

Woughton Community Council

Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th March 2022, 6:30pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, Council Chambers, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes.

Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Jordan Coventry (Vice-Chair), Elina Apse, Maggie Ferguson, Donna Fuller, Brian Hepburn, Ruth McMillan, Terri Parish, Nick Scott, Liz Simpkins Alan Williamson, Pam Wilson.

Also present:

Steve McNay (Council Manager)

Samone Winsborough (Responsible Financial Officer/Operations Manager).

In attendance: Cllrs Luke Louis, John Orr, Yvonne Tomlinson.

Also in attendance:

Brian Barton (Committee & Member Services Officer),

FC 166/22 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Janette Bobey (unwell)

Cllr Phillip Hopcraft (unwell)

Cllr Amber McQuillan (unwell)

Cllr Lauren Townsend (meeting)

AGREED

FC 167/22 Declaration of interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

FC 168/22 Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on:

- Monday 7th February 2022.

Were **AGREED** and will be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

FC 169/22 Chair's Announcement(s):

The Chair read a short statement:

“At this difficult time, whilst we as a council have not tabled a formal motion, I would like to suggest that we simply agree that we stand with Ukraine and wish to see the

end of the bloodshed of innocent people, both in Ukraine and in other conflicts around the world”.

The Chair informed the meeting that the Blue Light Hub walk, will be held on Friday 25th March 2022 at 7:00pm, the route will be from the Blue Light Hub in Ashlands to the Milton Keynes University Hospital in Eaglestone.

Details for tickets to the Black Country Museum on Saturday 26th March 2022 can be obtained from the Coffee Hall Residents Association Facebook page.

NOTED

FC 170/22 Questions from the public:

There were no questions from the members of the public.

NOTED

FC 171/22 Ward Matters arising:

Cllr Jordan Coventry informed the meeting that the Eaglestone Residents Association are seeking conservation status due to the unique architecture of the area, Cllr Coventry will check with residents as to whether they would be in favour of such a proposal, which then can be discussed at a future Full Council meeting. This would need to be looked into as to how it would effect any regeneration proposals in the future.

The Council Manager said that he will investigate with Milton Keynes Council on any proposals for a conservation area.

RESOLVED

That the Council Manager to investigate with Milton Keynes Council on any proposals for a conservation area.

FC 172/22 Milton Keynes Council Ward Councillors report:

Cllr Donna Fuller reported to the meeting that she has been dealing with the issue of rat sightings, housing repairs, holding regular surgeries, and will soon be having a meeting with representatives from Milton Keynes Council on proposed sites for the rollout of the wheelie bin pilot, to help identify any potential difficult area(s). Members were requested to identify any areas in their ward and let Cllr Fuller know, and then the Council Manager can design a route map for the meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Council Manager to design a route map for the meeting with Cllr Donna Fuller and representatives from Milton Keynes Council on proposed sites for the rollout of the wheelie bin pilot, to identify any potential difficult area(s).

FC 173/22 Feedback from meetings with Outside Bodies:

a) Woughton Welfare Trust - **Cllr Elina Apse - Nothing to report.**

b) MKALC - **Cllr John Orr, Cllr Sue Smith, Cllr Pam Wilson - A meeting took place on Wednesday 2nd March 2022. The main presentations were by all three e scooter contractors, along with the lead Milton Keynes Council officer. The Chair said she will invite the three representatives from the e scooter contractors, to make a presentation at a future Full Council meeting.**

c) Parishes Forum - Cllr Sue Smith, Cllr Alan Williamson – Next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March 2022, which will be reported back on at the next Full Council meeting.

NOTED

FC 174/22 To note the minutes from the following Committees:

- a) Planning, Licencing & Development Committee – Monday 14th February 2022.
- b) Services & Communities Committee – Wednesday 16th February 2022.

NOTED

FC 175/22 Council Manager's report:

The Council Manager updated the Council on various activities and delegated decisions made since the previous meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Council notes the report.

FC 176/22 To update the Full Council meeting on the Covid-19 restrictions, easing and risk management:

The Council Manager updated council on Covid-19 management, easing of restrictions and risk management.

RESOLVED:

1. **That the Council notes the report.**
2. **That the Council continues with a cautious approach, despite the removal of restrictions.**

FC 177/22 To commence considerations around provision of a Landscape contract from April 2023:

The meeting agreed to in principle, to commit to continuation of the Landscape contract from April 2023, with a final decision being made at a future Full Council meeting once all costings and all aspects relating to the contract have been discussed.

RESOLVED

1. **That the Council notes the report and associated papers.**
2. **That the Council starts to consider their view on continuing delivery of a Landscape contract at the end of current delivery in March 2023.**
3. **That the Council considers financial approaches to any decision with agreement on any 'top up' levels (if any) for future contracts.**
4. **That Council considers, *in principle*, that they would wish to show commitment to future delivery, despite a lack of clarity around finances and ongoing costs.**
5. **That this issue returns to Council for further discussion as and when appropriate.**

FC 178/22 To update the meeting on the Blue Light Walk:

Cllr Brian Hepburn requested that mention is extended to all Key Workers for inclusion in all of the publicity for the Blue Light Walk.

NOTED

FC 179/22 Parking issues on Coffee Hall update:

The Chair attended a meeting last week with Milton Keynes Council and the Safer Communities Team, along with representatives from the local Schools, Milton Keynes University Hospital, the Mosques and Milton Keynes Stadium.

This will be ongoing, and schemes will be looked into, to tackle long term parking issues, along with any possible quick fixes.

NOTED

FC 180/22 To move and second and then to be put to the vote the following motion:

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

That by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded during discussion of the following business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

AGREED

FC 181/22 To inform the committee of discussions with Came & Company regarding a quote for the upcoming insurance renewal in April 2022:

RESOLVED

1. That the Council Manager and Operations Manager are given the necessary delegated powers to seek three (3) quotes from BHIB and other providers for the insurance renewal.
2. That the due to the pressures of time, the decision regarding insurance is delegated to the Council Manager and Responsible Financial Officer, on the understanding that it will be a maximum of the cost of the current quote, but may reduce if other quotes are forthcoming.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:16PM

Chair _____ Date _____