



## **Woughton Community Council**

### **Services & Communities Committee**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 6:00pm  
Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber,  
60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.**

**Present:** Cllrs Eamonn Bobey, Michael Ferguson, Maggie Ferguson, Luke Louis, Charlie Marsh, D'Anne Mordecai, Liz Simpkins, Sue Smith (Chaired this meeting), Lorna Webb, Alan Williamson

**Also present:**

Steve McNay (Council Manager)

Tash Darling (Youth and Communities Manager)

Due to both the Chair and Vice Chair being absent, Cllr Sue Smith was nominated to chair the meeting by Cllr Webb, seconded by Cllr Marsh and agreed by all present.

**SC 197/24 Apologies:**

Nick Scott

Ruth McMillan

Penny Glasgow

April Rennie

**RESOLVED – noted.**

**SC 198/24 Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations were made.

**RESOLVED - Noted**

**SC 199/24 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):**

No questions were received

**RESOLVED - Noted**

**SC 200/24 Chairs announcements:**

The Chair advised the meeting of upcoming events and that there is a current vacancy for a Landscape Operative.

**RESOLVED – noted.**

**SC 201/24 Minutes of previous meetings:**

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

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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

**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote**

### **SC 202/24 Update regarding 'free' trials at Community Centres**

A further paper was tabled and spoken to by the Council Manager to clarify the proposal submitted to the previous meeting, with confirmation on definitions and proposals. It was explained that this would be a very 'managed' project, with the relevant officers ensuring that groups are not duplicated, that there is support offered (with a view to sustainability) and that building towards creating constituted groups, to enable access to funding in the longer term was also suggested by the committee. It was suggested that encouraging the constitution could start from 1 month.

#### **Proposal**

*That committee agrees to the proposal contained within the initial paper, namely that three-month free trials are offered to new groups, with a view to increasing use of the community centres. This to include regular updates to this committee on take up, impact, outcomes and other relevant information.*

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

**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

### **SC 203/24 CCTV update from Crimewave and request for future sites.**

The Council Manager spoke to the paper, giving details of discussions that have taken place with Crimewave regarding the placement of cameras and the contract more generally.

#### **Proposal:**

*That committee agrees to the regular move proposal, to include traffic survey work, crime and ASB and consideration of requests from TVP / MKCC partners with the proviso that any moves requested by partners are paid for by said partner.*

*That committee provides details of areas that they would like a camera to be placed for three (3) months to enable a calendar to be developed and moves to be planned.*

**Proposed by: Cllr Smith. Seconded by: Cllr Mordecai**

**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

### **SC 204/24 Events planning, with clarity around VE Day and Covid Day of Remembrance, plus agreement on location for Festival 2025**

The Council Manager requested clarification from the committee on key event planning, following agreements and discussions at previous meetings.

The committee suggested that the VE celebrations could replicate the event from last year, with some music, lighting the beacon, fish n chips, etc.

The committee suggested that the Covid Day of Remembrance could be a small scale event, taking place in the Garden of Remembrance, with some quiet reflection, perhaps some speeches and a small reception in Chambers afterwards.

There was also discussion around the location of the festival for 2025, following previous discussions regarding moving each year to different estates. Due to the challenges of finding suitable spaces, with vehicular access, parking, suitable hard standing, etc. this is not possible for most estates. With the success of this years event on Netherfield, and with some tweaks around layout, market stalls, etc. the following was tabled.

#### **Proposal**

*That the committee agrees to the Netherfield site being the location of the festival for 2025, with a view that there should be free activities, free stalls, access for all estates to provide stalls or similar and, if possible, free food.*

**Proposed by: Cllr Smith. Seconded by: Cllr Maggie Ferguson**

**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

### **SC 205/24 Gazette publication dates and content agreement**

To agree the proposed publication dates for the two (2) editions of the Gazette for 2025, with discussion around the content wanted within each edition

#### **Proposal**

*That the committee agrees to the proposed publication dates and encourages each estate to consider what information they would like to have included in any specific page.*

*That the committee agrees to submit any ideas or suggestions for other articles, information or similar to the Council Manager at least a week prior to the editorial cut off dates noted, namely 25<sup>th</sup> April / 19<sup>th</sup> September.*

**Proposed by: Cllr Smith. Seconded by: Cllr Williamson**

**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

#### **Date of next meeting:**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 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 18.32hrs.

Signed: