

# Woughton Community Council

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

To: All members of the Services & Communities Committee

**Cllrs Nick Scott (Chair), Ruth McMillan (Vice-Chair)**, Eamonn Bobey, Maggie Ferguson, Michael Ferguson, Donna Fuller, Penny Glasgow, Luke Louis, Charlie Marsh, D'Anne Mordecai, Deanna Norris, April Rennie, Liz Simpkins, Sue Smith, Lorna Webb, Alan Williamson.

## Notice of Meeting

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Services & Communities Committee** to be held on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026** commencing **6:00pm** at the **Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber, The Local Centre, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG**, when the business set out in the following agenda will be transacted.

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**The full Calendar of Meetings can be accessed from the following link on the website:**

<https://www.woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk/calendars/>

Steve McNay  
Council Manager

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## SERVICES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### AGENDA

#### **SC 67/25 Apologies:**

To receive and accept apologies from members unable to attend the meeting.

#### **SC 68/25 Declarations of Interest:**

Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act, members must declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting, and any additional interests not previously declared.

#### **SC 69/25 Questions from the public (maximum 15 minutes):**

To receive questions and statements from members of the public.

#### **SC 70/25 Chairs announcements:**

To receive announcements from the Chair.

#### **SC 71/25 Minutes of previous meetings:**

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

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**(Attached)**

#### **SC 72/25 To consider and decide on grant applications**

- a) Leadenhall Residents Association annual events programme and running costs  
**(Paper and redacted application attached – DECISION NEEDED)**

#### **SC 73/25 To receive feedback from previously awarded grants**

To see the end of grant report from Tinkers Bridge Residents Association trip to Birmingham.

**(End of grant report attached – INFO ONLY)**

#### **SC 74/25 To consider signing up to the ‘Pads a Plenty’ scheme**

Consideration of whether the council would like to be involved with the Girl Pack fundraising approach during February / March 2026

**(Paper attached – DECISION NEEDED)**

#### **SC 75/25 Update on CCTV from Crimewave Ltd**

Details of actions and updates relating to the CCTV cameras provided and installed within the parish.

**(Report attached – INFO ONLY)**

#### **SC 76/25 To 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. To include wider update regarding the Community Food services.

**(Verbal discussion and agreement – INFO AND DISCUSSION)**



### **SC 77/25 Proposed Men's Group**

To provide a overview of proposed Men's Group session at No 99. To include verbal updates on wider No 99 delivery.

**(Paper attached – INFO ONLY).**

### **SC 78/25 Update on the MK PEP (Sport England) project, recent training and activities being delivered through this scheme**

Following both officers and councillors taking part in two days training, combined with agreement for delivery of activity sessions, an update for committee

**(Paper to follow, as training to take place after papers published – INFO ONLY).**

**Date of next meeting:**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 @ 6.00pm**

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



# Woughton Community Council

## SERVICES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### MINUTES

**Present: Cllrs Nick Scott (Chair),** Michael Ferguson, Maggie Ferguson, Penny Glasgow, Luke Louis, Charlie Marsh, D'Anne Mordecai, Liz Simpkins, Sue Smith, and Alan Williamson.

Also in attendance: Steve McNay (Council Manager), and Tash Darling (Youth and Communities Manager)

#### **SC 58/25 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Cllrs April Rennie, Deanna Norris, Lorna Webb Ruth McMillan (Vice-Chair), and Eamonn Bobey.

**RESOLVED – noted.**

#### **SC 59/25 Declarations of Interest:**

Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act, members must declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting, and any additional interests not previously declared.

No declarations were made

**RESOLVED – noted.**

#### **SC 60/25 Questions from the public (maximum 15 minutes):**

No questions were received.

**RESOLVED – noted.**

#### **SC 61/25 Chairs announcements:**

The Chair noted that the two remembrance events, Remembrance Sunday on 9<sup>th</sup> November and Children's Remembrance Parade on 11<sup>th</sup> November, went well, with around 500 – 600 people in attendance on the Tuesday. Thanks offered to all involved.

The Chair also noted that following some damage to the Griffin sculpture on Eaglestone, repairs have now been made and there will be a formal unveiling on Friday.

**RESOLVED – noted.**

#### **SC 52/25 Minutes of previous meetings:**

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

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

**Proposed as a true and accurate record by:**

**Cllr Scott. Seconded by: Cllr Smith.**

**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

#### **SC 63/25 Feedback from previous grant awards**



The committee considered feedback from the previously awarded grant to Tinkers Bridge Residents Association for the trip to Great Yarmouth  
**RESOLVED – noted.**

### **SC 64/25 To consider involvement with Cycling Citizens MK as an Institutional Member**

The Council Manager spoke to the paper provided, with a view to considering whether membership is suitable. There was discussion covering a range of issues, including scooters and safety, suitable 'hire vehicle' parking (where the Council Manager detailed that set parking spots were currently being investigated), queries around cycling levels within the parish, views on the benefits of cycling and a move into the open air (especially for young people) and the use of the new 'roadway' installed as part of the new park on Coffee Hall.

#### **Proposal:**

*The committee recommends that membership of Cycling Citizens MK is sought, with a membership fee agreed, with a view to this starting in April 2026 in line with the new budget year and that this is included in budget planning for 2026/27.*

*The committee requests that an evaluation of the benefits of membership is undertaken before the end of the first year of membership, to see whether any continuation of membership is agreed.*

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

**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

### **SC 65/25 Consideration of the Service Plan for 2026/2027**

To help with budget planning, there was further consideration of the areas which the committee would like to see developed, created, expanded or otherwise included in the 2026/2027 council year. The Council Manager spoke to the initial draft of the plan, covering some new ideas that had been suggested. This included an idea around a minibus provision, enabling access to central services to those of estates that are further away. The Council Manager will find out more information and see what costing is likely to be, prior to the next discussion. Further ideas for inclusion were encouraged.

**RESOLVED – noted.**

### **SC 66/25 Consideration of street names for former Cripps Lodge site**

Following an email from the Street Naming department at MKCC, the committee considered names that may be suitable for the two (2) new roads that will form the new development on Netherfield. This included both Wilson and Bobey, as options (although the policy prevents naming after living people). However, it was felt that this should be considered by the council as a whole.

#### **Proposal:**

*That this decision is referred to Full Council for further consideration and a formal decision.*

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

**RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.**

**Date of next meeting:**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @ 6.00pm**



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

**Please note that any urgent business will be covered within Full Council on 15<sup>th</sup>  
December 2025.**

**The Chair closed the meeting at: 18:46 hours**

**Signed:**



## **WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Services and Communities Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

*Agenda Item SC 72/25*

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:** To provide an overview of the grant application submitted by Leadenhall Residents Association (LHRA) for costs over the coming year.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Committee notes the report
2. Committee decides on funding

### **MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

This application has been submitted following a previous request to fund the work of the RA over the coming year. As committee previously moved to restrict access to funding to the LHRA in terms of the annual 'grant', this application covers both day-to-day costs and some additional funding towards events and activities.

The funding request covers:

- Meetings, refreshments, banking fees (essentially all 'running costs') to a total of £300, with a request for full funding of this. It should be noted that the annual allowance allocated to other RA's is £500 towards 'running costs'.
- Activities including two (2) coach trips and two (2) cinema events, with a total cost of £2435, with a funding request of £1200 (around half), with the remainder being covered by a charging policy and some subsidy from existing funds.

This is a reasonable level of funding, with half being covered by other means, including a reasonable level from participants.

It should be noted that the application is based on a level of supposition, insofar as some costs are difficult to nail down exactly, but the quotes that have been received are reasonable. However, there are not three quotes for most aspects – whilst this is understandable for the smaller items (such as DVD's), committee may feel that additional quotes for coaches are applicable and / or may choose to award the grant based on the information provided, with an expectation that prior to release, three quotes are provided. However, the quote attached is from Bills Coaches who are the default provider for the majority of Woughton based trips.

The applicant meets the standards necessary in terms of paperwork, having provided relevant policies, governance documents, meeting notes and bank statements.

### **STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

None known.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This is a request for an annual amount, covering all costs anticipated for the RA for the coming year. AT £1500, it is comparable to other applications of this type – around £500 for a coach trip is historically around the level allocated and the remainder is for running costs and cinema events.

There is £4774 remaining in the grant budget at time of writing. This doesn't include the £1500 that remains in the 'running costs' budget.

#### **OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

As noted above, the committee previously declined to award the annual grant to LHRA, suggesting that this could be applied for, rather than be allocated as usual. This application includes elements that would usually be covered by this award, rather than the main grant panel award. There is £1500 remaining in the 'running costs' budget, which could, if chosen, be used to partially support this application (i.e. the £300 'running costs' element).

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

**Redacted application form.**

#### **SUGGESTED PROPOSAL:**

Whilst this is a different way of applying for funding, it reflects the different way that committee has requested LHRA operate. Given this and the reasonable amounts being asked for, it is advised that this application be agreed. Committee may wish to consider the issues in terms of quotes, if absolute compliance is required.

#### **AUTHOR**

Steve McNay – Council Manager



Office Use Only
Date Application Received
Minute Number

# Woughton Community Council

## Communities and Environment Fund Application Form

Please read the Guidance Notes prior to completing this application form. These are available on our website or on request from our offices.

Name of Organisation	Leadenhall Residents Association	Date of Application	15/12/2025
Status of Organisation	Voluntary Residents Group		
<input type="checkbox"/> Charity	State Registered Charity Number		
<input type="checkbox"/> Company Limited by Guarantee	State Company Number		

Contact Information for the Organisation	
Contact Name Paul Stanyer <small>(someone who has full knowledge of this application)</small>	Position Treasurer
Address [REDACTED]	
Email Address TreasurerLeadenhallIRA@hotmail.com	
Website	

In the event that your application is successful please state who the grant cheque should be made payable to / please provide bank account details so a direct payment can be made	
Payable to Leadenhall Residents Association	
Sort Code	[REDACTED]
Account Number	[REDACTED]

Chair Roselyn Mascarenhas	Telephone / Email	[REDACTED]
Treasurer Paul Stanyer	Telephone / Email	[REDACTED]
Secretary Shane Tunks	Telephone / Email	[REDACTED]

Please provide details of 2 independent referees (this cannot be anyone related to or living at the same address as the applicant) who has knowledge of the project. This person should be
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Name Roselyn Mascarenhas

Address :

Email Address

Telephone Number

Name Stephen Corby

Address :

Email Address

Telephone Number

What are the aims and objectives of your organisation? Please provide full details of your organisation, the work you do and the outcomes you aim to achieve

- Raise funds to purchase items / activities to aid the improvement and opportunities for everyone.
- Make a positive difference to everyone attending Association meetings.
- To improve community spirit, cohesion and services.
- To represents the interests

Amount Requested: £ 1,500

What do you require the grant for: Please provide details of the project, giving as much information as possible to enable the panel to fully assess the application.

*In the first half of 2026, LRA will manage three types of open event to encourage residents – especially if limited by health or financial problems - to meet each other and to enjoy community activities. 1 – One summer holiday local family film showing; 2 – Two summer seaside coach trips; 3 – Two quarterly LRA meetings.*

How have you identified a need for the project (scoring criteria 1)? What consultation, if any, have you undertaken? How did you do this? What were the responses?

Two pilot coach trips were arranged in Summer 2025. Feedback was that a local parkland visit was not wanted (only two tickets sold). Feedback was that a summer seaside trip was very popular (53 tickets sold very quickly).

How will the project improve the quality of life for people who live in, work or visit the Woughton Parish area (scoring criteria 3, 6 and 7)? (Peartree Bridge, Eaglestone, Leadenhall, Coffee Hall, Beanhill, Netherfield, Tinkers Bridge, Redmoor and Bleak Hall). Please provide as much information as possible – how will this project change people's lives? What impact will it have? What do you want the project to achieve? If applicable, how will it impact upon the environment?

We want local families to come together with their neighbours. A trial family film show attracted 86 children and their parents or carers. It was noticeable how many brought very small children along. And Asian families seemed very pleased to join in. On our trial coach trip, a quarter of the guests had mobility problems, and used walking sticks, wheelchairs or electric scooters.

What are the consequences of not undertaking this project? Please provide a full explanation showing how this will impact on the proposed beneficiaries?

Modern flats and houses are warm and comfortable, with TVs and smartphones. This can lead to isolation and a lack of community spirit. LRA is deliberately trying to create links in the neighbourhood.

How will you make this project sustainable in the future, to reduce dependency on grant funding (scoring criteria 2)?

Our 2026 coach trips will cost 11% more than 2025 (£11 instead of £10). We shall test ways to charge for film attendance (perhaps admit children free, while asking adults to pay).

For projects that focus on the environment (scoring criteria 7), please provide details of how the project will make a positive change / impact.

Our family films will be shown in Leadenhall, near to guests homes. Our meetings are held there, too. Our coach trips will pick up in the housing area, whereas commercial seaside coach trips require trippers to make separate journeys - probably by car - to pick-up points in Wolverton or Bletchley.

When will the project / activity start and finish?

This grant application relates to activities from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026.

Who will benefit from the grant (scoring criteria 3)?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adults                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Older adults (55yrs +)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Young People (12-18yrs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Women                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>The whole community</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> BAMER communities       |

How many beneficiaries of the project/activity reside or work in the Woughton Parish area? There are 539 flats and houses in Leadenhall. We do not have details of family sizes.

How have you reached this figure? Please explain the process you used

Flats and houses counted from Royal Mail postcode file.

Woughton Community Council priority is poverty, with 3 focus strands. Please tick which is appropriate to your project (scoring criteria 6)

- |   |                               |                          |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth<br><u>Advice</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Food | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|

How does your project meet the priorities identified above?

LRA is advising families to come outdoors to share neighbourhood activities. Low-income households in particular are being shown that they can take part in community links, and are not forgotten. By offering seaside trip tickets long in advance, and accepting two small payments without credit charges, guests will be shown that LRA acknowledges that families and individuals can join in, even if they are not well off.

Project Finances (scoring criteria 5)

Please give a breakdown of the total cost of the project for which you are applying, and how much you are requesting from Woughton Community Council

Item	Cost	Amount requested
Jan, Apr, Quarterly meetings x 2: refreshments, mail, bank fees	£ 300	£ 300
Feb 1 Coach trip, Southend-on-Sea, 20% deposit x £1,100	£ 220	£ 110
Feb 1 Coach trip, Skegness, 20% deposit x £1,100	£ 220	£ 110
Feb Coach trips leaflet print and distribution	£ 100	£ 100
Jun 30 Coach trip, Southend-on-Sea, July 30, £880 balance	£880	£ 440
Jul 23 Family summer film, DVD purchase	£15	£15
Jul 23 Family summer film, refreshments	£ 25	£ 25
July 19 Coach trip, Skegness on Aug 19, £880 balance	£880	£440
Jul 23 Family summer film, DVD purchase	£15	£15
Jul 23 Family summer film, refreshments	£ 25	£ 25
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2735</b>	<b>£1500</b>

Do you expect the activity/project to generate an income?  Yes  No

If so, how much? £904 from guests paying for each coach trip ticket. And possible £40 from guests attending summer holiday family film.

It is also our intention to draw £156 funds from our £892 bank balance, leaving a balance of £600 for future activities.

How will the income be used?

To pay for about half of the outing coach hire costs, and to fund projection and refreshments on summer holiday family film showing.

How will you raise any outstanding balance?

It is also our intention to draw £156 funds from our £892 bank balance, leaving a balance of £600 for future activities.

Have you made an application to any other funders for this project/activity, or do you intend to? If so, please tell us who they are, how much you have requested and when you expect a response. No application made to other funders.

Funder	Amount requested	Amount awarded	Response date
	£	£	

	£	£	
	£	£	

How will you know if the project has been successful? If your project is successful, you will be asked to provide an evaluation, so please consider how you will show success – testimonials, feedback forms, statistics (number of people, demographics etc) could all be used to support this.

We have always counted total numbers attending each event, without upsetting guests who are nervous about official questionnaires.

I confirm that the information contained within this form is correct and that I have attached the required documents

Name **PAUL STANYGR**

Position **Treasurer**

Signature

Date

**15 Dec 2025**

Please note, you may also be asked to give a short presentation to the Services Committee or at the Chairs Awards on how the grant has benefitted the local community.

By returning this form you will have given permission under the Data Protection Act 2018 to have your details registered on the Woughton Community Council database. Woughton Community Council will only use this information to provide you with details of schemes and events which may be of interest to you. Please tick this box if you do not wish to receive this information



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Environment & Communities Evaluation Form

Name	<b>April Rennie</b>
Position in group	<b>Member</b>
Phone number	

Name of Organisation	<b>Tinkers Bridge Residents Association</b>
Amount awarded	<b>£383.00</b>
Purpose of Grant	<b>Christmas Market trip to Birmingham</b>

How has this grant made a difference to your group and the local people who benefitted from this project?

