

**The Minutes of the Community and Social Wellbeing Committee held remotely in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 commencing at 7pm**

Given the current Government advice in relation to public gatherings, members of the public were not able to physically attend this meeting to observe proceedings, they were however able to access and participate at the meeting through the use of Microsoft Teams – see Parish Council website [www.campbell-park.gov.uk](http://www.campbell-park.gov.uk) for details.

**Commencement of Meeting**

Members and public were advised that the meeting will be recorded

**37/20 Members Present**

CLlr E Dicerbo (Chair)	CLlr D Kendrick (19:02)
CLlr V Dixon	CLlr F Mensah (19:10)
CLlr P Halton-Davis	CLlr C Odunewu
CLlr K Jones	CLlr N Oguntola (19:05)
CLlr K Kavarana (19:05)	

**In Attendance**

T Jones, Committee Clerk

**38/20 Apologies for Absence**

CLlr T Fraser  
CLlr M Petchey

**39/20 Declarations of Interest**

None

**40/20 Non-Committee Members/Members of the Public Present**

CLlr T Baines (in attendance until the conclusion of item 4)

**41/20 Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

*CLlrs Kendrick & Kavarana & Oguntola arrived during the course of this item*

- i. Committee approved the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
- ii. Committee received the notes of the Informal Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 regarding the Community Task Force: Ideas & Action Plan

## **42/20 Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions**

None

## **43/20 Grant Applications**

*Cllr Mensah arrived during the course of this item.*

- i. Committee considered a grant application from St Mary Magdalene Church, Willen for £2000.00 (Grant Application 007/20-21/Sect 137).

The Clerk reminded Members of the Grant Award limit of £1000 and also informed Committee of advice received from NALC & BALC confirming that Parish Councils cannot subscribe to the upkeep of the fabric of churches, and the maintenance of burial grounds/churchyards remained a grey area.

On the basis of the advice received specifically relating to this application, Committee resolved to award a grant of £1000 to only be used for the purpose of purchasing and installing the 2 benches identified within the project breakdown. The benches must remain available for the use of the community.

Committee note their thanks to the Committee Clerk for obtaining the legal advice necessary to fully consider this application.

- ii. Committee considered a grant application from Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust for £1000.00 (Grant Application 008/20-21/Sect 137) and resolved to recommend to Council that a grant be awarded for the full amount.

*Cllr Baines left the meeting on the conclusion of this item.*

## **44/20 Play Area Improvements**

Committee considered the responses received to the public consultation on the proposed improvements to the Pirate Park in Fishermead and resolved to;

- i. make a recommendation to Building & Property Committee that the installation of the fenced play area for Under 5's be progressed, in line with the public support (87%) received from the recent consultation.
- ii. consider in more detail at the next meeting, a plan for future play improvements around the Parish, including further consideration of the idea to install a Multi Use Games Area/Basketball Court in Fishermead, as a result of the ideas and suggestions put forward in the consultation responses.
- iii. begin the assessment of work required for the small play area improvement project identified for Woolstone, to be pursued if the budget allows.

## **45/20 Activity Packs for Children**

Committee received a verbal update on the implementation of the Councillor led initiative to make Activity Packs available in each estate, for local children, during the lockdown. Committee noted that the packs are currently available on a trial basis in Fishermead, Oldbrook, Springfield and Willen.

The Chair invited members to submit ideas of things that could be offered to older children, in a similar way to the Activity Packs.

Cllr Dixon congratulated the Clerk to Committee and Admin Assistant on all the work undertaken to deliver this initiative.

**46/20 Programme for 2021**

Committee adopted the draft programme of activities/initiatives for the third and fourth quarter of 2021.

**47/20 Committee Terms of Reference**

Committee reviewed its Terms of Reference in preparation of the Annual meeting of Council in May 2021, resolving to make no changes.

**48/20 Increased use of Green Bins to reduce Food Waste in black sacks**

Following the recent works in some estates as part of Milton Keynes Council's pest (rat) control project, Committee considered ways in which residents can be encouraged to reduce the amount of food waste in black refuse sacks and increase their green bin usage. Committee noted that the February edition of Homeground will feature an article on the issue from the Chair of Council and information from Milton Keynes Council on the correct use of the bins. Committee further noted that Milton Keynes Council will be holding a green bin action week at the beginning of March.

Committee resolved to make a recommendation to Buildings & Property Committee that they consider installing a dog bin at the Pirate Park.

Committee also resolved that an article should be included in the Homeground magazine advising residents to be vigilant of pets whilst the rat poison is around.

**49/20 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 at 7pm