

**Minutes of the meeting of Council held on
Tuesday 19th March 2024, 7.30pm
at the
Oldbrook Centre, Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook**

This meeting was open to the Public

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Members Present

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| Cllr B Barton | Cllr K Jones (7.34pm) |
| Cllr O Cole | Cllr K Kavarana |
| Cllr T Fraser | Cllr D Kendrick (7.46pm) |
| Cllr R Golding (Vice-Chair) | Cllr K Kent |
| Cllr B Greenwood (Chair) | Cllr C Odunewu |
| Cllr P Halton-Davis | Cllr D Pafford |
| Cllr J Howard | Cllr M Petchey |

In Attendance

D Warner, Clerk to Council
P Sullivan, Deputy Clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr T Baines - work commitment
Cllr V Dixon - unwell
Cllr Z Osman – personal commitment

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Declarations of Interest

None

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Members of the Public Present

One

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Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 20th February 2024

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

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Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

None received.

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Chair's Report

The Chair had nothing to report.

183/23

Clerk's Report

The Clerk confirmed that the pre-election period would commence on 25.03.24, drawing Members attention to the associated briefing included in the recent Milton Keynes City Council Councillors' News. The Clerk also

recommended that emails be sent to the elections department at MKCC to request an appointment for the submission of any nomination papers.

184/23 Ward Members' Matters/Reports

- i. Cllr Halton-Davis reminded Members that the Easter party is taking place on Saturday (23rd) and appealed for assistance on the day, particularly with setting up and clearing up of the event.

Cllr Pafford asked for details on the recent PAT testing of CPCC equipment. The Clerk confirmed that this would be reported at a meeting of the Estates Committee.

- ii. Cllr Kent reported that the MK Canal Forum have held their last meeting and have now disbanded. A new group may be set up in the future.

185/23 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 Community & Communications Committee

Chair: Cllr K Kavarana

Council received the Minutes and agreed to ratify 2 items (i & ii)

Draft Minute 103/23 Grants

- i. **Acornfields Community Interactions** (Grant Application 010/23-24/Sect 137)

Committee considered an application from Acornfields Community Interactions for £500.00 towards the cost of delivering Cultural Awareness Workshops and resolved to recommend to Council that this grant be awarded in full, with a request to the group to provide further information on where the participants are from as part of the grant monitoring process.

Council resolved to accept the recommendation and award the grant in full.

- ii. **YMCA Milton Keynes** (Grant Application 011/23-24/Sect 137)

Committee considered an application from YMCA Milton Keynes for £500.00 towards the provision of practical support to YMCA residents as they look for employment and resolved to recommend to Council that this grant be awarded in full, requesting that the organisation provide further information on the beneficiaries as part of the grant monitoring process.

Council resolved to accept the recommendation and award the grant in full.

b. Minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee

Chair: Cllr B Greenwood

Council received the Minutes.

c. Minutes of the Personnel Committee

Chair: Cllr D Pafford

Council received the Minutes.

d. Minutes of the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee
Chair: Cllr B Barton

Council received the Minutes with 1 (i) item to ratify (see minute 189/23)

- i. **Draft Minute 59/23 IT Managed Services Contract 2024-25**
See minute no. 189/23

e. Minutes of the Estates Committee
Chair: Cllr R Golding

Council received the Minutes.

186/23 Members Items

Council is invited to consider the following motions as proposed by Cllr Petchey

- i. That Council notes that requests to Milton Keynes City Council to remove the litter thrown over the balustrade of the ramp from the Fishermead to Springfield bridge are met with the response that it is too dangerous to do so; Council considers this response inadequate and asks MKCC to explore ways of safely removing the litter.

Council resolved to support the motion and send an appropriate letter to Milton Keynes City Council.

- ii. That Council notes that the building housing the Fishermead Medical Practice is now too small for the number of patients it serves and that as a consequence it is no longer accepting new patients. It urges Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) and the local NHS Commissioning Board to do their utmost to assist the practice in finding a site for new premises in Fishermead.

In particular it asks the City Council to consider using one of the sites in its ownership, identified in the Campbell Park Neighbourhood Plan for housing but not yet built on, for this purpose.

Council resolved to take the following actions:

1. Send letters to MKCC and Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board formally raising the issue of a new site, asking that they make every effort in identifying a suitable alternative site for the surgery on the estate.
2. Request that MKCC review the sites identified in CPCC Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for housing as potential alternative sites for the surgery, particularly the site referred to in the NP as 'Fishermead Site 4', the area of land between Pentewan Gate and Talland Avenue . There is an urgency to meet deadlines of the emerging MKCC City Plan in identifying derelict sites.
3. If Fishermead Site 4 is subsequently offered for sale by MKCC as a consequence of a delegated decision, that Council delegate authority to the Clerk (subject to the decision coming back to

full council at the next meeting) to 'call in' the decision and appeal that it be scrutinised.

187/23 Expression of Interest – Fishermead Medical Centre

Council received and considered an expression of interest from Fishermead Medical Centre - the practice would like to enter into discussions to explore how the Council Office might be used in the next 12 months to assist with the delivery of services to patients.

Council agreed that the Clerk continue discussions, Cllrs Petchey and Greenwood to be included.

188/23 Community Hub, Room-by-Room Requirement Review – Working Group Update

Council received a verbal update from the Clerk on the progression of the Community Hub project. Including:

- Initial site meeting was held on 7 March, the associated contractor report reflected no days lost and had been accepted by the Estates Committee as a good format and style of reporting.
- Updated project programme and cashflow forecast had been received from Steele & Bray, cashflow forecast is indicative and subject to ongoing updates.
- Ground conditions/foundation design
- Quantity surveying work was ongoing to account for work not on the bill of quantities, namely the removal of the existing car park kerbing, a layer of concrete under the tarmac and existing vegetation/tree stumps. Further work being carried out to assess the extent and quantities of non-hazardous waste, including the associated cost removal implications.
- First Valuation Report has been completed and first payment has been actioned enabling the processing and payment of MKCC 2023/24 CIF award.
- Proposed Royal visit for opening – Initial feedback from the Buckinghamshire Lord Lieutenants office suggests that it is unlikely that we would be able to secure a member of the Royal Family for the opening.
Further alternative suggestions will be presented to Council at a future meeting.

i. **Public Works Loan Board – Drawdown Facility**

The Clerk confirmed that the extension to the borrowing approval had been confirmed. The extension is for a period of 12 months (March 2025).

ii. **Community Café – Expression of Interest: Café Operator**

Nothing to report, Community and Communications Committee progressing the matter with the intention of making a recommendation to the April meeting of Council.

iii. **Charitable Trust Creation**

Nothing to report, the Clerk confirmed that it had been necessary to focus resources on securing the extension to the PWLB facility.

Confidential Item

In view of the terms of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, the following item* will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and Council is therefore invited to resolve that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1(2) the public and press be excluded.

***Item 11**

**189/23 Draft Minute 59/23 IT Managed Services Contract 2024-25
Agenda item 7d (i)**

Committee received and considered the IT Contract renewal from Cloudy IT and recommended to Council that the contract is extended to 24 months from the renewal date thus providing a continuity of managed IT services for the move across to the Hub upon completion.

Council resolved to accept the recommendation as presented.

190/23 Annual Meeting of Parish Electors, 28th May 2024

Council noted arrangements for the Annual Meeting of Parish Electors being held on Tuesday 28th May.

Cllr Petchey suggested that this would be a good opportunity for MKCC to engage with residents on the new emerging City Plan.

191/23 Dates of Future Committee & Working Group Meetings

Community & Communications – Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 6.30pm

Planning – Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 6.30pm

Estates – Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 6.30pm

192/23 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.30pm