



## Woughton Community Council

### Services & Communities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 6:00pm  
Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber,  
60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

**Present: Ruth McMillan (Vice Chair)**, Michael Ferguson, Maggie Ferguson, Penny Glasgow, April Rennie, Liz Simpkins, Sue Smith, Lorna Webb.

**Also present:**

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

One (1) member of the public

**SC 149/24 Apologies:**

Cllrs Eamonn and Janette Bobey, Luke Louis, Nick Scott, and D’Anne Mordecai. All apologies were accepted by the committee.

Cllr Charlie Marsh was in attendance via Zoom, but not considered present in law.

**RESOLVED – apologies accepted.**

**SC 150/24 Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations were made.

**RESOLVED - Noted**

**SC 151/24 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):**

No questions were received by an email was sent relating to SC 157/24, which it was agreed would be noted within that item.

**RESOLVED - Noted**

**SC 152/24 Chairs announcements:**

- Apple Day takes place a week on Saturday (28<sup>th</sup> September) at the Community Garden to the rear of 70-104 Rochfords.
- The Chair stated that the festival had been a success and positive feedback received.
- The Annual ‘Priorities’ survey is live (the Council manager shared the link on screen)
- There is a consultation event regarding the New City Plan 2050 at The Christian Centre on Oldbrook on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September between 9.30 – 4.30.

**RESOLVED – noted.**

**SC 153/24 Minutes of previous meetings:**

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

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

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

**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote**

**SC 154/24 Friends of Coffee Hall Café application to support a trip to the Black Country Museum.**

The Council Manager spoke to the paper.

**Proposal:**

*That the funding applied for (total of £400) is awarded to Friends of Coffee Hall Community Cafe*

**Proposed by: Cllr McMillan      Seconded by: Cllr Smith**

**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

**SC 155/24 Review of the Communities and Environment Fund process**

The Council Manager spoke to the paper, explaining that following some confusion and feedback from committee members, clarity around the funding process and how papers should be presented should be made clear. There was some discussion around the options with a view that an overview, with full application, including financial details (e.g. bank statements, etc.) was sufficient. It was also requested that in the event that other funding is applied for and not received, that the committee is given feedback regarding this.

**Proposal:**

*That the current guidance is suitable and that the committee receives an overview paper, plus the complete but redacted application submission for each application.*

**Proposed by: Cllr Smith      Seconded by: Cllr Simpkins**

**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

**SC 156/24 CCTV update from Crimewave.**

The Council Manager gave an overview of the two months of feedback from Crimewave. Cllr Webb requested a camera move to Beanhill and agreed to provide further detail to the Council Manager. Cllr Simpkins asked if any further information around charges for moving had been forthcoming – the Council Manager stated that there has been no further information about the charges or the use for traffic monitoring.

**RESOLVED – noted.**

**SC 157/24 Correspondence received regarding food provision at the Community Café**

The Council Manager explained that part of his role is to share 'correspondence' with the council, where appropriate. Whilst most is dealt with under delegated powers, he had received three anonymous letters regarding the provision of food at the café, which he shared with the committee. This led to discussion around the purpose of the café, whether meat should be served at every session, the issue of choice and ensuring that there are at least two options. There were also concerns expressed that curry is not suitable for all and as such, other options should be in place. The discussion also covered issues around healthy eating and whether charges should be applied. Alternative approaches were proposed, with other similar projects sharing their approach.

The Council Manager also shared the feedback noted in SC151/24 above, namely that another visitor to the café had shared their view on the meal in question which was more positive and may lead to some additional funding for healthy eating projects.

A further comment was made that people within the café are unaware of the new Food Coordinator as he hasn't introduced himself.

**Proposal:**

*That the café ensures that there is always two choices (the second may be soup, beans on toast or similar), with the priority for meals remaining that the 'waste' food from the community fridge is utilised.*

**Proposed by: Cllr Rennie      Seconded by: Cllr Williamson**  
**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

**Proposal:**

*That people within the café are informed of the ethos of the café, whilst being introduced to the new Food Coordinator.*

**Proposed by: Cllr McMillan      Seconded by: Cllr Michael Ferguson**  
**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

**SC 158/24 Discussion regarding the Boxing Club at Eaglestone and approach to charging / supporting**

The Council Manager spoke to the paper, giving an overview of the situation and clarifying some queries from members. The club has grown since the original agreement and clarification around whether the current level of charging is reasonable or not is needed from the committee, following a meeting between representatives of both organisations.

**Proposal:**

*That the committee requests that the renter provides the following to enable a clear decision to be made:*

- 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?

**Proposed by: Cllr McMillan      Seconded by: Cllr Smith**  
**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

**SC 159/24 Initial discussion around budgets for 2025/26 and proposals from the committee for inclusion in early planning**

The committee was asked to begin to consider any items that they may wish to see included in the budget for the coming year, such as new gazebos, notice boards, etc (both these were noted by the Council Manager as items that would be helpful to renew. It was suggested that notice boards with 'edible beds' underneath have worked well elsewhere.

**RESOLVED – noted.**

**SC 160/24 Events feedback and upcoming events**

The Council Manager gave an overview of events that have taken place and requested further clarification for some coming up. Cllr Smith expressed concerns that the Peartree Bridge event run in partnership with the Parks Trust was not an event for the local community, as visitors from outside were much higher in number. This was echoed by Cllr McMillan who stated that it was a Woughton event, rather than a Peartree Bridge event. The Youth and Community Manager explained that the event did include a wider reach but providing it on Peartree Bridge aimed to make use of the space, encourage people onto parish and that every home on the estate was leafletted to try and ensure local involvement. Parks Trust have agreed to hold an event to 'kick off' the summer provision each year, working with WCC to deliver this. Concerns were also expressed about the suitability of the space, due to proximity to a main road and boggy conditions.

Further discussion took place around the White Ribbon Campaign (no conclusion), VE Day (register for the beacon lighting), Remembrance (a meeting to be arranged asap) and Santa Sleigh, which it has been suggested moves to the week directly before Christmas. No formal decisions were made.

**RESOLVED – noted.**

**SC 161/24 An update on youth and community activity over the summer.**

The Youth and Community Manager spoke to the paper and detailed the work that Youth and the Advice / Wellbeing team has been doing.

Cllr Simpkins raised the issue of engaging with estates where there is no Resident Association, linked to the Forest Schools. It was agreed by others that whilst this project is not taking place on Eaglestone, consideration of how best to engage with communities where RA's don't exist is a challenge. The Council Manager explained that there is a small amount of funding that can be used to ensure that local voices are heard – more details will come regarding this.

**RESOLVED – noted.**

**Date of next meeting:**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 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 19.54hrs.

Signed: