



Woughton Community Council

Services & Communities Committee

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th July 2024 at 6:30pm
Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber,
60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.**

Present: Cllrs Nick Scott (Chair), Ruth McMillan (Vice Chair), Micheal Ferguson, Maggie Ferguson, April Rennie, Charlie Marsh, Lorna Webb, Luke Louis, Liz Simpkins, Sue Smith.

Also present:

Steve McNay (Council Manager – via online)

Tash Darling (Youth and Communities Manager)

SC 133/24 Apologies:

Cllrs Eamonn and Janette Bobey and Cllr Donna Fuller (attended online)

Cllr Peny Glasgow

RESOLVED – apologies accepted.

SC 134/24 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Rennie declared an interest in the two TBRA grant applications and SC148/24.

RESOLVED - Noted

SC 135/24 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

Two questions that were submitted, which the Council Manager has passed to relevant officers:

- Putting to grass an area on Neapland, Beanhill that has previously had stuff cut down – passed to Estates Manager
- Request for a chicane to be installed to reduce speed on Beanhill (Neapland / Tandra). Council Manager to investigate potential and bring back to a future meeting.

ACTION – Council Manager to speak with Highways around options.

SC 136/24 Chairs announcements:

Chairs Awards was very well received and thanks offered to those involved and the winners and nominees.

RESOLVED – noted.

SC 137/24 Minutes of previous meetings:

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

- Monday 20th May 2024.

Cllr Scott proposed that these were an accurate record of the meeting. Seconded by Cllr Smith.

RESOLVED

SC 138/24 Moorfriends Application to support a trip to Wicksteed Park.

This was passed on from the previous meeting where some confusion was apparent.

The Council Manager spoke to the paper, explaining a different approach with the paper to make it as simple as possible.

Proposal:

That the funding applied for (total of £1150) is awarded to Moorfriends, with a proviso that if spaces are not taken up, that spaces are opened up to others from the parish.

It was also requested that applicants are reminded about the feedback requirement.

Proposed by: Cllr Scott Seconded by: Cllr Maggie Ferguson

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 139/24 Tinkers Bridge Residents Association to support a Fun Day.

The Council Manager spoke to the paper, detailing the compliance, quotes provided, etc. There was some discussion around the timing of this application, as the event takes place on Saturday and has been advertised, which is not compliant with the guidelines. However, it was suggested that officers had failed to advise TBRA effectively on this and as such, some leeway was due.

It was stated by committee that this should be seen as a 'one off' due to circumstance and that any further applications that don't comply with the guidance should still be excluded.

It was also suggested that officers should be impartial, although it was not clear with what this was related to.

Proposal:

That the funding applied for (total of £615) is awarded to TBRA, with the proviso that this is a one off due to specific circumstances and that compliance with the guidance MUST be prioritised in future.

Proposed by: Cllr Scott Seconded by: Cllr Michael Ferguson.

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 140/24 Tinkers Bridge Residents Association to support a trip to Great Yarmouth

The Council Manager spoke to the paper, detailing the compliance, quotes provided, etc.

Proposal:

That the funding applied for (total of £643) is awarded to TBRA.

Proposed by: Cllr Scott Seconded by: Cllr Smith

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

There was further discussion around the process of this grant funding, following a number of different approaches trialled over the past few years. It was suggested that a small group could meet over the summer to look at this and decide on an agreed way forward for the grant funding to ensure that it is administered fairly, transparently and with clear guidance known to all.

Proposal:

That following some recent confusion, that a review of the process, policy, paperwork and other information relating to the Communities and Environment, with an understanding that any changes are not enforced retrospectively.

Proposed by: Cllr Maggie Ferguson Seconded by: Cllr Scott

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

ACTION – A small working group to review the grant funding process with a view to making recommendations to this committee later in the year.

SC 141/24 CCTV update from Crimewave.

The Council Manager spoke to the paper, explaining the current placement and actions from the two cameras. The Council Manager reminded councillors that if there are issues that may have been covered by the cameras, we can request a review of the footage from the CCTV company.

There were some suggestions proposed by members of the committee as to where the camera may be placed. This included one remaining where it is, some traffic issues and a further ASB issue on Beanhill.

RESOLVED – noted.

ACTION – Committee members / councillors to send requests for camera placements to the Council manager who will liaise with the relevant people.

SC 142/24 Initial contact re: VE-Day commemorations 2025

The Council Manager spoke to the paper, explaining that this follows on from the success of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, with a further event planned for VE Day in May 2025. Various ideas were suggested for any event.

Proposal:

‘The committee would like WCC to provide an event commemorating VE Day, to take place in May 2025 and tasks the Council Manager with registering for this, and that a small working group is created to decide on the nature of the event’.

Proposed by: Cllr Scott Seconded by: Cllr Smith

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 143//24 Update on Place Based Funding approach from Sport England

An update was provided by the Council Manager, giving an overview of activity to this point. Potential for future investment into sporting activities and resources within the parish.

Proposal

‘The committee welcomes the opportunity to be involved in these discussions and tasks the officer team to continue initial work, providing feedback to the committee as and when appropriate.’

Proposed by: Cllr Scott Seconded by: Cllr Simpkins

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote

SC 144/24 Update on Woughton in 50 improvements to ABC / Owl and Pussycat

The Council Manager spoke to the paper, updating on what actions have taken place to this point, both in terms of getting ready for the festival, but also for longer term work.

It was noted that any photos of the park from the past would be welcomed, to try and make sure that they are in keeping when repaired. Cllr Ferguson also encouraged the communities skills to be utilised as part of this project.

RESOLVED – noted.

SC 145/24 Update on initial discussions regarding inclusive play area

The Council Manager provided an overview of this issue, talking through the initial discussion with Cllr McQuillan, funding now being in place and MKCC looking at options to install at the small green space opposite the church, between Garraways and Daniels Welch.

RESOLVED – noted.

SC 146/24 Update on progress with No 99 Jonathans

The Council Manager updated the committee on progress on No 99, with proposals for repairs via the Mears foundation, signing of the lease following a condition survey report that has been included within the lease. Proposal is that we aim for a December 'opening', with a view to have some work in place around developing the service for No 99.

To this end, suggestion that a small working group is created to look at this issue to have a clear project plan in place prior to any formal launch.

RESOLVED – noted.

SC 147/24 Information regarding the 'Wheelie Big Picnic'.

The Youth and Community Manager spoke to this paper, giving significant detail on the overall Service Plan item around improving cycling within the parish.

This event proposes a range of activities within the 'Wheelie Big Picnic' – a 'pump track', safe cycling routes, repairs tent, etc.

In the longer term, cycle storage and improvements to wider infrastructure are also planned.

RESOLVED – noted.

SC 148/24 Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place office space update

Following a request from Cllr Rennie to withdraw this paper, this item was withdrawn from the agenda, on the understanding that the issues raised in the paper that Cllr Rennie provided in response were considered.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 16th September 2024, **6:00pm**, at the Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber, The Local Centre, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.02hrs.

Signed: