

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF
WALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on 6 MARCH 2019
Room 4, MK SNAP, Bourton Low, Walnut Tree, MK7 7DE
at 7:00pm**

Present:

Councillors: Terry Reynolds (Chairman), Mario Toto (Vice-Chairman), Joanna Bolton, Phil Chambers, Dawn Filby, Brendan Metcalfe, David Newland, Simon Lorrimer-Roberts and Amanda Taylor.

Officer: Lesley Sung (Council Manager) and Lisa Emmanuel (Project Support Officer)

Members of the Public: 2

FC170 WELCOME AND PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members of the public requested to speak and a summary is set out as an addendum to the minutes.

FC171 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Ian McColl.

FC172 MINUTES

A discussion was had with regards to the accuracy of the minute for the meeting held on 6 February 2019. It was moved by Councillor Lorrimer-Roberts and seconded by Councillor Brendan Metcalfe that the minutes did not reflect fully the discussions at the meeting in respect of Minute FC163 (Motion from Councillor Brendan Metcalfe – Council Structure) or the reasoning given for the need for an extra-ordinary meeting of the HR Committee. The Council Manager reported that the draft minutes had been changed at the request of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council.

The motion was lost.

It was then moved that the minutes be signed as an accurate record of the meeting. A recorded vote was requested.

Resolved: That the minutes of Full Council held on 6 February 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

(Recorded Vote:

For: Councillors Phil Chambers, David Newland, Terry Reynolds, Amanda Taylor and Mario Toto (5).

Against: Councillors Dawn Filby, Simon Lorrimer-Roberts and Brendan Metcalfe (3)

Abstentions: Councillor Joanna Bolton (1))

FC173 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

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FC174 COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Council Manager reported on the outcome of a consultation being carried out by Milton Keynes Council on the introduction of a Residential Parking Zone in some areas of Caldecotte. Milton Keynes Council had received a 73% response and of those that had responded, 93% were in favour of the introduction of a scheme. The scheme would now be subject to statutory consultation and subject to no objections, highways would then be instructed to make a Road Traffic Order and the scheme could then be implemented.

Resolved Unanimously: That the Council Manager's report be accepted.

FC175 BROWNS WOOD SPORTS GROUND PAVILION

The Council considered the final costings for the proposed Browns Wood Pavilion and the recommendations of the Projects Committee requesting the Council to decide whether to go ahead with the pavilion build and draw down the Public Works Board loan to commence construction.

Following receipt of tenders from four contractors, all had come in significantly over budget. The costs had been impacted by a number of factors including planning requirements and the effect of Brexit on the supply chain. The lowest tender received came in at £479,400 over budget.

The Council received the full list of value engineering proposals carried out by the Design Team which would not have an impact on either the quality of materials or the lifespan of the building. The total savings identified amounted to £202,182.95 and further reductions could be identified in the budget for fixtures and fittings and a reduction in kitchen specification amounting to £23,000.

The Council noted that by not building the pavilion, the Council would lose s.106 monies of £22,400 which had been awarded to the Council for the construction of a sports hall. There was a further amount of £111,000 contribution towards the playing fields which had been allocated to the pavilion but which could potentially be utilised elsewhere at the Browns Wood Sports Ground site.

The Public Works Loan Board had confirmed that it would be possible to apply for a loan extension up to one year and that if the Council wished to increase borrowing, then a further application would need to be submitted. The Board also confirmed that if the Council wished to reduce the building footprint then this would be acceptable and would require no further action provided the loan was drawn down within the required timescale.

The Council received the recommendations of the Browns Wood Sports Ground Working Group which had indicated that a minimum of £250,000 would be required to build the pavilion and that realistically, if the Council wished to

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proceed as per the original specification, an additional £500,000 would be required. Extending the loan period and drawing down an additional £250,000 on top of the loan of £1.492m would cost an additional £9,248.88 per annum and drawing down an additional £500,000 would cost an additional £18,497.76 per annum which amounted to an additional cost per household per annum of £2.10 and £4.30 respectively.

The Browns Wood Sports Ground Working Group had discussed options for the construction as follows:

- Removing the changing rooms and build as a later phase
- Reduce the size of the hall
- Accept the value engineering proposals and find additional funding for the shortfall.

The Working Group had considered options for additional funding which included:

- Future s.106 monies due from development at Wavendon Tower and Walton Manor
- Increase the loan from the Public Works Loan Board
- Use of reserves, either existing or to build up reserves in the future years
- Disposal of Bergamot Gardens.

All options would result in a delay to the programme and the Projects Committee, following discussion of the recommendations from the Working Group recommends to Full Council the following options:

- Extend the loan period and apply for a further £500k to cover the cost of the project which would include a contingency of approximately £100k; or
- Postpone the construction of the pavilion build until a future date and investigate alternative funding options other than an addition to the loan; or
- Abandon the project altogether.

It was moved by Simon Lorrimer-Roberts and seconded by Councillor Joanna Bolton that the project be terminated. A recorded vote was requested.

Resolved:

1. That the building of a pavilion at Browns Wood Sports Ground be abandoned.
2. That the Council continues with the installation of the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) as a standalone facility.

(Recorded Vote:

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For: Councillors Joanna Bolton, Dawn Filby, Brendan Metcalfe, Simon Lorrimer-Roberts and Mario Toto (5).

Against: Councillors Phil Chambers, David Newland, Terry Reynolds and Amanda Taylor (4)

Abstentions: 0)

FC176 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered Planning Application 19/00452/TCA – Pomander Crescent, Walnut Tree, MK7 7NT – Notification of intention to carry out work on various trees on the whole estate (year 2).

Resolved Unanimously: That no objections or comments be made to Milton Keynes Council about the above planning application.

FC177 STANDING ITEM - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Chair of the Events Working Group reported on the costs of the community activities and engagement programme for 2019/2020, as recommended by the Working Group. It was agreed at the Council's budget meeting that a sum of £18,000 would be included in the community engagement budget for 2019/2020.

The Events Working Group had discussed organising a third age coach trip to Kew Gardens and a group entry discount price had been agreed with Kew Gardens of £13.60. Previous cost of coach trips had been set at £6 per resident and so the Working Group recommended that the cost of the coach trip, including entry to Kew Gardens be set at £20 per resident (£25 per non-resident). All attendees must be over age 55. Due to increased demand, the Chair of the Events Working Group suggested that a larger coach be arranged for the trip.

The Events Working Group had also discussed arrangements for the summer family coach trip to Great Yarmouth and recommended a charge of £8 per adult and £4 per child (non residents £13 and £9 respectively).

Due to the availability of the coach for the summer trips, 3 quotes were requested and in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and the Chair of the Events Working Group, a booking was made with Heyfordian which had submitted the cheapest quote.

Resolved Unanimously:

1. That the following community activities and engagement programme for 2019/2020 be costed as follows:

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| • Community Engagement (General) | £1,500 |
| • Family Coach Trip to Great Yarmouth | £750 |
| • Third Age summer coach trip to Kew Gardens | £850 |
| • Third Age Christmas coach trip (venue tbc) | £800 |

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- Summer Fayre £7,000
- Bands in the Park (Hindhead Knoll) £3,000
- Christmas Celebration £4,100

2. That, in respect of the third age coach trip with entry to Kew Gardens, Walton residents be charged £20 to include entry to Kew and non-residents charged £25.
3. That, in respect of the family summer coach trip to Great Yarmouth, Walton residents be charged £8 per adult and £4 per child and non-residents £13 per adult and £9 per child.
4. That due to increased demand, a large 85 seat coach be arranged for the third age coach trip to Kew Gardens.
5. That the actions taken to secure a Heyfordian coach for the third age and family coach trips be agreed retrospectively.
6. That 7 December 2019 be set as a provisional date for the Christmas Celebration 2019.

FC178 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

Resolved Unanimously: That the invoices to be paid be authorised and the payments list signed by the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Terry Reynolds and the Chair of the Regulatory Committee, Councillor Amanda Taylor.

FC179 COUNCIL BUDGET 2018/2019

The Council reviewed the 2018/2019 budget.

Resolved Unanimously: That the report be accepted.

FC180 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Council received a draft timetable and schedule for the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting.

Resolved Unanimously: That the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 29 May 2019 and that the arrangements set out in the timetable be agreed.

FC181 ALL-OUT ELECTIONS – 2 MAY 2019

The Council received information about the forthcoming all-out elections to be held on 2 May 2019 including the date for the notice of election, nomination papers deadline and each candidate's spending limit.

Resolved Unanimously: That the report be accepted.

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FC182 DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Council was invited to comment on Milton Keynes Council's draft statement of community involvement which set out how Milton Keynes Council would engage with local communities and stakeholders in the development of planning policy documents and in the determination of planning applications within Milton Keynes. This new Statement would replace the existing statement adopted by Milton Keynes Council in March 2004. The deadline for comments to Milton Keynes Council was 8 March 2019.

Resolved Unanimously: That the Council has no comments to submit to Milton Keynes Council on the draft statement of community involvement.

FC183 STANDING ITEM – REPORTS FROM CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

The Chair of the Operations Committee reported on the main issues considered by the Operations Committee at its last meeting:

- £800 had been awarded for youth activities (MOTUS)
- The Spring 'Walton Matters' was due to go to print on 4 March.
- Relocation and refurbishment of dog bins was continuing.
- The Community Transport Leaflet would be sent out to all residents.
- The 'Walt to School' graphics at the Herons School had been fully funded by Milton Keynes Council and the monies for the scheme (£6,000) would be directed to a similar project at Wavendon Gate School.

The Chair of the Regulatory Committee reported that the last Regulatory Committee had not been quorate

The Vice-Chair of the Projects Committee reported that the pavilion had been the main issue considered by the Projects Committee at its last meeting.

Resolved Unanimously: That the comments be accepted.

FC184 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR

No reports received.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm

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ADDENDUM TO MINUTES – 6 MARCH 2019

Public Participation

Ward Councillor Vanessa McPake

- Thanks to Walton Community Council for the installation of the new dog bins.
- Thanks to Walton Community Council for agreeing to be part of the clear recycling sack collection trial.
- Caldecotte brook was due to be tidied
- Milton Keynes tree survey currently being carried out.
- Monies have been put in Milton Keynes Council's budget for litter hotspots
- Milton Keynes Council will now be carrying out 1 weed spray per year as part of the landscaping contract.
- Walton Manor development was out for consultation.
- Milton Keynes Council's Housing Allocations Policy is out for consultation.
- Thanks for Walton Community Council for the Community Transport and 'Walk to School' graphics projects.