

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF  
WALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
held on 8 JANUARY 2020  
Room 4, MK SNAP, Bourton Low, Walnut Tree, MK7 7DE  
at 7:00pm**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Mario Toto (Chairman), Adam Chapman-Ballard, Tate Chapman-Ballard, Joanna Bolton, David Newland, Jaime Tamagnini-Barbosa, Simon Lorrimer-Roberts and Amanda Taylor.

**Officers:** Dan Preston (Assistant Council Manager) and Ruth Rose (Finance Officer)

**Members of the Public: 9**

**FC135 WELCOME AND PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. A public forum took place before the start of the meeting and a summary of discussions is attached at Annex A to the Minutes.

**FC136 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received

**FC137 MINUTES**

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 4 December 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to a correction to the figure of £20,00 in Minute FC130, to be changed to £20,000 and the removal of a '\ ' in the resolution in Minute FC133.

**FC138 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**FC139 COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

**FC140 OXFORD – MK – CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY – PREFERRED CORRIDOR**

The Chairman agreed that a short presentation could be made by Alex Poppleton and Valerie Lindsay of the No Expressway Group (NEG). The Group opposed the building of the Oxford-MK-Cambridge expressway and the associated one million houses. The NEG advised that the expressway had already been agreed in principle and that the route corridor had been agreed, with consultation on the actual route to start in the spring. The road was planned to be minimum of a dual carriageway with 2 junctions for accessing the road near Milton Keynes, south of Bletchley and at Brogborough, near J13 of the M1. The presenters reported that the plans would greatly impact the housing plans for Woburn Sands and that the analysis by Highways England had offered no mitigation for this impact. Planned housing would also impact hugely on Plan:MK with a whole new town planned for south of Bletchley. They reported that expressway was being designed to remove freight traffic from the

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M25 and would provide no benefit to reduce traffic issues in Milton Keynes as the planned housing will increase traffic to fill the expressway to capacity.

Councillor's comments in support of the expressway included:

- The road was good for business and the economy of Milton Keynes.
- The planned opening of the road would be about 2030 and very likely that there would be many more electric vehicles on the road, thus reducing the environmental impact.
- There is a clear need for improved road links to Oxford and the fast nature of the road will be better in terms of pollution.
- Noise is not likely to be made any worse than it is on the existing grid roads.

Councillor's comments made against the proposals included

- The new road would create a lot of noise and pollution along the southern boundary of the Parish.
- There would be no real economic benefit to Milton Keynes.
- The road would cause more pollution as it will be designed to take new traffic, not to move the traffic currently using the Milton Keynes roads

Ward Councillor Vanessa McPake said that she had met with the Transport Secretary in November, who had reported that the expressway was currently on the back burner with more importance being attached to East West Rail and HS2.

**Resolved:** That the Council currently supports the proposed Oxford-MK-Cambridge expressway, with the position to be reviewed as and when new information becomes available.

**Resolved unanimously:** That the Council's Standing Order 10a be suspended to allow the Council to revisit the matter within 6 months, if necessary.

(Recorded vote:

For: Councillors Adam Chapman-Ballard, Amanda Taylor, David Newland, Jaime Tamagnini-Barbosa and Tate Chapman-Ballard. (5)

Against: Councillors Mario Toto, Joanna Bolton and Simon Lorrimer-Roberts (3)  
Abstentions: 0.)

**FC141**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT AT WALTON GRANGE**

The Council received an update from Ian Barnard, the Community Action MK Community Development Officer working on the community development and engagement project in Walton Grange. Ian described residents as being happy, but isolated. It was noted that low level anti-social behaviour was increasing

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within the area and that ways need to be found to mitigate this issue. The community was currently looking at potentially starting a sports club on the estate.

The next step for Community Action was to carry out more consultation with the residents to find ways to support the community going forward.

Ward Councillor Vanessa McPake stressed the need for a play area and shop space in the upcoming Walton Manor development.

**Resolved Unanimously:**

1. That the report from Community Action MK be accepted.
2. That Community Action MK be requested to submit a report on the spending of the S106 monies at Walton Grange.

**FC142 STANDING ITEM – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM**

The Chair of the Events Working Group thanked the staff and Councillors for their help with the Christmas Celebration event in December 2019.

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the update be accepted.

**FC143 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Council considered Planning Application 19/03411/FUL – 3 Tallis Lane, Browns Wood, MK7 8EB for the proposed extension for a disabled wet room and rear room to side extension.

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the council has no comments or objections to make about the planning application.

**FC144 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 Mario Toto and the Chair of the Regulatory Committee, Councillor Amanda Taylor.

**FC145 COUNCIL BUDGET 2019/2020**

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the 2019/2020 Council budget, the statement of financial position and the forecasted bank balance of £XXX, as at 31 March 2020, be accepted.

**FC146 DRAFT COUNCIL BUDGET 2020/2021**

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the budget for 2020-2021 as presented be accepted.

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**FC147 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

The Council received details that the next two years of the Community Infrastructure Fund had been combined, meaning that Councils can now apply for a total of £20,000 for 3 projects, which would be match funded. The deadline for applications was 7 February 2020. The only project which the Council had a worked-up case for was the play area refurbishment at Sullivan Crescent. The Council had previously agreed to choose 'option A' for this refurbishment and had included a budget line in the 2020-2021 budget of £10,000 for this purpose. With the opportunity to apply for a larger sum through the Community Infrastructure Fund it was recommended that the Council apply for £10,000 towards this project, which would be match funded by the £10,000 already in the 2020-2021 budget. If successful, this would allow the Council to go ahead with refurbishment 'option B', which is a higher specification with a total cost of £20,080.

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the Council bids for £10,000 from the Community Infrastructure Fund towards the refurbishment 'option B' at Sullivan Crescent play area, to be match funded by the Council.

**FC148 REPORTS FROM CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

The Chair of the Regulatory Committee reported that the Committee had discussed matters of planning at the December meeting, that the limit for s.137 spending in the upcoming financial year had been set at £8.32 per elector and that the Council had received an insurance claim from a resident in Morley Crescent, Browns Wood, regarding subsidence claimed to be caused by a tree located on Browns Wood Sports Ground.

The Chair of the Parking Restrictions Working Group reported on a meeting held in December 2019. Milton Keynes Council's Parking Manager was present at the meeting and stated the Council's commitment to the long-term policing of the Resident's Parking Zone in Caldecotte whilst looking at possible land for overspill parking in the area. The Working Group also discussed the potential for parking restrictions at Hindhead Knoll, which would need a consultation process, extending the zig zag lines outside Walton High School, and the potential for time restricting the car parks belonging to the Parks Trust, that the Group felt were being taken over by business parking.

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the Committee Chairs' reports be accepted.

**The meeting ended at 8:35pm**

**Accepted as a true and accurate record**

**Chair**

**Date**

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**PUBLIC FORUM – ANNEX TO THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 8  
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Ward Councillor David Hopkins raised the following matters:

- Milton Keynes Council's Climate Emergency Response document had been drafted.
- The Residents' Parking Zone in Caldecotte had had an impact after an initial blitz, but then parking had worsened again. The Parks Trust car parks were full and a meeting was going to be held with the Parks Trust to tackle the issue. The majority of the residents were very pleased with the RPZ, which had shifted the parking issues, as had been expected.
- There was an item regarding the East West Expressway on the MKC Cabinet agenda for W/C 13 January 2020. The MKC position regarding the Expressway had been ambiguous, with a call to have the East West rail electrified before the expressway was built.
- Criminal activity rose sharply in the Danesborough Ward before Christmas.
- The courts had upheld a ruling that Milton Keynes could not demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply.

Ward Councillor Vanessa McPake raised the following matters:

- Caldecotte Brook had been cleared and does not need to be dredged.
- Following an accident and some near misses outside MK Snap they are liaising with Arriva about bus driver training and looking into the feasibility of painting new lines on the road. A zebra crossing would not be provided as this was too expensive and would require the moving of the bus stops.
- Parts of Milton Keynes will be trialling having 3 coloured wheelie bins instead of plastic bags. This trial would not be in Walton and provisionally will take place between June and October 2020.