

Woughton Community Council

Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th December 2020, 6:00pm via Zoom Video Call and Facebook Live.

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

Also present: Brian Barton (Committee & Member Services Officer), Tash Darling (Youth Manager & Safeguarding Lead), Steve McNay (Council Manager), Samone Winsborough (Responsible Financial Officer / Operations Manager).

FC 215/20 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Elina Apse (Personal).

Cllr Tina El-Shabrawry (Personal).

Cllr Lauren Townsend (Milton Keynes Council - Cabinet meeting).

AGREED

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

NOTED

FC 216/20 Declaration of interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

FC 217/20 Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th November 2020 were **AGREED** and will be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

FC 218/20 Chair's Announcement(s):

The Planning, Licencing & Development Committee meeting will be held on Monday 21st December 2020, 6:00pm on Zoom Video Call and Facebook Live.

The Chair reported on a missing dog on Coffee Hall, which is mentioned on a Facebook post, anyone with information should contact the Chair who will arrange to collect the dog and return to the rightful owners.

The Chair informed the meeting that the landscaping, environment team along with various volunteers had planted trees to form an orchard on a piece of land to the rear of properties on Rochfords, Coffee Hall, thanks was expressed for everyone's assistance.

The Chair thanked the Staff for all their hard work this year in keeping services running during the pandemic.

The Chair also thanked all Councillors for their hard work in their communities and helping their residents during the pandemic.

The Chair asked Councillors to make a short contribution by recording themselves either on their phone, or to arrange with the Community Development & Events Co-ordinator to be recorded via Zoom Video Call, for the virtual Christmas Card Greetings, the deadline for contributions is Friday 18th December 2020.

NOTED

FC 219/20 Questions from the public:

There were no questions from the members of the public.

NOTED

FC 220/20 Ward Matters arising:

Cllr Jordan Coventry informed the meeting that Eaglestone residents had contacted Cllr Liz Simpkins requesting the provision of salt bins, as Milton Keynes Council are no longer providing this service.

Cllr Coventry requested that this matter is considered at the next meeting before the budget is set, along with any proposals for additional salt bins across the Woughton Community Council area.

The Responsible Financial Officer was asked to provide costings for the supply and installation of salt bins to be considered at the next meeting.

Cllr Liz Simpkins asked if the Chief Executive Officer Professor Joe Harrison of the Milton Keynes University Hospital had responded to the list of questions following on from his presentation at a previous meeting.

The Committee & Member Services Officer responded that he had chased the matter up with Professor Harrison's Personal Assistant who promised to investigate the matter and get back to the Committee & Member Services Officer.

RESOLVED

- 1. That there is an agenda item for the next meeting on the provision of salt bins for Eaglestone, along with any proposals for additional salt bins across the Woughton Community Council area.**
- 2. That the Responsible Financial Officer to provide costings for the supply and installation of salt bins to be considered at the next meeting.**

FC 221/20 Feedback from meetings with Outside Bodies:

a) Woughton Welfare Trust - **Cllr Elina Apse – no report.**

b) MKALC - **Cllr Elina Apse, Cllr Sue Smith – Meeting took place on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 Cllr Sue Smith was re-elected Chair, MKALC plan to do a body of work on Councillor diversity.**

c) Parishes Forum - **Cllr Janette Bobey, Cllr Sue Smith – Meeting was informed on the proposed Milton Keynes Council budget and the situation looks very**

challenging, it was further proposed to implement a pay freeze to any officer earning £24,000 and above, the Cabinet has to propose a budget by the 2nd February 2021 and has to be ratified by the Full Council meeting on 24th February 2021.

NOTED

FC 222/20 To note the minutes from the following Committees:

- a. Resources & Finance - Monday 2nd November 2020
- b. Operations - Monday 9th November 2020
- c. Planning, Licencing & Development - Monday 23rd November 2020

NOTED

FC 223/20 To update the meeting on the details of the 2021/2022 budget consultation and any updates about projected income:

The Council Manager updated the meeting on the Budget and Priorities Consultation with local residents.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council notes the report.
2. That the consultation continues until 5th January 2021, with publicity (including targeted social media adverts).
3. That a final report detailing all feedback comes to a meeting of the Full Council in January 2021 for consideration when ratifying the budget and precept for 2021/2022.

