

Woughton Community Council

SERVICES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

15th September 2025

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Nick Scott (Chair), Ruth McMillan (Vice-Chair), Maggie Ferguson (from 6.15pm), Michael Ferguson (from 6.15pm), Penny Glasgow, Luke Louis, Charlie Marsh, D'Anne Mordecai, Deanna Norris, April Rennie, Sue Smith, Lorna Webb and Alan Williamson.

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

SC 35/25 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Liz Simpkins, Donna Fuller, and Eamonn Bobey.
RESOLVED – noted.

SC 36/25 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 37/25 Questions from the public (maximum 15 minutes):

No questions were received.

RESOLVED – noted.

SC 38/25 Chairs announcements:

The Chair noted that there are two events coming up – Apple Day on 27th September at the Community Garden between 11 – 3, and Remembrance Parade on 11th November. The Chair also thanked all involved in the delivery of the festival last weekend.

The Chair also noted that the MKU Hospital AGM takes place on 6th October at 17:00 hrs. In the Academic Centre at the hospital.

RESOLVED – noted.

SC 39/25 Minutes of previous meetings:

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

- Monday 21st July 2025.

Proposed as a true and accurate record by:

Cllr Scott. Seconded by: Cllr McMillan.

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 40/25 To update the committee on the proposal to place nursery provision within the community centres



Following discussions at the previous meeting, the Council Manager provided an update on actions and proposals to this point, with the understanding that these negotiations would continue, based upon the previous agreement of this committee (namely, that any provision should not negatively impact the existing community provision).

RESOLVED - noted

SC 41/25 To update the proposal to reinstate carnival for 2027, to coincide with the 60th birthday of Milton Keynes

The Council Manager updated the committee on actions to this point, feedback from initial consultation, contact with wider carnival community locally and to propose next steps. The committee agreed that the initial feedback via the festival consultation was positive and that if sufficient 'buy in' was clear by April 2026, then proceeding with the event would be supported. Fact finding to other carnivals was also suggested, although these were limited to those that are easily accessible.

Cllrs Williamson, Marsh, Ebb, Smith and Glasgow all agreed to form a working group to explore the idea, with officer support.

RESOLVED - noted

SC 42/25 To update the committee on activities that have taken place over the summer, including Festival and youth activities.

The Council Manager and Youth and Community Manager provided an update on activities within the youth, community and events teams over the summer period. These were seen positively, with high levels of engagement and attendance (with the exception of the 'grown up' film at The Academy – Driving Miss Daisy was not popular!).

The Chair thanked the Youth and Community Team for all their hard work over the summer, noting that without the input of them, there would be much less activity for local young people.

RESOLVED - noted

SC 43/25 To update the committee on the closure of the Coffee Hall Post Office

Following formal notification from Post Office Ltd, the Council Manager provided details of the upcoming closure and potential next steps. Councillors commented that there was a notice regarding the closure, but that this was small and hard to see, suggesting that we could and should use our communication methods to ensure local residents are aware of the situation.

Proposal:

That the committee agrees to publicise the upcoming closure and investigate options for support to local residents with managing the loss of the local provision

Proposed by: Cllr Scott. Seconded by: Cllr Glasgow

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 44/25 CCTV Updates

Information was shared relating to the CCTV cameras over the past months and consideration of any future use and long-term proposals for the Crimewave contract. Some councillors agreed to provide the Council Manager with details of spaces where they felt a camera may be of use and queries regarding the cost of moves (and the occasional delay in moving as a result of this) were addressed.

RESOLVED - noted



SC 45/25 Update on upcoming events

Information and updates on Apple Day, Remembrance and Santa Sleigh plans, alongside potential HAF provision over the Christmas period was shared with the committee, who agreed to attend where possible and consider any estate based Santa Sleigh approaches.

RESOLVED - noted

SC 46/25 Proposal for a Kickback Kitchen pilot

The Council Manager spoke to the paper, which looked to consider a proposal for a new project, Kickback Kitchen, to be held within the parish, utilising the existing infrastructure in place. This project has funding attached (which may or may not be used to support additional hours for existing officers) and has all funding needed for direct delivery for a year (18 months where 'set up' time is included).

The project uses kitchens that are otherwise not in use (e.g. community centres, schools, etc.) to create 'heat at home' meals, on a 'give what you can' basis with an aim to make a sustainable model (enough money is given to cover the costs) in the longer term.

Proposal

That Woughton Community Council:

- 1. Approves the 12-month Kickback Kitchen pilot in Woughton Parish.*
- 2. Allocates the designated kitchen facility.*
- 3. Agrees management of project and local staff recruitment.*
- 4. Endorses partnership with Hubbub/Kickback Kitchen for funding, toolkit access and ongoing project support.*

Proposed by: Cllr Scott. Seconded by: Cllr Smith

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

SC 47/25 Ideas regarding a Community Energy programme for Woughton

The Council Manager explained the proposal, whilst acknowledging that this item could have been pulled from the agenda, due to the money all having been allocated by MKCC. There was some unhappiness expressed regarding this situation, with committee members clear that this approach would be welcomed by many in the parish (drop-in support sessions to access government funding for energy efficiency adaptations to privately owned properties). As a result, the initial proposal was agreed, with a view to looking into this in the future:

Proposal:

That the committee agrees to support these sessions and tasks the Council Manager to liaise with MKCE to organise and deliver them.

Proposed by: Cllr Scott. Seconded by: Cllr Rennie

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 20th October 2025 @ 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: 18:54 hours

Signed:

