

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF
WALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on 5 FEBRUARY 2020
Room 4, MK SNAP, Bourton Low, Walnut Tree, MK7 7DE
at 7:00pm**

Present:

Councillors: Mario Toto (Chairman), David Newland, Brendan Metcalfe, Hossein Sadeghi, Jaime Tamagnini-Barbosa and Amanda Taylor.

Officer: Lesley Sung (Council Manager)

Members of the Public: 1

FC149 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.

FC150 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Joanna Bolton, Adam Chapman-Ballard, Tate Chapman-Ballard and Simon Lorrimer-Roberts.

FC151 MINUTES

Resolved Unanimously: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 8 January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

FC152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

FC153 COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

FC154 STANDING ITEM – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

The Chairman of the Council updated the Council on the community events programme for 2020. He added that the VE Day celebration had been cancelled.

Resolved Unanimously: That the update from the Chairman be accepted.

FC155 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the following Planning Applications:

- (a) **Planning Application 20/00084/FUL – 14 Boyce Crescent, Old Farm Park, MK7 8PF** – Construction of new lounge, music room, utility room and toilet and demolition of conservatory and sheds.
- (b) **Planning Application 20/00091/FUL – 16 Rackshaw Grove, Old Farm Park, MK7 8PZ** – Construction of timber frame single storey workshop with pitch roof adjoining existing garage.
- (c) **Planning Application 20/00110/FUL – 2 Berwald Close, Browns Wood, MK7 8EG** – Two storey and single storey extension.

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- (d) Planning Application 20/00163/FUL – 111 Walton End, Wavendon Gate, MK7 7AX – Proposed rear ground floor extension and two storey side extension (amendment to planning permission 19/02846/FUL)**

Resolved Unanimously: That the council has no comments or objections to make on the above planning applications.

FC156 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.

FC157 COUNCIL BUDGET 2019/2020

The Council reviewed the 2019/2020 Council budget. The Council was informed that the cost of the Security Contract for Browns Wood Sports Ground MUGA and Car Park had been included in the draft budget for 2020/2021 but the costs from end of November 2019 to the end of the financial year had, in error not been allocated in the budget. The cost of the contract till the end of March 2020 was £1,701 and cannot be paid from s.106 monies.

Resolved Unanimously:

1. That the £1,701 cost of the Browns Wood Sports Ground Security Contract in 2019/2020 be funded from the Landscaping Contingency underspend.
2. That, with the above adjustment, the 2019/2020 Council budget, the statement of financial position and the forecasted bank balance as at 31 March 2020, be accepted.

FC158 MK FUTURES STRATEGY 2050

The Council was invited to comment on the MK Futures Strategy 2050 public consultation. A series of public consultation dates had been released throughout February and March 2020. The deadline for comment was 7 April 2020.

Resolved Unanimously: That the Council Manager collates individual Councillor's comments and then submits an agreed response to Milton Keynes Council, prior to the deadline of 7 April 2020.

FC159 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Council had an opportunity to discuss initial arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting in 2020.

Resolved Unanimously:

1. That the Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Wednesday 13 May 2020 at 6.30pm in the MK Snap Building, 20 Bourton Low, Walnut Tree, MK7 7DE.

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2. That the following initial thoughts for the Annual Parish Meeting be considered as part of a programme/timetable to come back to the Council for consideration at the next meeting:
- To provide a good working PA system for the meeting.
 - Consider using last year's format (questions and answer session)
 - Highlight projects / main achievements over the last few years (emphasis of works at Browns Wood Sports Ground)
 - Highlight the work of our volunteers (e.g. the work of the parish guardians / The Conservation Volunteers) and our partners (Friendly Neighbourhood Club / Pulse)
 - Invite speakers from Milton Keynes Council to discuss matters relating to the Expressway, MK Futures 2050, and parking in Caldecotte and other speakers from East West Rail and Red Bull.

FC160 REPORTS FROM CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Chair of the Operations Committee, Councillor David Newland, reported on matters considered at Operations Committee meetings that had been convened since the last Full Council meeting:

- To date, 350 young people had completed our Youth Survey. The deadline for completion of the survey was end of February 2020.
- Progress was being made on the youth summer concert taking place in July 2020.
- The community transport initiative was continuing into 2020/2021.
- The 'safe key' initiative, in partnership with Age concern was progressing, with 1 resident to date, taking up the key safe offer.

In the absence of the Projects Committee Chair, Councillor Mario Toto reported on matters considered at the Projects Committee that had been convened since the last Full Council meeting:

- The car park extension at Browns Wood Sports Ground was progressing and was due completion by the end of February 2020. Funding had been received for the installation of 2 double electric car charging units at the site and the defibrillator had been received and would be installed once the car park was completed.
- A Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) bid had been made to Milton Keynes Council for match funding for the refurbishment at Sullivan Crescent play area.

The Chair of the Regulatory Committee, Councillor Amanda Taylor, reported on matter considered at Regulatory Committee meetings that had been convened since the last Full Council meeting:



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- An insurance claim had been received from a resident regarding a tree at Bergamot Gardens
- The planning applications for the development at Towergate, which included a proposal for a drive-thru restaurant had been refused by the planning authority. The Regulatory Committee at an earlier meeting had submitted strong objections to the proposals.
- The Committee had considered the public consultation on the Milton Keynes Council budget and had no comment to make.

Resolved Unanimously: That the reports be accepted.

FC161 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Amanda Taylor had attended a meeting of the Parishes Forum and updated the Committee on the following matters:

- The MK Futures 2050 had predicted a population of over 500,000 for Milton Keynes in 2030 which could present a significant challenge for Milton Keynes Council which has stated that Milton Keynes was aiming for carbon neutrality at the same time.
- Delegated decisions had been made in respect of Milton Keynes Council's devolution agenda and the transfer of landscaping services to those Parish and Town Councils that wished to take on their own landscaping contract.
- The weed-killing machine was still available for hire from Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council which had been purchased from Milton Keynes Council's clean-up fund.
- Milton Keynes Council had launched its vision of being the 'Greenest City in the World' and the strategy was currently out for public consultation.

Resolved Unanimously: That the report be accepted.

The meeting ended at 8:35pm

Accepted as a true and accurate record

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Chair

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Date

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**PUBLIC FORUM – ANNEX TO THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 5
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Ward Councillor Vanessa McPake raised the following matters:

- Caldecotte Brook had would be commencing a project that would result in a better flow of the brook. Councillor McPake would keep the Council updated.
- The Committee on Standards in Public Life had been consulting on its paper. Councillors, including Town and Parish Council would be required to sign the new Milton Keynes model code of conduct over the next few weeks. In addition, the Milton Keynes Council Standards Committee was currently looking into matters relating to Kents Hill Parish Council and a decision on whether the matter would be discussed in the public domain was currently being considered.
- The deadline to comment on Milton Keynes Council's consultation on 'smarter travel' was end of March 2020.
- The introduction of new wheelie bins was currently being trialled for 6 months in the Monkston area. Following the trial, the proposals would be subject to public consultation.
- There were still problems with the number 8 bus service.
- The verges on Lichfield Down had become very unsightly due to vehicles driving over the verges during the winter when the ground was soft. The Council Manager advised on some works that had taken place in the worst areas affected in Lichfield Down and she said she would confirm with Councillor McPake on the exact location of the works.