

Woughton Community Council

Services & Communities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th March 2021, 6:00pm via Zoom Video Call and Facebook Live.

Present: Cllrs Nick Scott (Chair), John Orr (Vice-Chair), Janette Bobey, Brian Hepburn, Luke Louis, Sue Smith, Alan Williamson, Pam Wilson.

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

In attendance: Cllr Donna Fuller.

Also in attendance: Adele Wearing (Strategic Lead Passenger Transport - Milton Keynes Council).

SC 131/21 Apologies:

Cllr Ruth McMillan – unwell.

Cllr Terri Page – work commitment.

AGREED

Cllr Lauren Townsend was not in attendance or submitted her apologies.

NOTED

SC 132/21 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

SC 133/21 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

There were no questions from the members of the public.

NOTED

SC 134/21 Chairs announcements:

The Chair informed the meeting that the Coffee Hall Residents Association on Saturday 4th April 2021 will be going around with the easter bunny delivering easter eggs to children, any parents living on Coffee Hall that want an easter egg delivered, should make a booking on either the Coffee Hall Residents Association website or Facebook page through Ann or Corina.

NOTED

SC 135/21 Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Services & Communities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26th January 2021 were **AGREED** as a true and correct record and will be signed by the Chair.

Communities and Environment Fund Application(s)

There were no funding applications for consideration at this meeting.

NOTED**SC 136/21 Presentation by Cllr Jennifer Wilson-Marklew, Cabinet Member for Climate Change & Sustainability at Milton Keynes Council and Adele Wearing Strategic Lead Passenger Transport at Milton Keynes Council on the proposals for Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) to be introduced across Milton Keynes:**

Due to Cllr Wilson-Marklew not being in attendance, Adele Waring suggested as she does not have a presentation, then it would be more appropriate to try and answer the questions from members of the public.

The Council Manager said that he received an email from a member of public asking a question about bus route number one (1) saying that it is a huge mistake not to run the service as a lot of vulnerable residents use this route, the previous changes to this route caused incredible confusion, could changes stop being made to this service, there is acknowledgement that money is a concern, but how can you afford a DRT service compared to the use of buses, other routes are being affected but there is no clear information, no maps and this is causing consternation among residents.

Adele responded that bus route one (1) is very tricky as some elements have been supported and is also partly run on a commercial basis which is why a lot of the route is remaining, the good news is the route is now being viewed as a fully commercial service by Arriva, she said that she appreciates the route is changing in light of the withdrawal of subsidies by Milton Keynes Council as Arriva ensures the sustainability of the route for the long haul and DRT should strengthen and support that and fill the gaps.

The Council Manager said that a question from a member of the public asked if all present bus passes can still be used using Demand Responsive Transport?

Adele replied yes, all cards, apart from the monthly passes which cannot be accepted, but this will be reviewed in six (6) months time.

Another question from a member of the public asked if the present terms and conditions such as bus usage for under fourteen (14) year olds remain the same?

Adele replied that under fourteens cannot legally have a contract with the provider, but parents can arrange their travel using their own account, would not advise primary school aged children rode alone, although no child would be left on the roadside if they arrived on their own.

The Council Manager said that he will forward onto Adele various questions relating to School Transport and provision and the process involved such where a route no longer exists and pupils travelling out of the Woughton Community Council area, and the various questions posted in the Woughton Community Council Facebook page.

A member of public asked can concessionary bus passes for the retired still be used?

Adele replied yes, and disabled bus passes as well, and as from April pre 9:30am travel will be provided for free for the disabled.

There then followed questions by Members.

The Chair thanked Adele for attending and answering questions.

NOTED

Reports

SC 137/21 To update the committee on the proposals for Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) to be introduced across Milton Keynes:

The Council Manager felt that he had concerns about the lack of communication from Milton Keynes Council on the proposals for Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) to be introduced across Milton Keynes.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the committee notes the report, the documentation and the presentation and Q+A session with Cllr Wilson-Marklew.**
- 2. That the committee agrees to monitor the situation with the introduction, identifying any issues and supporting residents who may be at risk due to the changes.**
- 3. That the Council Manager collates any concerns noted by residents and reports back to the committee in six (6) months time (September 2021) with any update.**

SC 138/21 TRO-307 Statutory Consultation: No waiting at any time restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) by Milton Keynes Council, update on road markings around Maslin Drive, Beanhill for the protection of primary school children:

Cllr Brian Hepburn Beanhill Ward Member informed the meeting that there is at present a consultation, it is proposed to end the double yellow lines at the boundary of the gardens on the corner bungalows in line with highway legislation.

Milton Keynes Council has said that they will enforce no parking on the street corners so as it ensure full visibility for pedestrians, bike and mobility scooter users.

Milton Keynes Council may use cameras and have a presence at peak times such as collection and drop off periods.

Parking provision for collection and drop off for pupils is being investigated with a possibility of using the parking at the shops.

The Council Manager said the majority of feedback has been positive, but comments have been made along the lines of providing there is enforcement action.

NOTED

SC 139/21 To update the committee on Dog Waste Bins across the parish and propose further actions:

The Council Manager updated the committee on Dog Waste Bins across the parish and spoke on the further actions as needed and proposed in the list of recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED

1. That the committee notes the report and background papers.
2. That the committee agrees to Lorraine Essam, the Environment Officer who manages the dog waste bins, moving bins highlighted in red on the attached 'Dog Bin Repairs' paper.
3. That where possible, repairs are undertaken to highlighted bins to enable their continued use.
4. That where that is NOT possible, additional bins are obtained to replace those that are damaged beyond repair.
5. That there is a further plan put in place that ensures that all bins are replaced over a ten (10) year rolling period, with a budget to reflect this additional need (increasing with inflation in future years).
6. That an additional space is found for repairs and maintenance to be undertaken on the dog bins, with necessary equipment and resources.
7. That in the event that to enable the current provision to be 'made good' means additional expenditure, that a further request is made to this committee if over £500 during the 2021 fiscal year.

SC 140/21 To update the committee on Grit Bins across the parish and propose further actions:

The Council Manager updated the committee on the Grit Bins across the parish and spoke on the further actions as needed and proposed in the list of recommendations in the report.

The Environment Team agreed in October to inspect each bin to ensure that they have been filled.

RESOLVED

1. That the committee notes the report and background papers.
2. That the committee notes the nine (9) grit bins that have been provided by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and delivered to the Coffee Hall Meeting Place.
3. That the committee agrees to officers pressure washing / otherwise cleaning up these newly provided bins prior to provision.
4. That the committee agrees to use bins provided via the FCO to replace existing bins that are significantly damaged.
5. That the committee agrees to use smaller bins provided via the FCO at our community centres to ensure Health & Safety is complied with.
6. That the Council Manager liaises with Milton Keynes Council around an accurate version of their duties and agreements, with further discussions around Woughton Community Council support of grit bins

and potential use of the FCO bins noted above and permission to place in agreed spots IF the committee agrees to this provision.

7. That the committee considers whether any additional expenditure is warranted to provide the ten (10) additional bins at locations suggested within the Grit Bin Survey report – it should be noted that the cost associated with this are £1000 for filling, plus the cost of provision from Milton Keynes Council for green grit bins (if unwilling for us to supply) and agreement from Milton Keynes Council for use of their land. It is recommended that £2,600 is a reasonable estimate of costs associated with full compliance with this suggestion.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 27th April 2021, 6:00pm via Zoom Video Call.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:18 PM

Chair _____ Date _____