

**Minutes of the meeting of Council held on
Tuesday 10 December 2024, 7.30pm
at the
Oldbrook Centre, Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook**

This meeting was open to the public

Members Present

Cllr T Fraser

Cllr R Golding (Vice Chair)

Cllr B Greenwood (Chair)

Cllr P Halton-Davis

Cllr J Howard

Cllr K Kavarana

Cllr K Kent

Cllr D Pafford

Cllr M Petchey

In Attendance

D Warner, Clerk to Council

P Sullivan, Deputy Clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Adura - unwell

Cllr B Barton - unwell

Cllr O Cole – personal commitment

Cllr V Dixon – unwell

Cllr J Hearnshaw – personal commitment

Cllr Petchey stated it was his understanding that Cllr Kendrick had a MKCC commitment.

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Declarations of Interest

None

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Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 19 November 2024

The minutes of the meeting, having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

Members of the public may make representations in respect of the business on the agenda.

1 member of the public present (7.33pm)

132/24 Council is invited to receive the recommendations of the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee in relation to the Community Council budget and Precept level 2025/2026 (Minute no's. 133/24, 134/24, 135/24) – Report No. 04/C/24

133/24 Draft Minute FA/37/24 - 2025/2026 Annual Community Council Budget/Precept Consultation Report
Council is invited to receive the 2025/2026 Annual Community Council Budget/Precept Consultation Report and recommendation of acceptance from the Committee.

Council received and accepted the 2025/2026 Annual Community Council Budget/Precept Consultation Report.

134/24 Draft Minute FA/38/24 - Community Council Draft Budget 2025/26
With the earmarked funds agreed at the November Council meeting having already been incorporated into the proposed draft budget for 2025/26, the Committee reviewed the budget on a 'line by line' basis. Having assessed the impact of the proposed draft budget for 2025/26 on the Community Council financial reserves (balance sheet), the Committee then resolved to recommend the draft budget for consideration by Council.

Council resolved to accept the 2025/26 draft budget.

Council asked to record a note of thanks to the RFO for their work in producing an excellently presented and prepared budget.

135/24 Draft Minute FA/39/24 - Community Council Precept Level 2025/26
The Committee considered an appropriate Precept level for 2025/26, resolving to recommend to Council that the Precept level for 2025/26 be increased by 5%.

With a confirmed tax base of 4106.28, a 5% rise to the 2025/26 Precept will increase the amount payable by Band D equivalent property from £217.96 to £228.86, this will result in an increase of income from the 2024/25 level of £895,005 to £939,755.

Following consideration, Council agreed to increase the precept level for 2025/26 by 5%, increasing the amount payable by a Band D equivalent property from £217.96 to £228.86.

136/24 Chair's Report
The Chair reported that Cllr Cole and himself had received information from a resident on a neighbourhood issue which had been reported to MKCC and would be followed up.

137/24 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that an update had been received from MKCC on the future options for Woolstone Community Centre and, subject to further clarification, would give a more substantive update to Council at the next meeting.

138/24 Ward Member Reports

i. Council is invited to receive any verbal Ward Member Reports.

- Cllr Halton-Davis thanked all those to who helped out at the Christmas party, one of the most successful and well attended. The support of councillors and staff is much appreciated.
- Cllr Fraser reported that the court case involving a Fishermead resident had been resolved, this person now has a visa and is able to legally work in the UK.
- Cllr Kent gave a report on the recent meeting of the MK Parishes Forum. Slides will be made available once received.

ii. Council noted that no written reports had been received.

139/24 To receive draft minutes (including recommendations) from Committees. Any Member questions arising from matters detailed in the minutes to be raised under the relevant Committee

a. Minutes of the Estates Committee

Chair: Cllr R Golding

Council received the minutes.

b. Minutes of the Community & Communications Committee

Chair: Cllr K Kavarana

Council received the minutes.

c. Minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee

Chair: Cllr B Greenwood

Council received the minutes.

d. Minutes of the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee

Chair: Cllr B Barton

Council received the minutes and resolved to ratify 5 items (i,ii,iii,iv,v) as presented.

i. Draft Minute FA/37/24 - 2025/26 Annual Community Council Budget/Precept Consultation Report

See minute no. 133/24.

ii. Draft Minute 38/24 - Community Council Draft Budget 2025/26

See minute no. 134/24.

- iii. **Draft Minute 39/24 -Community Council Precept Level 2025/26**
See minute no. 135/24
- iv. **Draft Minute 40/24 - Community Council Risk Assessment Review 2024/25**
Council reviewed the updated Risk Assessment for 2024/25 and resolved to ratify the completed assessment.
- v. **Draft Minute 41/24 -Credit Card Limit Increase**
Council considered the recommendation to increase the level of one of the credit cards to £1000.00 (currently £500.00) this being the one held by the Estates Manager.

Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the Committee.

