

Woughton Community Council

Planning, Licensing & Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th May 2021, 6:00pm via Zoom Video call and Facebook Live.

Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Janette Bobey (Vice-Chair), Donna Fuller, Brian Hepburn, Luke Louis, John Orr, Liz Simpkins.

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

LD 01/21 Apologies:

There were no apologies.

NOTED

Cllr Ruth McMillan was not in attendance and did not submit her apologies.

Cllr Nick Scott was not in attendance and did not submit his apologies.

NOTED

LD 02/21 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

LD 03/21 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

There were no questions from the public.

NOTED

LD 04/21 Chairs announcements:

The Chair informed the meeting that even though Zoom Video Call meetings have been stopped by the Government, and Councils have been told to have face to face meetings, a risk assessment has taken place and Woughton Community Council is not prepared to put Councillors at risk who have been shielding for over a year, or not had their injections, and neither is Woughton Community Council willing to put staff at risk, and any member of the public attending meetings at risk either, Woughton Community Council does not want to waste public money hiring larger premises in which to hold socially distanced meetings, so Woughton Community Council has decided to hold meetings via Zoom as it is the safest way and also lets residents able to participate and engage in democracy, and as Milton Keynes University Hospital is in the Parish Woughton Community Council feels that it should not put their services potentially under more pressure during the pandemic, this may

continue until September after the summer holidays, when more people have been vaccinated, but another risk assessment will take place.

NOTED

LD 05/21 Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Planning, Licensing & Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27th April 2021 were **AGREED** as a true and correct record and will be signed by the Chair.

LD 06/21 To elect a Vice-Chair to the committee for the council year 2021/2022:

The Chair asked for nominations for Vice-Chair for the Council year 2021/2022.

Cllr Donna Fuller nominated Cllr Janette Bobey and Cllr John Orr seconded the nomination.

Cllr Janette Bobey accepted her nomination, there were no other nominations.

RESOLVED

That Cllr Janette Bobey was elected Vice-Chair for the Council year 2021/2022.

LD 07/21 To agree submissions to Milton Keynes Council on the Licensing application(s) received:

There were two (2) licensing applications for consideration:

Mister Softee (N191 ORP) on 22/04/21 for 1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide for the following times: Monday to Sunday 15:00 to 18:00.

Mister Softee (T406 POA) on 20/04/21 for 1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide for the following times: Monday – Sunday 16:00 – 22:00.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the committee notes this report.**
- 2. That the committee has no objections to the two (2) licencing applications.**
- 3. That the Council Manager to feedback to the Milton Keynes Council Licensing Directorate.**

LD 08/21 To consider a submission on the consultation relating to communications infrastructure:

The Council Manager informed the meeting that NALC have sent through a document which has already been circulated to members requesting feedback on the policies relating to electronic communications infrastructure – cabinets, masts, receivers, and transmitters, etc.

The consultation is a technical one, looking to make changes to the General Permitted Development orders, specifically around 5G and mobile communications.

The consultation and proposed changes are highly technical in nature and beyond the competence of the Council Manager or other Woughton Community Council Officers, however the proposals appear to look to enable development at relatively small scale without the need for additional permissions.

The Committee agreed with the NALC recommendations, and that committee believes that there should be planning oversight retained by local councils regarding any proposed communication infrastructure to be installed.

RESOLVED

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the Committee agrees with the NALC recommendations, and that the committee believes that there should be planning oversight retained by local councils regarding any proposed communication infrastructure to be installed.
3. That the Council Manager responds to the consultation in line with the committee feedback.

LD 09/21 To consider the membership, focus and leadership of this committee for the council year 2021/2022:

The meeting considered the changes to the membership, focus and leadership of this committee for the council year 2021/2022. Suggestions by Members were:

- Better links with Milton Keynes Council's Planning Directorate.
- More input in planning applications.
- The Council Manager to forward planning application notifications to Councillors and Resident Associations.
- To have additional urgent committee meetings if necessary, to discuss a controversial planning application.
- To arrange training via the Milton Keynes Council planning buddy.
- To upload planning applications onto the Woughton Community Council website.

RESOLVED

1. That committee notes this report.
2. That committee notes the changes to the committee membership, as agreed at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 4th May 2021.
3. That committee considers priority areas for this committee for the council year, for agreement at the meeting currently planned for 15th June 2021.
 - a. Better links with Milton Keynes Council's Planning Directorate.
 - b. More input in planning applications.
 - c. The Council Manager to forward planning application notifications to Councillors and Resident Associations.
 - d. To have additional urgent committee meetings if necessary, to discuss a controversial planning application.
 - e. To arrange training via the Milton Keynes Council planning buddy.
 - f. To upload planning applications onto the Woughton Community Council website.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 15th June 2021, via Zoom Video Call and Facebook Live.

THE VICE-CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 6:28PM

Chair _____ Date _____