**This was the first time for us to take residents to a Christmas Market. It is a trip that has been asked for, for some years. For many it was not sure what to expect.**

**Mixed feed back.**

**Some found it very interesting; they visited the museums and there was an Ozzy Osbourne showcase.**

**Primark in Birmingham is massive, that was a big hit.**

**The market itself was not disability friendly, loads of drink stands and food stands but not much else. Very expensive.**

**The weather was not the greatest, quite cold.**

**It was a new experience that some really enjoyed.**

What lessons did you learn in the process of delivering this project?

Please provide at least one quote or testimonial from a participant/service user describing their experience of this project

**Heather Paterson**

**Thanks Deanna. I had a great time.**

**Kamil Szymaszek**

**Thank you, Deanna, it was my first time on Christmas market and we like it**

**Clair Mcnamara**

**Thank you, Deanna had a great day,**

**Hannah John and Children**

**Thank you for arranging Deanna it was great kids enjoyed all the treats**

Will this activity/project continue after the end of this grant? If so, please tell us where the funding will come from

**It was a one-off trip**

How/where has the Woughton Community Council logo been used in conjunction with this grant

**On advertising for the trip**

How many people benefitted from the grant?

Please specify numbers

Total number of participants: **53 booked -49 attended**

Young People up to the age of 18: **10**

Adults: **22**

Older People over 60: **17**

Area attending from, please specify numbers

Tinkers Bridge: **36**

Netherfield: **8**

Beanhill:

Coffee Hall: **5**

Leadenhall:

Eaglestone:

Peartree Bridge:

We do understand that it is difficult sometimes to gauge numbers, please estimate to the best of your ability

Please attach any relevant receipts to this form and detail them below

Item	Details	Cost
<b>Coach Company Invoice</b>	<b>Invoice 17349</b>	<b>£ 592.00</b>

We would love to see any photographs that you are able to share with us, or please provide copies of any evaluation/feedback forms that you have. Should you require any assistance to complete this form or assistance with copying receipts etc, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please complete and return to Woughton Community Council within six weeks (42 days) of your award, failure to do so may result in a 12-month ban of applying to Woughton Community Council Grant Aid

## WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Services and Communities Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Agenda Item SC 74/25

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:** To consider involvement in the ‘Pads a Plenty’ scheme.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the committee notes the report and the proposal noted below

**MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

The following was sent before Christmas and is coming to committee for agreement or otherwise:

*Sent: 03 December 2025 12:42*

*Subject: Sign Up for Pads a Plenty and help Girl Pack help others in 2026*

*Hello,*

*Firstly, thank you to you for being part of the Girl Pack family and distributing our period packs and products, we couldn't reach as many people in need as we do without you.*

*Next year we are changing how we fundraise and this change includes starting a new yearly campaign to not only collect and fundraise but spread awareness of us as a charity and what we do.*

*I'd like to introduce you to Pads a Plenty our brand-new campaign that is running from the 1st February 2026 to 8th March 2026.*

*We are looking for companies, partners, clubs and people to sign up and collect period products and/or fundraise for us between the dates above, shout about it across social media and then deliver to us your collections in the week beginning 9th March.*

*In return we will do our best to let everyone know that you are taking part via our social media and show everyone what you collected or how much you raised after the campaign.*

*Details and a fundraising pack will be sent out to those who sign up in January.*

*We look forward to working with you in February to help support periods across Milton Keynes and Bedfordshire.*

*PS Feel free to forward this email to anyone else who you think may like to get involved!*

*Kind Regards*

*Jenny Head*

*Girl Pack Milton Keynes*

*Registered Charity 1185864 Winner: MK Inspirational Awards - Outstanding Local Charity 2023*

WCC have been a distributor for Girl Packs since the charity was first formed and, over that time, have distributed hundreds / thousands of packs. WCC officers and councillors have also supported fundraising events over the years, supporting the charity in more direct ways.

**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

This would potentially be an additional demand on officers, in terms of collecting, storing and delivering any products (if this is the decision) or in terms of organising any fundraising events.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nothing major, other than the potential impact on officer time.

**OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

There has previously been discussion around whether the council could / should support specific charities, either in this type of approach or through a 'charity of the year' type decision.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

**SUGGESTED PROPOSAL:**

That the committee agrees to / choose not to\* be involved in the 'Pads a Plenty' scheme.

