



Woughton Community Council

Services & Communities Committee

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st October 2024 at 6:00pm
Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber,
60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.**

Present: Nick Scott (Chair), Ruth McMillan (Vice Chair), Michael Ferguson, Maggie Ferguson, Penny Glasgow, Luke Louis, Charlie Marsh, D'Anne Mordecai, April Rennie, Sue Smith, Alan Williamson.

Also present:

Steve McNay (Council Manager – via online)
Tash Darling (Youth and Communities Manager)

SC 174/24 Apologies:

Cllrs Eamonn Bobey, Liz Simpkins. All apologies were accepted by the committee.
RESOLVED – apologies accepted.

SC 175/24 Declarations of Interest:

No declarations were made.
RESOLVED - Noted

SC 176/24 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

No questions were received
RESOLVED - Noted

SC 177/24 Chairs announcements:

- The Chair thanked all involved in the Remembrance Events, both the Sunday 10th event and the larger, Children's Parade that took place on Monday 11th November. With around 500 children in attendance, it was an event that was well received.
- The Chair also passed on information via the Council Manager regarding the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting, that is taking place on Friday 29th November. There is a further space if anyone would like to attend.

RESOLVED – noted.

SC 178/24 Minutes of previous meetings:

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

- Monday 21st October 2024.

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

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote

Communities and Environment Fund Application(s)

SC 179/24 To receive feedback forms from previously funded activities

Feedback forms from two (2) Tinkers Bridge Resident Association activities were shared, with the feedback being positive and agreement that further learning would be taken in terms of planning ahead.

RESOLVED – noted.

Reports

SC 180/24 Update on the agreement with the Boxing Club at EAC

(Paper attached)

Continuation of SC 158/24 and SC167/24 – Proposal that and agreement is made with MK Boxing ABC regarding use of the space and rental agreement

The Council Manager spoke to the paper, updating the committee on the information provided by the club, covering the three (3) issues that had been requested:

- Governance documentation and clarity about charitable / other structure
- Details of attendees (this simply needs to be number on and off parish)
- Social value statement – why should WCC subsidise any provision?

The committee had a variety of comments, with some concerns noted about the apparently low levels of usage from parish residents (somewhere around 20%, based on the limited information received). Concerns were also noted that the support offered to this club may be seen by others as a benchmark, with the expectation that they should also have that level of subsidy. A variety of suggestions were made around supporting the group to become more realistic and sustainable in the way they operate:

- Giving a set amount of time to enable the group to formalize their structure, with a view to becoming a registered charity.
- Working with the group to help create a more sustainable approach, encouraging them to approach neighbouring councils who have residents accessing the sessions for additional funding
- Acknowledging that the group does some very positive work and that there is a social value to this.

As a result, a combination of the suggested proposals were suggested, with the following formal motion:

Proposal:

That the committee agrees to continue to provide the affordable levels of rental to the club for a period of three (3) months, whilst the Community Development Officer works with the club to develop a more sustainable model (i.e. a formally constituted group, grant applications, etc) and that at the end of that period, the group is moved to the acknowledged rate, be that the charitable rate or the business rate, dependent on the outcome of the above work.

Proposed by: Cllr Scott. Seconded by Cllr Maggie Ferguson

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 181/24 CCTV update from Crimewave.

The Council Manager updated the committee on the two CCTV resources, with recent moves included. The new placements were in response to requests from councillors and TVP. Feedback was that when cameras are in place, problems reduce, but when removed, they often restart.

RESOLVED – noted.

SC 182/24 Proposal regarding potential warm room funding

The Council Manager and Youth and Community Manager explained that there is the possibility of some funding via public health at MKCC, for up to £4,000 towards provision and support of warm rooms over the coming months. Some ideas and proposals have already been discussed, that link to the over-arching aims of the department (these include healthy weight, smoking cessation, substance misuse, young people mental health and similar). Additionally, a focus on No 99 has also been suggested – the funding proposal came as a result of discussions into the new ‘Hub’.

Ideas proposed to this point include:

- Linking some warm food to existing sessions on Netherfield (e.g. before the monthly RA meeting, or bingo session) and building a regular weekly session around this
- Linking to the people at the Eaglestone provision who are those that stay, rather than the ‘coming through and grabbing food’ group.
- Linking warm rooms to the consultations that WCC is looking at currently – the accessible play space, the forest gardens, the creation of the estate champions, youth council, etc. Lots happening and this could link together nicely.
- No 99 – whole parish approaches, as noted above. 2 x 6 weeks of chair yoga or similar (with then food and warmth), tea and toast (link to tea and tech) for people struggling with technology, provision of an after school session, with a walking bus from New Chapter and something around working with the Alcohol Recovery service.
- Support to existing sessions (e.g. games night) and contribution to the costs of opening (gas / electric / etc.). It was noted that TB Warm Room has been funded for six months through an alternative fund.

Next stage is that a formal proposal is made to MKCC.

Proposal:

That the officers continue to work up a proposal and submit to MKCC, reporting back to this committee as and when agreement is reached.

Proposed by: Cllr Scott. Seconded by Cllr Rennie.

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 183/24 Discussion with regard to the ‘Together we Can’ document, prior to feedback at Full Council

The Council Manager introduced the document, explaining that this is the ‘agreement’ between Milton Keynes City Council (the principal authority) and the 48 town, parish and community councils in the borough. The intention is that this underpins the dealings from every department of the principal authority, but some comments were made that this is not always the case. The document is currently under review and comments are welcomed from local councils.

Feedback regarding the document to be sent to Cllr Sue Smith or Cllr Ruth McMillan, the parishes forum representatives, before the next meeting which takes place on 5th December.

RESOLVED – noted.

SC 184/24 Update on the winter programme for Landscaping

The Council Manager updated the committee on the winter programme for the landscape team, explaining that the winter hours have now started and that the programme takes a

'clockwise' approach to the parish. This means that the winter work (cutting back, hedges, shrubbery, etc.) will start on Coffee Hall, moving then to Beanhill, Netherfield, Tinkers Bridge, Peartree Bridge, Eaglestone and then Leadenhall.

If there are any urgent issues (safety, sightlines, etc.) then these should continue to be reported to the landscape team as usual. It was also noted that issues around leaf litter fall under the waste and recycling service and should be reported to MKCC.

RESOLVED – noted.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 16th December 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 18:55hrs.

Signed: