

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF  
WALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
held on 3 FEBRUARY 2021 (Held Virtually) at 7pm**

**Present:**

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

**Officers:** Lesley Sung (Council Manager) and Lesley Davies (Operations Officer)

**Members of the Public: 5**

**FC097 WELCOME AND PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that the meeting would be live streamed on the Walton Community Council YouTube Channel.

A public forum took place before the start of the meeting and a summary of the discussions is attached as an Addendum to the Minutes.

**FC098 MINUTES**

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 6 January 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

**FC099 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**FC100 COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

**FC101 SCHEME OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

The Council Manager reported on the decisions taken under the adopted Scheme of Delegated Authority for January 2021.

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the decisions taken in January 2021, under the adopted Scheme of Delegated Authority, be approved.

**FC102 WALNUT TREE PAVILION AND SPORTS GROUND – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

In September 2019, Walton Community Council had agreed, in principle, to the potential transfer of the Walnut Tree Pavilion and Sports Ground (located at Bourton Low, Walnut Tree) from Milton Keynes Council to Walton Community Council, subject to a freehold acquisition and agreeable terms. The Council received a summary of the outcome of the negotiations with Milton Keynes Council along with the results of a condition survey carried out at the pavilion and management costs, provided by InspireAll (confidential).

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The Pavilion is run-down and in need of substantial repair. The condition survey had identified many repairs required to make the pavilion useable at a cost of approximately £95K.

A site visit to the Walnut Tree Pavilion in January 2020 revealed that a leak in the roof had brought down a large ceiling tile and a fluorescent tube light, severely damaging the fitting. Observing from the outside, the outside roof tiles and guttering has clearly had some work undertaken but internal roof repairs cannot be confirmed.

Milton Keynes Council has given its assurance that it will fix the roof, investigate, and repair the hairline cracks in the face brickwork, repair and plaster the ceiling and carry out safety checks on the electrics and space heating. This would reduce the overall refurbishment cost by approximately £6K.

To assist with the transfer, Milton Keynes Council had identified £43K of s.106 monies which could be drawn down by Walton Community Council to put towards the refurbishment and improvements at the pavilion. Future development at Walton Manor would yield another £100K of s.106 monies which could be used for refurbishment and long-term maintenance costs.

£65K of Reserves had been earmarked in 2021/2020 to cover the cost of managing the facility whilst refurbishment was taking place and some monies could be used from the pot of £95K that had been earmarked potential acquisition of community facilities within the Walton area.

As part of Milton Keynes Council's Devolution Agenda, it was keen that the Community Council take on the facility. Depending on confirmation from Walton Community Council that it had appointed and instructed a solicitor to proceed with the transfer, Walton Community Council's business case for acquisition of the freehold, the transfer would be determined by the responsible Cabinet Member by delegated decision. It was expected that the completion of the transfer could be as early as April/May 2021.

**Resolved Unanimously:** That Walton Community Council submits a business case to Milton Keynes Council for the acquisition of Walnut Tree Pavilion and Sports Ground (freehold), subject to the guaranteed allocation of s.106 monies of £43K and Milton Keynes Council fully discharging and completing its responsibilities in respect of roof, wall and ceiling repairs and safety checks.

**Resolved:** That Walton Community Council appoints and instructs solicitors to work with Milton Keynes Council on the freehold transfer of the Walnut Tree Pavilion and Sports Ground.

**FC103 HINDHEAD KNOLL – OPEN SPACE**

The Council considered submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI) to Milton Keynes Council for the acquisition of open space and the children's play area at Hindhead Knoll, Walnut Tree. Completion of the EOI form does not obligate either party to proceed further.

Walton Community Council has invested time and monies into making the Hindhead Knoll open space area a focal point of its community, working in partnership with Milton Keynes Council on the provision of a children's play and the installation of safety crossing, picnic tables a Christmas tree, uplighters an event shelter and had carried out landscaping along the west side of the Knoll.

Over the last 3 years, Walton Community Council has used this land to provide summer and Christmas fayres and 'Events on the Knoll' (Open Cinema, bands etc).

There is opportunity to draw down s.106 monies associated with the development of the retirement flats situated opposite the Knoll (Planning Application 18/01280/FUL – Land Adjacent to 146 Lichfield Down). A Local & District Park s.106 contribution of £88,136 could be drawn down to cover both capital and long-term maintenance costs. Additional s.106 contributions of approximately £34K was associated with the newly permitted development at Hindhead Knoll/Highgate Over.

**Resolved Unanimously:** That an Expression of Interest (EOI) be submitted to Milton Keynes Council to potentially acquire the open space and children's play area at Hindhead Knoll, Walnut Tree.

**FC104 SE:MK – SOUTH EAST STRATEGIC URBAN EXTENSION AREA – PUBLIC CONSULTATION - DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)**

The Council received the draft consultation on the SE:MK Supplementary Planning Document. The public consultation period would commence 8 February 2021 for 10 weeks, until 19 April 2021.

**Resolved Unanimously:**

1. That an SE:MK South East Strategic Urban Extension Working Group be established to formulate a council response to the public consultation draft Supplementary Planning Document.
2. That the members of the Working Group be as follows:  
Councillors Joanna Bolton, Adam Chapman-Ballard, Tate Chapman-Ballard, Jaime Tamagnini and Mario Toto and residents Stuart Copeland, Rose Kemp and Rukhsana Malik.
3. That, recognising the importance of responding to the public consultation, the Council request expert advice from planning consultants, DLP, which

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was currently working with Walton Community Council on its Neighbourhood Plan Refresh.

4. That monies of up to £5K be allocated from the Council's reserves to assist the Working Group, ensuring appropriate advice is obtained to help respond to the Supplementary Planning Document.

**FC105 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

**Resolved Unanimously:** That payments be authorised by the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Mario Toto and the Chair of Regulatory Committee, Councillor Amanda Taylor.

**FC106 COUNCIL BUDGET 2020/2021**

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the Council budget and forecast for 2020/2021 be accepted.

**FC107 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Council was invited to comment on Planning Application 21/00108/FUL – 10 Tatling Grove, Walnut Tree, MK7 7EQ – Single storey front extension.

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the Council has no objections or comments to make on planning application 21/00108/FUL (10 Tatling Grove).

**FC108 RESIDENT FORUM**

The Council had been waiting to hear from central government about the requirement to hold an Annual Parish Meeting (APM) in 2021 (between 1 March and 1 June).

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the Community Engagement Committee be requested to arrange and prepare the holding of a Residents Forum (virtual), which could change to an Annual Parish Meeting (virtual) if so required.

**FC109 MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL STRATEGY FOR 2050**

The Council had reviewed comments made by Councillors Adam Chapman-Ballard and Mario Toto on the Strategy for 2050.

**Resolved Unanimously:** That Councillors be invited to add to the comments made by Councillors Adam Chapman-Ballard and Mario Toto and that they be collated and included in a formal response to Milton Keynes Council.

**FC110 REPORTS FROM CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

The Chair of the HR Committee, Councillor Adam Chapman-Ballard, reported that the HR Committee had considered the following matters:

- Staff appraisals
- Council Manager role review

The Chair of the Operations Committee, Councillor David Newland, reported that the Operations Committee had considered the following matters:

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- The Council had received an Anglian Water rebate of £1,500.
- Discussions were continuing between the Council, Ward Councillors and Milton Keynes Council about the installation of a dog bin at Walton Hall.
- The Council Manager would be collating all comments about Demand Responsive Transport and formulating a Council response to Milton Keynes Council’s Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, and the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transport.
- There were still issues with finding a company that would be prepared to install the defibrillator at Browns Wood Sports Ground car park.

The Chair of the Regulatory Committee, Councillor Amanda Taylor reported that the Regulatory Committee had considered and commented on a planning application relating to Towergate.

The Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, Tate Chapman-Ballard, reported that the Community Engagement Committee had considered the contents of a flyer to be sent to residents, containing details of where they could obtain help during national lockdown.

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

**FC111    REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- Councillors Adam Chapman-Ballard wished to thank Ward Councillor Alice Jenkins for a contribution from her Ward Based Budget to the Duchess Grove Allotment Association for improvements at the allotment site. He added that the Association had also been awarded £3,500 from the National Lottery Good Causes Fund for further improvements.
- Councillor Joanna Bolton reported that the wayfaring sign at Chase Avenue had still not been repaired.

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

**The meeting ended at 8.30pm**

**Signed:**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**

**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL – 3 FEBRUARY 2021**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Councillor David Hopkins raised the following matters:

- Traffic matters in Caldecotte – Cllr Hopkins had contacted the Leader of Milton Keynes Council, Cllr Pete Marland and had written to Red Bull Technologies about the £8 per day car parking charges in the Red Bull car park. Before the new development at Red Bull was complete, the car park had contained 32 free parking spaces.
- The SE:MK SUE Supplementary Planning Document was out for public consultation for a 10-week period, commencing 8 February 2021. Woburn Sands Town Council had appointed a planning consultant to advise it.
- An East West Rail consultation was currently taking place that moved the Marston Vale plans to phase 2.

Councillor Vanessa McPake raised the following matters:

- The provision of a dog bin in Walton Hall was delayed as she was still waiting for a response from Milton Keynes Council about the installation of a pole for the siting of the dog bin.
- There had been some flooding in the area, and she was currently in discussions with the Internal Drainage Board (IDB).