SC 67/24 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):**

There were no questions received.

**Noted**

#### **SC 68/24 Chairs announcements:**

To receive announcements from the Chair.

- Reminder that Mr Brian Barton has a leaving do coming up – card will be at FC next week and contributions welcome.
- Full Council is coming up on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and this is where budgets and precepts are agreed, so please try and attend if at all possible.
- Storm season is here – the weekend was a bit squirly, but no serious damage that we know about. Storm Jocelyn is next – as usual, keep an eye on neighbours and take action to secure things, especially trampolines.

**RESOLVED - Noted**

#### **SC 69/24 Minutes of previous meetings:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

**RESOLVED - Proposed by Cllr Nick Scott, seconded by Cllr April Rennie**

**Communities and Environment Fund Application(s)**

**SC 70/24 Covid 19 Families UK:**

Application received for £1,000 towards various items requested for a National day of Covid remembrance Milton Keynes Memorial event to be held at Campbell Park.

*Lots of discussion, including concerns about the level of funding, number of applications outstanding with other parishes, danger of WCC funding to higher levels that they should and worries around ability to deliver an event with the timescales involved (6 weeks away).*

**RESOLVED - Proposal – Cllr Scott proposed a reduced amount of funding - £200. Seconded by Alan Williamson. Unanimous.**

**Reports**

**SC 71/24 To note the Southend Halloween, Fireworks & Festival held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Evaluation Form:**

£400 awarded towards coach hire costs. *Some additional feedback from Eamonn and Janette, reflecting on some challenges, but that all had a good time.*

**RESOLVED - NOTED**

**SC 72/24 To note the Moorfriends, trip to Twinlakes Theme Park on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Evaluation Form:**

£1,050.00p awarded towards coach hire. *Some concerns expressed about the feedback form, with issues with the late submission (this was explained that the applicant was new, spent some time in hospital, etc.) of the form and no breakdown of the geographic breakdown of attendees. This was expressed as a concern that as Moorlands covers a wider catchment area, knowledge of where people came from in terms of the funding is requested for future events and that this is needed for future grant applications.*

*An additional point was made that the funding guidelines no longer state that WCC doesn't fund schools. This appears to have dropped off somehow and will be changed back.*

**RESOLVED - NOTED**

**SC 73/24 To update the committee on the early use of the CCTV cameras and proposal to move one of the CCTV cameras to Tinkers Bridge.**

*Lots of discussion around the benefits or otherwise of CCTV use, with general view that they bring additional benefits and that a move to Tinkers Bridge would be sensible, to address the concerns noted around habitual dog poo leavers.*

**RESOLVED Proposal (via paper) – to move camera from Coffee Hall to Tinkers Bridge – unanimous**

**SC 74/24 To update the committee on event planning for the coming year and request information about preferences for activities and inclusion, plus feedback regarding December events.**

**Proposal (via paper) that:**

*Committee agrees to initial funding of £2000 for D Day*

*Committee agrees to initial funding of £8000 for Woughton is 50*

**RESOLVED Unanimous.**

*There was some discussion around Commonwealth Day? 11<sup>th</sup> March – suggestion can we engage with community members to get them involved and potentially have some food from around the commonwealth. No formal proposals.*

**SC 75/24 To propose investigation of speed camera training for residents**

*There has been discussion over several years around Speed camera use / Community Speedwatch. Investigate options and whether there is anything that can be done. Paper to come to this committee covering costs, expectations, etc. Also look at the concerns that residents may be targets if they are part of this project.*

*A request was also made to also include 20mph zone application rules and how to apply for them.*

*Suggestion was that TVP should also be part of the speedwatch programme too.*

**RESOLVED Proposed by NS – That the Council Manager provide details of Speedwatch programme and training, and how to apply for 20mph zone to this committee. Unanimous**

**SC 76/24 To have an initial discussion regarding a Service Plan for 2024/25**

*Whilst no formal ideas were proposed, a suggestion was made that committee and the wider council use the old service plans as a base from which to work – the Council Manager agreed to send round some links.*

*Committee agreed that over the next few meetings, to consider and submit ideas towards a service plan.*

*NB Previous Service Plans can be found at <https://www.woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk/services/service-plan/>*

**RESOLVED – Noted**

**SC 77/24 To update committee on the response to the bus service sponsorship requests**

*The Council Manager updated that as of today, no response have been received. They will send follow up letters now that the festive period is finished.*

**RESOLVED - Noted**

**Date of next meeting:**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 6:30pm, at the Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber, The Local Centre, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.