

## Full Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 6:00pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes**

**Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Nick Scott (Vice-Chair),** Shammi Akter, Jordan Coventry, Reg Elliot, Donna Fuller, Philip Hopcraft, Sue Luttmann, John Orr, Archibald Prempeh (from 6:09pm), Pauline Prop, Thillai Visvendran, Kevin Wilson, Pam Wilson, Geoff Woolmore.

**Also present:** Julia Bandy (Community Services Manager), Brian Barton (Committee & Member Services Officer), Tash Darling (Youth Manager and Safeguarding Lead), Steve McNay (Council Manager), Ian Tegerdine (Landscaping Manager and Health and Safety Officer), Samone Winsborough (Responsible Financial Officer).

**In attendance:** Two (2) members of the public.

**FC 14/18 Apologies:**

Received from Cllrs Tina El-Shabrawy (meeting), Yvonne Tomlinson (holiday), Alan Williamson (holiday), Yahya Wiseman (unwell).

**AGREED**

**FC 15/18 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**NOTED**

**FC 16/18 Chairs Announcements:**

Cllr Nick Scott spoke about the shoebox collection and will circulate a list of contents needed, to Members.

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 there is the Gurdwara Open Day. If any Member wishes to attend, then please let the Community Services Manager know.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 a Police Forum meeting will be held 7:30pm at the Netherfield Meeting Place.

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018 is Apple Day to be held between 11:00am – 3:00pm behind 95, Jonathans, Coffee Hall.

Your rent, your say events are listed on the Milton Keynes Council Facebook page.

**NOTED**

**FC 17/18 Questions from the public (Max. 10 minutes):**

There were no questions from the members of the public.

**NOTED**

**FC 18/18 Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were **AGREED** as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

**FC 19/18 To note the minutes from the following Committees:**

- Operations Committee - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018
- Services Committee - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- Policy & Resources Committee - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- Accounts Sub Committee - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- Services Committee - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- Operations Committee - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018
- Services Committee - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- Emergency Plan Sub Committee - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- Accounts Sub Committee - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**NOTED**

**FC 20/18 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda:**

There were no matters arising.

**NOTED**

**FC 21/18 Ward Matters arising:**

There were no ward matters arising.

**NOTED**

**FC 22/18 Feedback from meetings with Outside Bodies:**

a) Woughton Welfare Trust - **Cllr Archibald Prempeh**

**A meeting will be held next week.**

b) Netherfield Enterprise Trust - **Cllr Thillai Visvendran**

**A meeting will be held tomorrow.**

c) Hedgerows Family Centre - **Cllr Sue Luttmann**

**Nothing to report.**

d) MKALC - **Cllrs Sue Smith, Thillai Visvendran, Kevin Wilson**

**Cllr Kevin Wilson had circulated a paper on the recent MKALC activities.**

e) Parishes Forum - **Cllrs Sue Smith, Alan Williamson**

**Nothing to report.**

f) B&MKALC, NALC - **Cllr Kevin Wilson**

**Cllr Kevin Wilson had circulated a paper on the recent B&MKALC and NALC activities.**

**Cllr Donna Coventry asked Cllr Wilson to lobby NALC for a conference on mental health issues.**

**NOTED**

**FC 23/18 To discuss the Community Centre investment:**

The Council Manager tabled a report on the needs, priorities, costs and benefits of a planned investment programme in the community centres, and in the spaces within the Woughton Community Council Hub that could be used to increase income.

**RESOLVED**

**To note the report.**

**FC 24/18 To adopt the Incident Plan:**

The title of the document has been changed from an Emergency Plan to an Incident Plan.

All contacts are to be updated.

An officer on-call number will be circulated in the event of an incident happening.

That Members need to support the emergency services if possible when an incident occurs.

All Residents Associations are to be given a copy of the Incident Plan.

**RESOLVED**

- 1. To update the Incident Plan with the correct contact details.**
- 2. To circulate an officer on-call number in the event of an incident happening.**
- 3. That all Residents Associations are to be given a copy of the Incident Plan.**

**FC 25/18 To discuss priorities for the 2019/2020 budget:**

Cllr Kevin Wilson presented to Council his paper in advance of and in preparation for the formal Budget and Precept setting in January 2019. Following this there will be a further report to Full Council in November 2018 when a draft budget for consultation will be approved and Policy and Resources Committee in December 2018 may make further revisions and recommendations. The Services and Operations Committees may also consider their own needs and priorities and make comments accordingly.

The Council Manager produced a paper on the Budget Consultation feedback on the early themes and trends, which was based upon feedback received through the following routes:

- Paper copies received from the Woughton Gazette forms.
- Online completion of the 'Survey Monkey' questionnaire.
- Facebook comments from postings related to the online survey.

All Members at the meeting were asked for their priorities and views on the 2019/2020 budget.

**Cllr Archibald Prempeh:**

To provide administrative support for an officer to liaise with businesses, to get additional support for PCSO funding, etc.

