

Woughton Community Council

SERVICES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

16th February 2026

MINUTES

Present: Ruth McMillan (Vice-Chair – Chair for this meeting), Penny Glasgow, Luke Louis, Charlie Marsh, D'Anne Mordecai, Deanna Norris, April Rennie, Liz Simpkins, Sue Smith, Lorna Webb.

Also in attendance: Steve McNay (Council Manager)

SC 79/25 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Scott, Williamson, Ferguson, Ferguson and Bobey.

RESOLVED - noted

SC 80/25 Declarations of Interest:

No declarations were made.

RESOLVED - noted

SC 81/25 Questions from the public (maximum 15 minutes):

No questions were received.

RESOLVED - noted

SC 82/25 Chairs announcements:

The Chair shared details the Men's Group, taking place at No 99 on Saturday mornings, between 10.30 – 12 noon.

RESOLVED – noted.

SC 83/25 Minutes of previous meetings:

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

- Monday 19th January 2026.

Proposed by Cllr Smith. Seconded by Cllr Norris.

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 84/25 To reconsider and decide on previously deferred grant application and approach to 'running costs' funding to LHRA

a) Leadenhall Residents Association annual events programme and running costs
The paper was presented by the Council Manager, detailing the steps taken since the previous meeting. Cllr Glasgow provided details of the RA meeting that took place and discussions that had taken place at that meeting. Queries were raised around various elements of the application, including whether insurance costs were included – this is something that would often be covered by the 'running costs' grant provided by WCC.

Proposal:

That ALL resident associations recognised by WCC should receive the annual running costs grant, where accredited by MKCC or not'

Proposed by: Cllr Rennie. Seconded by: Cllr Norris.



RESOLVED by way of majority vote.

It was stated that the Leadenhall Councillor, Cllr Glasgow, would be providing funding towards costs associated with the festival and as a result, a lower level of funding would be needed.

The discussion also included a suggestion that all RA's could be accredited by Woughton Community Council (a further paper will be presented to this committee at the next meeting) and that insurance for RA's was an important part of any accreditation.

Proposal:

That ALL Resident Associations being funded by WCC should have suitable insurance in place.

Proposed by: Cllr Marsh. Seconded by Cllr Smith

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

This decision, combined with the decision above to award £500 for running costs, led to a re-evaluation of the application, removing costs not associated with event delivery. The reduced the proposal to £1200.

Proposal:

That the grant application is agreed at a level of £1200, with a condition that suitable insurance is in place'

Proposed by: Cllr Glasgow. Seconded by Cllr Webb.

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

ACTION POINT – Council Manager to provide a paper exploring accreditation of RAs within the parish at the next meeting of this committee

SC 85/25 To receive an update on the MKCC Transport Consultation

The Council Manager provided an update and further papers regarding the consultation, plus details of the online meetings planned.

RESOLVED - noted

SC 86/25 To consider community development approach

The committee was asked to consider taking a longer-term approach to community development, with a 'listening' and co-production approach. A paper was provided by the Community Development Officer which formed the focus of the discussion. Ideas were provided around use of the trailer for listening events, focusing on listening to residents, with an acceptance that estates are different and often need different things.

Residents Associations (RA) were also discussed – there is an RA forum and one suggestion was that rather than an RA Forum, a residents forum, where all can attend, would be an option.

Events on each estate were agreed at the previous meeting, and these can be focused using this approach. Following up afterwards was also a key element noted.

Proposal:

That once a month, moving round the estates, take the trailer and 'listen', with food to help engagement.

Proposed by: Cllr Rennie. Seconded by: Cllr McMillan

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 87/25 Details of new self defence class and clarity regarding branding



Details of a new session taking place at EAC for a women's only self defence class were shared and committee felt that this should be WCC branded. Comments were also made regarding the visuals themselves and which option was preferred and correcting the address to 'Activity Centre', not community centre.

RESOLVED - noted

SC 88/25 To further consider moving the Community Larder to the 'fridge' space and consideration of any other activities that may be suitable

With the 'fridge' end of the building relatively unused, consideration of moving the larder there and ideas of any further use for the space were discussed.

(Verbal discussion and agreement – DECISION NEEDED)

SC 89/25 To provide an update on DAFS

The Council Manager provided details of changes within the DAFS provision, following previous updates at Parishes Forum and WCC meetings.

RESOLVED - noted

SC 90/25 CCTV update

There was nothing of note provided.

RESOLVED - noted

SC 91/25 Update on the position with tenants at Eaglestone Activity Centre and the Wednesday food offer

Following recent changes to the provision of food at EAC and the ending of the partnership with Abba Father, an update covering all aspects was provided. Abba Father were thanked for moving out in a timely manner and leaving the office in a good, clean condition. Further updates will be provided as ideas are discussed.

RESOLVED - noted

Date of next meeting:

Monday 16th March 2026 @ 6.00pm

Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Council Chambers, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

The Chair closed the meeting at 19:10 hours

Signed:

