

Woughton Community Council

Services & Communities Committee

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th November 2021, 6:30pm,
Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber, 60, Garraways, Coffee
Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.**

Present: Cllrs Nick Scott (Chair), Maggie Ferguson (Vice-Chair), Brian Hepburn,
Phil Hopcraft, Ruth McMillan, Sue Smith, Alan Williamson, Pam Wilson.

In attendance: Brian Barton (Committee & Member Services Officer), Steve McNay
(Council Manager), Sean Perry (Community Services Manager), Tash Darling (Youth
Manager & Safeguarding Lead).

Also in attendance: Cllr Donna Fuller via Facebook Live.

SC 32/21 Apologies:

Cllr Jeanette Bobey (unwell).
Cllr Terri Parish (work commitment).
Cllr John Orr (unwell).

AGREED

SC 33/21 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

SC 34/21 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

There were no questions from the public.

NOTED

SC 35/21 Chairs announcements:

The Chair said that a resident wanted to pass on their thanks to all the volunteers,
staff, Cllr Donna Fuller and Cllr Sue Smith for the running of the Community Cafe.

The Chair also thanked the Council Manager for all his hard work on the
Remembrance Service.

NOTED

SC 36/21 Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Services & Communities Committee meeting held on Wednesday
15th September 2021 were **AGREED** as a true and correct record and will be signed
by the Chair.

Communities and Environment Fund Application(s)

SC 37/21 Coffee Hall Residents Association:

Application received for £500 towards a Christmas event.

The Community Services Manager informed the meeting that the funding had been provided from the budget allocated for holding community events post Covid-19 restrictions.

NOTED

Reports

SC 38/21 To update the committee on Litter Bin Provision:

The Council Manager updated the committee on the placement of the new litter bins.

The committee requested that the bins situated by the Men in Shed sites on Netherfield and at the Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place are included in the Milton Keynes Council emptying schedule.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the committee notes the report.**
- 2. That the bins situated by the Men in Shed sites on Netherfield and at the Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place are included in the Milton Keynes Council emptying schedule.**

SC 39/21 To update the committee on grit bin provision:

The Council Manager informed the meeting that there are yellow grit bins stored in the Netherfield Meeting Place.

Milton Keynes Council has informed the Council Manager that any grit bins owned by a Parish and Town Council must be in green. The Council Manager said that he is in ongoing talks with Milton Keynes Council to find a solution, as there would be additional costs in changing the colour with the bins already provided. The Council Manager said that he will keep the committee updated.

NOTED

SC 40/21 To discuss items for the 2022/2023 Service Plan:

The Council Manager updated the committee on Service Planning ideas for 2022/2023 and asked to take any further suggestions.

The following ideas were suggested:

- Volunteer Development – to include training with a certificate presented when completed.
- To seek a Library/Learning Hub in the Woughton area.
- Food Hygiene training.
- Expansion of the Community Café.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the committee notes the content of the Service Plan.**

2. That the committee agrees to the additional items as suggested - Volunteer Development, a Library/Learning Hub in the Woughton area, Food Hygiene training and the expansion of the Community Café.
3. That the items agreed form the 'Services' element of the final service plan, going to Full Council in December for agreement.
4. That the plan is budgeted and included in the final Budget draft, going to Full Council in December for agreement.
5. That the plan and budget will then be fully ratified and agreed in January 2022.

SC 41/21 To update the committee on a proposed plan for a special 'Chairs Awards', covering 'Covid-19 Heroes' as well as the regular awards, to take place in 2022:

The Council Manager updated the committee on a proposed plan for a special 'Chairs Awards', covering 'Covid-19 Heroes' as well as the regular awards, to take place in 2022.

The meeting agreed to add a Personal Achievement award with a 18-25 young adults and under 18 young person categories.

RESOLVED:

1. That the committee notes this report.
2. That if in agreement, Cllr Sue Smith (Chair) and officers of the council will work together to develop a full plan for the event.
3. That this plan will include all aspects of the nominations, voting and awarding of this recognition, alongside details of the event itself.
4. To add a Personal Achievement award with a 18-25 young adults and under 18 young person categories.

SC 42/21 To update the committee on the Santa Sleigh plan events:

The Council Manager updated the committee on the Santa Sleigh plan, with associated Residents Association events and the risk management plan.

The committee was informed that the poster to advertise the event was incorrect and should say that part of the route would cover Eaglestone followed by Peartree Bridge.

RESOLVED:

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the committee continues to liaise with resident groups around any additional events that will run alongside the Santa Sleigh.

SC 43/21 To propose a six-month agreement for a Community Larder / café at Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place, including use of the office:

The Council Manager proposed a six (6) month agreement for a Community Larder / Café at the Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place, including use of the office.

RESOLVED:

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the committee agrees to a six (6) month trial for community engagement events on a Saturday at Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place, to include a Café / Community Larder.

3. That this is reviewed at the end of the six (6) months to assess value and a further proposal is made if this pilot is successful.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 15th December 2021, 6:30pm, at the Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chamber, The Local Centre, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:19 PM

Chair _____ Date _____

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