

Woughton Community Council

Services Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th January 2020, 6:00pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes

Present: Cllrs Nick Scott (Chair), Janette Bobey, Brian Hepburn, Luke Louis, Ruth McMillan, Terri Page, Sue Smith, Alan Williamson, Pam Wilson.

Also present: Brian Barton (Committee & Member Services Officer), Steve McNay (Council Manager), Sean Perry (Community Services Manager).

In attendance: Cllrs Donna Fuller, Liz Simpkins, two (2) members of the public.

SD 56/20 Apologies:

No apologies received.

NOTED

SD 57/20 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Ruth McMillan declared a personal interest in agenda item SD 61/20 (b) as she is a volunteer with the Milton Keynes Storehouse.

NOTED

SD 58/20 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

A resident raised an incident where a relative had slipped and injured themselves on a pathway at Rochfords, Coffee Hall, which had a large amount of moss and leaves on the ground along with tree branches hanging over the pathway.

The resident was unsure who this matter should be reported too.

The Committee & Member Services Officer will ask the Landscaping Manager to confirm to the resident, whether the responsibility to clear the pathway lies with either Woughton Community Council or the Highways Directorate at Milton Keynes Council.

RESOLVED

That the Committee & Member Services Officer to ask the Landscaping Manager to confirm to the resident whether the responsibility to clear the pathway lies with either Woughton Community Council or the Highways Directorate at Milton Keynes Council.

SD 59/20 Chairs announcements:

The Chair informed the meeting that there will be a VE Day celebration on Friday 8th May 2020, time to be confirmed, Residents Associations are encouraged to be involved, various activities will be held throughout the day, this will be a parish wide event, Woughton Community Council staff will be in attendance and helping on the day.

NOTED

SD 60/20 Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on Monday 25th November 2019 were **AGREED** and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

Communities and Environment Fund Application(s)

SD 61/20 Communities and Environment Fund applications:

a) YMCA Milton Keynes

An application has been received from the YMCA who are building a new set of flats and are looking for companies and organisations to fund the furnishing of a room (or more). The basic cost of a room is £2,500.

The meeting requested that there is ongoing feedback on how many Woughton Community Council residents are using the YMCA building accommodation.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the committee notes the report and attached documentation.**
- 2. To award £2,500 towards the cost of a room.**
- 3. That the YMCA application is funded through the Communities and Environment Fund.**

b) Grand Union Vineyard

Cllr Ruth McMillan declared a personal interest in this agenda item.

An application has also been received from the Grand Union Vineyard Church which is based on Netherfield and provides a range of support, in addition, they currently provide the Storehouse service, offering clothes and other items to people in need. This is currently based in Stacey Bushes and they are looking to open another base on Netherfield. The funding for creation of suitable space, etc. is already in place.

Their funding request is to support the employment of a project worker to facilitate the development of all aspects of their work locally, the total cost of this employee is £32,439, with around £9,600 already raised, leaving just under £23,000 to find.

The meeting on the whole supported the application, but suggested it needed to be revised to highlight the service to be provided, and to not include the salary of the support worker and any running costs, as Woughton Community Council policy would not allow for this.

A question was asked about the opening hours of the service to be provided, and how much of the service is Woughton Community Council expected to fund.

It was proposed to defer this application, and to ask a representative(s) of the Grand Union Vineyard Church to attend the next meeting of the Services Committee, to make a presentation about what service the Storehouse will be providing along with their objectives and to produce a revised proposal as suggested.

RESOLVED

- 1. To defer this application, and to ask a representative(s) of the Grand Union Vineyard Church to attend the next meeting of the Services Committee, to make a presentation about what service the Storehouse will be providing along with their objectives.**
- 2. To advise the Grand Union Vineyard Church to revise and submit a new application that does not include the salary of the support worker and any running costs, as Woughton Community Council policy would not allow for this, and to instead provide costs for the actual provision of the proposed service.**

Reports

SD 62/20 Community Development Manager's report:

The Community Manager spoke to his report and highlighted the following activities and events:

- The use of the Wellbeing room at the Coffee Hall Community Centre.
- Walk & Talk - which takes place every Monday afternoon with a brisk walk around Coffee Hall.
- The Woughton Advice Service.
- The Community Fridge.
- The Community Café - which will soon be open to the public.

The Community Development Manager also circulated the Woughton Advice Service figures for December 2019.

RESOLVED

That the Committee notes the report.

SD 63/20 Service Plan review:

The Council Manager updated the committee on the Service Plan items that related to the Services Committee, which are as follows:

1. The Woughton on the Road events – which includes the use of the trailer.
2. The Community Garden – provision of a new growing space on Coffee Hall (plus the landscape depot).
3. Increase of the Equipment Library – building on the Tool Library to provide a range of equipment.
4. Resident Skills development – further training for local groups and individuals.
5. Waste, recycling and the environment – a range of activities to promote cleaner, greener estates.
6. Community Development focus – better engagement with local communities in the Woughton Community Council area, better feedback and consultations and the development of new community led groups and activities.
7. Events – building upon what has previously been done, with new events to be developed too.

8. Youth Council - to create and support a youth council or similar.
9. CCTV improvements - to work with partners in Thames Valley Police and Milton Keynes Council to develop and manage CCTV to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour and other issues.
10. Milton Keynes Storehouse - to support the development of a service in the Woughton Community Council area to provide support to people with clothing and other elements.

RESOLVED

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the committee is provided with updates against the service plan on a quarterly basis.

SD 64/20 To create a Woughton wide Charity:

The Council Manager updated the committee on the creation of a Woughton Charity.

A small working group, who after some considerable discussions, proposed to create the a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), and agreed the following recommendation:

“That the Charity is named the ‘Kevin Wilson Charitable Trust’ and is created as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) whose only voting members are its charity trustees”.

Cllr Terri Page proposed that a memorial plaque for Alderman Kevin Wilson be installed in the new YMCA building, to which Woughton Community had agreed earlier in the meeting to make a donation towards the furnishing of a room.

RESOLVED

1. That the committee agrees to support the creation of the Woughton Charity, named and in memory of Alderman Kevin Wilson.
2. That the committee agrees to the creation, in line with the tabled report.
3. That the committee agrees to the previously agreed idea of donating any remaining grant funding at the end of each financial year to the charity (i.e. any funds remaining within the Community and Environment Fund).
4. That the committee agrees to work towards a formal launch on Thursday 7th May 2020.
5. That the Council Manager to pursue with the YMCA a memorial plaque for Alderman Kevin Wilson to be installed in their new building.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 24th February 2020, 6:00pm at the Woughton Community Council Offices, The Local Centre, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 6:42 PM

Chair _____ Date _____