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Licensing & Planning Applications

Due to submission deadlines, Council is invited to consider and comment on the proposed licensing and planning applications including any applications or consultations received after the publication of the agenda that must be considered before the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee. Any additional items that will be considered will be published on the day of the meeting on the Campbell Park Community Council website.

Cllr Petchey did not take part in this item due to his associated position as a Milton Keynes City Councillor.

Planning Applications

- i. PLN/2024/2570

The conversion of existing 3no. tennis courts to 5 no. padel courts with associated lighting, canopies and fencing, removal of existing tennis dome and floodlighting and conversion of existing 1no. grass tennis court to clay tennis court

DAVID LLOYD, LIVINGSTONE DRIVE, NEWLANDS, MILTON KEYNES, MK15 0DL

Deadline: 2 January

Planning Officer: Nathan Makwana

Council resolved to respond as no comment on this application.

Licensing Applications

None

General Consultations

- i. In line with decisions made by Milton Keynes City Council on 9 July 2024, Milton Keynes City Council is proposing to sell Land at Pentewan Gate, Fishermead, Milton Keynes MK6 2ET. The proposal to dispose the land will be advertised inviting comments and objections for two weeks in a row in the Citizen on 12 and 19 December, see attached text.
- ii. In line with decisions made by Milton Keynes City Council on 9 July 2024, Milton Keynes City Council is proposing to sell Land off Carrick Road, Fishermead, Milton Keynes MK6 2LS. The proposal to dispose the land will be advertised inviting comments and objections for two weeks in a row in the Citizen on 12 and 19 December, see attached text

Both sites are included in the CPCC Neighbourhood Plan and identified for social housing. Both sites have lapsed planning permission.

Following concerns raised with MKCC regarding the consultation deadlines, it has been agreed that the public consultation will be restarted. A meeting will be sought with the Cabinet Member at which time the matter of future engagement with CPCC will be discussed.

141/24 MKCC Boundary Review

Following an initial consultation earlier this year, the Commission has drawn up further proposals and is encouraging residents and local organisations to share their feedback. The consultation is now live and ends on 24 February 2025. Under the current proposal, the number of MKCC wards in our area will be reduced to 3.

Council reviewed the proposals and offered no response.

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142/24 Sport England Place Expansion Investment

Council noted that following a recent meeting of the MK Place Based Expansion Programme Board, CPCC provided feedback and information to LEAP for inclusion in the development phase application. The application was submitted on 9 December and the Programme Board will be meeting in January to plan the mobilisation of the development phase.

143/24 Review of 'Together We Can' draft

Council received and considered the amended draft of Together We Can. Together We Can sets out the parameters of the dynamic working relationship that exists between Local Councils and Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC). The amended draft has been subject to internal MKCC review and further review by the Parishes Advisory Group.

Final comments to be received by 14 January 2025

Council offered no comments.

144/24 Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils AGM
Council received a verbal report from Cllr Fraser, noting that a warm welcome had been extended to CPCC councillors and Countess Howe had expressed her support for the work of town, parish and community councils.

145/24 Public Works Loan Board
Council received confirmation that the first tranche of the PWLB loan had been received (less charges) in the amount of £1,000,000 to be repaid over 17 years. The fixed interest rate confirmed by the DMO is 5.20%. Having reviewed the budget and the projected costs to completion of the build it is anticipated that total borrowing will be £1,400,000 the second tranche to be requested in early 2025.

146/24 Community Hub – Working Group Update
Council received a verbal report from the Working Group on their progression of the Community Hub project including:

- Contractors Report no.10
- Updated Project Programme
- Financial Statement Nr 5 as provided by Currie & Brown
- Post Contract Working Group Minutes 08

The report is self-explanatory and complemented by the project programme. With regard to delays, the issue at the moment is the groundworks, the building is secure and watertight. Current projected date for building completion is 14 March 2025.

Existing drainage has made for a challenging site and the groundworks are scheduled to complete sometime in April. Realistic view for handover is in May 2025. We have asked the contractor for a more detailed groundworks programme and to look for any opportunities to accelerate the programme. Curries & Brown report details all expenditure plus any additional works that have come up during the project. An overspend of 2.5% (beyond contingency) is anticipated at completion, we hope to claw some back in the coming months.

i. **Community Hub Café – Café Operator**

The movable completion date has put some pressure on a date of occupancy of the preferred contractor. Their current lease will end before our building is completed. Officers met with contractor and they have confirmed that the delay is not a problem and they will use the intervening period to hone their offer through various strands including comms with residents and finalising the programme. In the meantime, discussions regarding Heads of Terms continue.

ii. **Charitable Trust Creation**

Nothing to report.

147/24 Dates of Future Committee & Working Group Meetings

Planning – 6 January 2025 at 6.30pm

Personnel – 7 January 2025 at 6.30pm

Estates – 14 January 2025 at 6.30pm

148/24 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 21 January 2025 at 7.30pm