

Present:

Councillors: Tate Chapman-Ballard (Chair), Jaime Tamagnini (Vice-Chair), Mario Toto, Adam Chapman-Ballard and David Newland.

Officers: Dan Preston (Community Engagement Officer)

Members of the public: 0

CEC19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Jo Bolton and accepted by the Committee.

CEC20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

CEC21 MINUTES

Resolved unanimously: That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September be signed by the chair as a correct record, subject to the following change:

In minute reference CEC08 the word 'were' be changed to 'was'.

CEC22 STANDING ITEM – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Committee received a report on actions taken by the Community Engagement Officer since the last meeting. The Community Engagement Officer updated the Committee that using the Paypal Web Widget to receive payments would incur charges at a rate greater than that currently being charged by Square.

Resolved unanimously: That the reports be accepted

CEC23 SCHEME OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Committee received a report on decisions pertaining to the Community Engagement Committee made under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

Resolved unanimously: That the report be accepted

CEC24 2020 EVENTS – CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 5 DECEMBER

The Committee received a report on the feasibility of holding a virtual event for the Christmas celebration in light of the cancellation of the physical event agreed at the September meeting.

Resolved unanimously:

1. That no virtual event be held.
2. That short video be made with a message of goodwill from the Chairman of the Council and a switching on of the Christmas lights.

3. That the video be shared on You Tube and Facebook and advertised on all available social media and the Council's website.

CEC25 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - BATWALK

The Committee received a report on the Batwalk event held on October 10. The event was fully booked.

Resolved unanimously: That the report be accepted.

CEC26 MKPA SUMMER SESSIONS

The Committee received a report from Milton Keynes Play Association on the Play Sessions held in Browns Wood and Walnut Tree during the summer holidays. The Committee noted the number of attendees at the sessions who were coming from outside the Walton area, with some from as far away as Cranfield and Leighton Buzzard.

Resolved unanimously:

1. That the report be accepted.
2. That future sessions, should they be held under Covid restrictions and therefore booking only, be limited to Walton residents only.

CEC27 WALTON GRANGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee received a report from Community Action MK on the Community Development work carried out in the Walton Grange Estate between September 2019 and September 2020.

The Committee expressed their disappointment at the report, and at both the quantity and quality of the work carried out. The Committee felt that the report detailed no qualitative or quantitative outcomes and that the work did not represent good value for the money that was spent on it.

Resolved unanimously: That a letter be written to Community Action MK expressing the Council's disappointment with the works carried out.

CEC28 BROWNS WOOD SPORTS GROUND – OUTDOOR GYM MAINTENANCE

The Committee received a report on the initiative to ask for volunteers to help maintain the planting beds around the outdoor gym equipment at Browns Wood Sports Ground.

Resolved unanimously:

1. That the report be accepted
2. That the initiative be taken forward.

CEC29 BROWNS WOOD SPORTS GROUND – FOOT BRIDGE NAMING

The Committee received a report on the engagement with residents about naming the two new footbridges at Browns Wood Sports Ground. There had been a very good response to the call for names and all the names were going to be taken forward to the Operations Committee on November 10.

Resolved unanimously:

1. That the Community Engagement Officer ensure that future engagement on Social media include as many platforms as possible to ensure a wider reach.
2. That the report be accepted.

CEC30 FUTURE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / ACTIVITIES

The Committee received a report with draft costs for future activities and events. The Committee felt that all the activities were suitable to be taken forward for further consideration and that the draft costs were reasonable. The Committee noted that many of the activities on the report would only take place after the winter and when the Covid restrictions allowed.

Resolved unanimously:

1. That the 'QR Codes' project, to put codes on Council equipment and assets allowing residents to access information, be taken forward immediately and be paid for from the general Community Engagement budget line.
2. That the cost of a 'Community' noticeboard, for use by the residents, to be installed at Browns Wood Sports Ground, be looked in to and brought to Committee at the November meeting.
3. That the report be accepted.

CEC31 BUDGET 2020-21

The Committee received the Community Engagement Budget for 2020-21

Resolved unanimously: That the budget be accepted.

CEC32 BUDGET 2021-22

The Committee discussed the budget for the financial year 2021-22. The Committee felt that the budget would largely be the same as for this financial, with an extra £4000 in the Newsletter budget line and some extra to cover potential future events and activities, such as Farmers Markets and Street food events.

Resolved unanimously: That a draft Community Engagement Committee budget be brought to the Committee at the November meeting for consideration and recommendation to Full Council in December.

CEC33 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORK PROGRAM

The Committee reviewed draft Council Plan and discussed a future work program. The Committee felt that there were plenty of events and activities that could be included in the work program. The Committee noted the item in the draft Council Plan about using surveys to engage with the residents.

Resolved unanimously:

1. That a Work Program Document be drafted and brought to the Community Engagement Committee meeting in November.



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WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2020 at 7.00pm
Via Zoom**

2. That, at the November Community Engagement Committee meeting, discussions on a potential future survey take place.

The meeting ended at 8:42pm

Accepted as a true and accurate record

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Signed

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Date