FC 224/20 To consider and discuss the draft 2021/2022 budget:

The Responsible Financial Officer spoke to a proposed budget for 2021/2022, with a three (3) year projected budget included and a proposed precept level for 2021/2022 for further consultation with residents.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council notes the report, proposed budget sheet and three (3) year projections.
2. That a further report is provided to Council in January 2021, providing details of the consultation and any updates about projected income.
3. That Council prepares to ratify the final budget in January 2021, based upon feedback and updated projections.

FC 225/20 Quarterly update report on the 2020/2021 Service Plan:

The Council Manager provided an update on the Annual Service Plan.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council notes the report.
2. That the Council Manager continues to work with officers to achieve the plan, with variations based on the table report.
3. That further updates are provided, with an 'end of year report' in March 2021.

FC 226/20 To consider items for the 2021/2022 Annual Service Plan:

The Council Manager updated the meeting on the additional proposed items for the 2021/2022 Annual Service Plan.

The Chair requested a programme for replacing and replenishing salt bins throughout the Woughton Community Council area.

Cllr Jordan Coventry requested to include in the Annual Service Plan for a quarterly review on the position for settled status for European Union citizens living and working in the Woughton Community Council area.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Council notes the report and additions to the 2021/2022 Service Plan (Version 2).**
- 2. To include in the 2021/2022 Annual Service Plan a programme for replacing and replenishing salt bins throughout the Woughton Community Council area.**
- 3. To include in the 2021/2022 Annual Service Plan a quarterly review on the position for settled status for European Union citizens living and working in the Woughton Community Council area.**
- 4. That discussions continue to mould the plan, prior to a final agreement in early 2021.**

FC 227/20 To consider a request for the installation of a dog waste bin to be located in Leadenhall:

The Council Manager informed the meeting that there is a request for a dog bin near the Gurdwara on Leadenhall from a member of the public.

RESOLVED

- 1. That Council notes the report.**
- 2. That the request is placed within the overall provision of dog waste bins across the parish.**
- 3. That the Environment Team looks at the suitability and viability of dog bins and, if appropriate and costed correctly, instals a bin in the requested place.**

FC 228/20 To consider a request by a resident that the minutes on the website should be coterminous with the meeting that it is covering:

The Committee & Member Services Officer informed the meeting that a request has been made by a resident that the minutes on the website cover the same meeting that the agenda and supporting papers refer to.

RESOLVED

- 1. To note the report.**
- 2. To ensure each set of minutes is uploaded onto the website which is coterminous with the meeting that the minutes are referring too.**
- 3. That this is implemented at the start of the 2021/2022 meeting cycle.**

FC 229/20 To note the Services update:

The Council Manager informed the meeting that that this agenda item was placed for an update by Services Managers, as it was proposed to cancel the next Services & Communities Committee to be held on Tuesday 22nd December 2020.

The Meeting was updated on the provision of the Youth Services, Wellbeing Service and Community Fridge.

The Council Manager explained that there has been a lack of applications to the Communities & Environment Fund and a body of work will need to take place post Covid-19 on how to encourage more applications.

Members asked that it is considered at the next Services & Communities Committee meeting on the rolling over of unspent monies from the Communities & Environment fund budget.

It was requested by the Netherfield Residents Association that their applications for trips that had previously been agreed, and which could not take place due to Covid-19, is considered at the next Services & Communities meeting to be rolled over into the New Year.

The Council Manager said that there have been meetings held of the Residents Association Forum.

RESOLVED

- 1. To cancel the next Services & Communities Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 22nd December 2020.**
- 2. To consider at the next Services & Communities Committee meeting on the rolling over of unspent monies from the Communities & Environment fund budget.**
- 3. To consider at the next Services & Communities Committee meeting to roll over into the New Year the Netherfield Residents Association applications for trips that had previously been agreed.**

FC 230/20 Calendar of Meetings:

The meeting was requested to agree to change the date of the Resources & Finances Committee from Monday 4th January 2020 to Tuesday 12th January 2021.

This is due to officers returning to work from the Christmas and New Year's holidays on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

RESOLVED

To change the date of the Resources & Finances Committee from Monday 4th January 2020 to Tuesday 12th January 2021.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 18th January 2021, 6:00pm via Zoom Video Call and live on the Woughton Community Council Facebook page.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:19PM

Chair _____ Date _____