**Cllr Nick Scott:**

Felt that parking should be the top of the agenda. Local residents are advertising their parking spaces when events are on at the stadium MK.

Cllr Scott has an Issue with One Life at Woughton Leisure Centre. About the £25 a month charge for a 15 year old to use the gym. This is in contrast to the agreement when they took over.

**Cllr Donna Fuller:**

Broadly agreed with Cllr Wilson's paper but spending isn't all that matters. Administration support is an example, officers would also benefit from administration support.

Communications must do better. Grant Aid isn't seen as valued by feedback, but do people know what it provides? Would it be different if they did?

Woughton Cares – is amazing. Spend smarter, perhaps.  
Mental Health remit – focus on young people to reduce life impact.  
Early Years – families in crisis and the youth service supports families, not just young people. More family work is possible.

Play areas vs Play Rangers – is investment in planned and delivered play sessions more effective than spending on play equipment. This also links to sport – the sports development worker was employed but had a limited legacy or impact.

Income generation – think big! Still wants community housing projects  
KPI's – scorecard going to the next Services Committee meeting, but also essential that the Community Council protect the stuff that is harder to prove.

Cllr Fuller Questioned the value of a PCSO – should the Community Council focus on pushing those who have a duty to provide a better service?

Forget allotments. Community gardens may be an option.

Cllr Fuller believes that the Community Council should spend smarter, not necessarily more.

**Cllr Thillai Visvendran:**

Only use reserves if they are too high.

Parking is a massive issue – getting worse and needs addressing.  
Ward Initiative Funding – this is a great thing, but clearer guidelines needed. Would like to see a breakdown of previous year's spending.

Precept – who are we taxing? Those that pay simply pay more and support those that don't contribute anything. Need a fuller consultation – only 160 responses from a population of 15,000.

Need to monitor and watch the potential loss of the Local Council Tax Support grant.

Additional officers (e.g. communications / PCSO) are great ideas, but who is paying?

**Cllr Pauline Prop:**

Parking is an issue on Tinkers Bridge with untaxed vehicles, and ruined green spaces due to parking, Cllr Prop wants to see more enforcement.

Councillor Roadshows are a good way to get resident feedback.

**Cllr Phil Hopcraft:**

Parking and emergency vehicle access are issues, and so would recommend bollards, ascot rails, etc.

Mental Health also should also be a priority.

Cllr Hopcraft's Ward Allowance was donated to Girl Pack. The Ward Allowance should be used wisely.

**Cllr Jordan Coventry:**

Supports a larger communications budget. Wider representative samples for consultations and wants more investment in this area.

Pest control is also a growing issue. Rats and vermin are consistent complaints, the Budget needs to reflect this.

**Cllr Geoff Woolmore:**

Environment and Landscape are the top two issues, on Beanhill.

Cllr Woolmore recommends that if the Community Council does take on additional services, then the Community Council are paid to deliver them. If people are already paying through council tax, they should not pay twice.

Also suggested that Woughton Community Council looks into how the Housing Revenue Account is used to see if that could support some of the work planned.

**Cllr Shammi Akter:**

Play Parks need consideration. Some estates have none, others have patchy provision that is dated and old.

To have Play Rangers on each estate.

Car park issues everywhere – perhaps look at utilising driveways that aren't in use.

Anti Social Behaviour – working to bring a forum together and involve more residents, etc.

**Cllr Sue Luttmann:**

Had a recent Walkabout on Netherfield with the resident association and an officer from Milton Keynes Council and fly-tipping and street crime were the main issues that came out of it.

**View from Residents Present at the meeting:**

Drug issues – blatant and need dealing with.

Will discuss with the resident association and feed back into this discussion. Play Parks are not felt to be a big issue for residents on some parts of the Woughton area.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Council Precept increase shall be between five (5) and ten (10) per cent for each of the next three (3) years.
2. That the use of reserves be restricted to a) Managing over two (2) to three (3) years any significant reduction in services required with a minimum of £100,000, and preferably significantly more, is maintained at all times or b) For Capital purposes especially if this can increase revenue income or produce cost savings.
3. To ask the income generation group to think outside of the box in order to significantly increase income that is neither grants nor precept and to report to the Council on their finding as soon as possible.
4. Because of the increasing need to demonstrate efficiency and effectiveness to compile a set of KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) based on outputs or outcomes. Spending for spending sake cannot be justified and Woughton Community Council simply have to show and demonstrate the impact our resources are having.
5. To continue and step up our campaign for fair funding given the low Council Tax base and high needs of the Woughton area.
6. To seek ways of engaging with the public and to increasingly move to participatory budgeting techniques to ensure that we are making decisions that are supported.

**FC 26/18 To agree to co-opt Cllr Alan Williamson onto the Accounts Sub Committee:**

**RESOLVED**

**That Cllr Alan Williamson is co-opted onto the Accounts Sub Committee.**

**Date of next meeting:**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 6:00pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes.

**THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:35PM**

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_