\*delete as appropriate.

**AUTHOR**

Steve McNay – Council Manager

# UPDATE: NOVEMBER 2025

## Woughton Community Council



### Cameras currently deployed:

- **Barnfield Drive, Netherfield (Taken Down)**
- **Chapter, Coffee Hall**

## November Findings:

### Barnfield Drive, Netherfield:

Install date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

#### Reason for install:

This camera is in place due to reports of ASB.

#### Reports/Identified Incidents:

We received a request for large amounts of footage at this location for the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November relating to a planned warrant to be carried out at a property near to camera view. We provided this footage to the police.

#### Outcomes:

There are no outstanding outcomes for this location.

#### Status:

N/A

#### Redeploy?:

This camera has now been taken down.

## **Chapter, Coffee Hall:**

Install date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

### Reason for install:

This camera is in place due to parking issues.

### Reports/Identified Incidents:

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025, we observed a large fly tip in camera view. We supplied this footage to Milton Keynes City Council Environmental Crime Unit for investigation.

### Outcomes:

There are no outstanding outcomes for this location.

### Status:

We are continuing to review this camera regularly.

### Redeploy?

N/A

# WOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Services and Communities Committee

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

SC 77/25

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To update committee of plans to deliver a pilot project targeting men's wellbeing and mental health from the Wellbeing Centre (no99).

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee notes the the report.

### **MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

Through engagement with residents, it has become increasingly clear that we have a number of adult males experiencing difficulties with their emotional wellbeing and mental health. Extensive research has been undertaken by the Services Manager and team to find a medium that will engage and meet the needs of those residents already identified, alongside other male residents that may benefit from support. A Saturday morning Breakfast, weekly, 10.30am-12noon at no99 is planned. Whereby participants actively take shared responsibility for cooking together and then eat as a group.

Residents told us that:

- There's nothing for men.
- They don't know where to go to meet people, make friends, access information or support
- That sessions should be accessible to men of all adult ages, including working aged men who struggle to access support during the working week.
- They do not want a Man Cave or specifically therapeutic style session.
- They do not want help "done to them".
- They would welcome visitor talks- e.g.: Men's prostate care team.
- They would like to have a female officer on team.
- They do not want to have to sign up or prebook.
- They would be willing to consider a contribution when they can if need be.

A project plan has been developed to commission the NHS Health & Wellbeing worker, based at our two GP surgeries to be the lead. This practitioner is already working with the team, co-leading our weekly wellbeing walk and alongside our advice & wellbeing team with residents identified with long term health conditions, difficulties with emotional wellbeing and mental health, and those struggling with isolation and loneliness. We will also invite specific specialist guests as directed by the participants.

The practitioner will also use this pilot period to support and develop local men to become volunteers, who may in time, be able to take on leadership roles to enable the project to continue long term. This enables us an opportunity to empower, upskill and offer opportunities for self / professional development to participants.

The 1.5hr session will include preparation, cooking and clearing time as a group, as well as an opportunity to talk and share with one another, building a peer support network. The sharing of relatable information from professionals, potential workshop based skills activities, and, access to 1-to-1 support and signposting with the practitioner and supporting officer.

A need to offer targeted support to men in our community has been a recurring theme for some time now. This pilot will provide the team with an opportunity to engage those asking and those who are currently disengaged, through a low-key, safe and attractive offer. It will also afford us the opportunity to better gauge the level of need in our community.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

In consultation with the RFO, £2000 of earmarked reserves, generated through an underspend in the Youth & Community Budget 24/25 due to additional income from external grants, held in the 25/26 budget, will be spent to enable the delivery of the pilot. Utilising these funds will ensure there will be no further financial impact on the current year's budget lines. It is expected we will have a clear indication of outcomes and any benefits before the end of the 3 month pilot, which can inform service planning, budget allocation and if this is an emerging priority that should be included on the 26/27 service plan.

**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

The Youth & Community Manager will support the project delivery, onsite weekly. This will require temporary flexible working whereby 3-4 hours will be reduced on a (most likely) Friday afternoon and worked on a Saturday instead, for the duration of the pilot. Volunteers have been recruited to offer additional support with a view to this being the planned support team to enable sustainability if the project is successful. Otherwise, nothing additional outside of Services Managers' project management and oversight as expected in all our service deliveries.

**OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

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