

Woughton Community Council

Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th July 2020, 6:00pm via Zoom Call and Facebook Live.

Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Jordan Coventry (Vice-Chair), Shammi Akter, Elina Apse, Janette Bobey, Margaret Ferguson, Donna Fuller, Brian Hepburn, Phillip Hopcraft, Ruth McMillan, John Orr, Terri Page, Nick Scott, Liz Simpkins, Alan Williamson, Pam Wilson.

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

FC 167/20 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Tina El-Shabrawry (unwell).

Cllr Luke Louis (College commitment).

AGREED

Cllr Carole Baume (Woughton & Fishermead Ward – Milton Keynes Council).

NOTED

Cllr Lauren Townsend not in attendance - no apologies given.

NOTED

FC 168/20 Declaration of interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

FC 169/20 Minutes of previous Full Council meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th June 2020 were **AGREED** and will be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

FC 170/20 Chair's Announcement(s):

The Chair informed the meeting that the Planning, Licencing & Development Committee will meet on Monday 20th July 2020 at 6:00pm.

There will also be a meeting of the Services & Communities Committee on Monday 27th July 2020 at 6:00pm.

NOTED

FC 171/20 Questions from the public:

There were no questions from the members of the public.

NOTED

FC 172/20 Ward Matters arising:

Cllr John Orr asked for an update on council house maintenance and trees.

NOTED

FC 173/20 Feedback from meetings with Outside Bodies:

a) Woughton Welfare Trust - Cllr Elina Apse – No meeting has taken place.

b) Hedgerows Family Centre – Cllr Maggie Ferguson – No meeting has taken place.

c) MKALC - Cllr Elina Apse, Cllr Sue Smith – The next meeting will be held via a Zoom video call on Wednesday 22nd July 2020.

d) Parishes Forum - Cllr Janette Bobey, Cllr Sue Smith – A meeting will be held next week via a Zoom video call.

NOTED

FC 174/20 To note the minutes from the following Committees:

a) Planning, Licencing & Development – 22.06.20

b) Services & Communities – 29.06.20

NOTED

FC 175/20 To update the Council on Community Centre re-opening:

The meeting was updated on the proposal to reopen all Community Centres by the 1st August 2020, along with the staffing and safety measures to be implemented.

RESOLVED

1. That council notes the report.
2. That the Operations Manager continues to monitor government guidelines, best practice, and other relevant advice.
3. That regular reviews of community centres continue throughout 2020/2021, until such time as risk has reduced.

FC 176/20 To update the Council on the new Code of Conduct consultation:

The meeting was updated on the new Code of Conduct consultation by the Local Government Association.

The new document goes further on the Nolan Principles, with what are described as 'minimum standards' expected. These are also referred to as the 12 Specific Obligations.

This includes the details of expanding the declaration of interests to include 'friends, relatives and close associates' and a list of bodies that membership would trigger a need to register.

RESOLVED

1. That the council notes the report.
2. That the council consider their response to the new code expanding the issues around declaring interests, specifically
 - a. Further clarification on the expansion to 'friend, relative or close associate', and

- b. Further clarification on the inclusion of the bodies covered in Appendix B / Table 1
3. That the council agrees the following responses from the council as a whole
 - a. That a review of the Code of Conduct is welcomed
 - b. That the impact of any Code is dependent on having suitable sanctions where breaches occur
 - c. That this review does not sufficiently address the lack of sanction and this council would welcome additional work to identify and include a new sanctions regime to sit within the overall code, and more emphasis on the complainants definition of bullying, and to further emphasize that attacks on an individual are not acceptable.
 - d. That the responses to the specific questions noted are submitted as laid out in the attached paper, to include decisions regarding recommendation 2 above.
4. That individual councillors and / or officers can, if they choose so to do, respond as individuals, but should be clear that this is the case.

FC 177/20 To update the Council on the Covid 19 Local Outbreak Plan:

The meeting was updated on the Covid 19 Local Outbreak Plan which has recently been published and circulated by Milton Keynes Council.

The Council Manager will circulate the venues, dates and times for the community events that the trailer will be in attendance to Councillors.

It was suggested that if a resident living in the Woughton Community Council area is admitted with Covid-19 to Milton Keynes University Hospital, then that resident and or their family should be given the opportunity to seek any assistance from Woughton Community Council, and therefore could indicate a lot quicker if there were any local outbreaks, this would of course be subject to the patient agreeing for their information be shared with Woughton Community Council.

The Council Manager said that he will contact Milton Keynes University Hospital but felt that there could be difficulties due to the data protection act.

RESOLVED

1. That the council notes the report.
2. That the council notes the Local Outbreak Plan from Milton Keynes Council.
3. That the council agrees to the Council Manager continuing to develop plans for any recurrence of lockdown, local need, and impact of post Covid 19 changes.
4. That the council notes the additional provision and steps towards recovery that have been identified, alongside agreement for supporting public engagement via the trailer.
5. That Covid 19 updates sit as part of the Full Council agenda until resolved.
6. That the Council Manager to circulate the venues, dates and times for the community events that the trailer will be in attendance to Councillors.

7. That the Council Manager to contact Milton Keynes University Hospital to see if they would be willing and able to share any data as to any local resident who may need assistance from Woughton Community Council and has also been admitted due to Covid-19.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 14th September 2020, 6:00pm, venue to be confirmed.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 6:47PM

Chair _____ Date _____

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