

**Minutes of the meeting of Council held on
Tuesday 15 October 2024, 7.30pm
at the
Oldbrook Centre, Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook**

This meeting was open to the public

Members Present

Cllr L Adura	Cllr J Howard
Cllr B Barton	Cllr K Kavarana
Cllr O Cole – arrived 7.40pm	Cllr D Kendrick
Cllr R Golding	Cllr K Kent
Cllr B Greenwood (Chair)	Cllr D Pafford
Cllr J Hearnshaw	Cllr M Petchey

In Attendance

D Warner, Clerk to Council

94/24 Apologies for Absence
Cllr T Fraser – unwell
Cllr P Halton-Davis - unwell

95/24 Declarations of Interest
None

96/24 To approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 17 September 2024, previously circulated and therefore taken as read.
The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

97/24 Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions
None

98/24 Chair's Report
The Chair reported that, ●He had received the resignation of Cllr Odunewu with immediate effect, he led a vote of thanks to Cllr Odunewu for her time and contribution as a Councillor. ●The MKCC consultation on proposed junction improvements on the H7 at Leadenhall remained open to comments until later in the month.

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Clerk's Report

The Clerk report that, ●Over 350 annual consultation responses had been received to date, a combination of hard and electronic copies.●The creation of the new Registry at the Community Hub had necessitated the requirement for a rationalisation of historical Council records, with options being investigated for the creation of bound minute books.●Fireworks signage at CPCC sites would be deployed in the coming weeks, with Remembrance silhouettes installed at the same time. Councillors should report any firework debris requiring removal from CPCC site to landscape@ email.●Interviews are being held in the coming week for the landscape operative vacancy.● Shared Prosperity Fund financial support to improve public realm assets to go ahead on locations in Fishermead and Oldbrook. The work to include landscape transformation work at two Milton Keynes City Council play areas in Fishermead and upgrades to their play area located on Oldbrook Green.

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Ward Member Reports

i. Council received the following Ward Member Reports:

Cllr Kent – reported that the overgrown hedge obstructing the footpath outside Jubilee Wood School had been maintained by the school landscape contractor.

Cllr Pafford – reported that the allotments in Woolstone had flooded, gave an overview of the annual Chapman Trust grant awards and reported on the delays in obtaining prescriptions at Fishermead chemist.

Cllr Greenwood – reported on the successful resolution of a resident landscape footpath encroachment by engaging with the resident.

Cllr Adura – reported on parking issues in Springfield and flooding issues caused by contractors working on the estate.

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

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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 Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee**

Chair: Cllr B Greenwood

Council received the minutes

b. **Minutes of the Estates Committee**

Chair: Cllr R Golding

Council received the minutes

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Community Hub – Working Group Update

Council received a verbal report from the Working Group on their progression of the Community Hub project including:

- Post Contract Working Group minutes 07
- Contractors Report no.8
- Updated Project Programme
- Financial Statement Nr 3 as provided by Currie & Brown

i. **Community Hub Café – Expression of Interest: Café Operator –**

Council noted that interviews with the two community interest companies remaining in the process are being held on 24 October with a report and recommendation from the Working Group of the preferred operator being submitted for consideration at the November meeting of Council.

ii. **Charitable Trust Creation**

Council received a verbal update from the Clerk on the initial discussion with Wellers Hedley Solicitors pertaining to the creation of a charitable trust associated with the management of the Community Hub. Discussion included the creation of charitable trust with the Community Council acting as sole managing trustee. With further options discussed including the Community Council leasing the Community Hub to the charitable trust to maximise business rate relief, and the possibility of the charitable trust sub-leasing part of the Community Hub to the café operator.

The Clerk confirmed that subject to written confirmation, that the charitable objective element of the Community Hub was insufficient to justify the creation of a charitable trust. The Clerk confirmed he would remain in contact with Wellers Hedley regarding the potential of them drawing up a lease between the Council and the successful café operator.

iii. **Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) Drawdown Facility**

The borrowing approval currently in place for the construction of the Community Hub is for an amount not exceeding £2,000,000. The approval expires in March 2025. Council considered and noted the following:

- i. First tranche of borrowing to be drawdown on or after 01.11.2024
- ii. First tranche of borrowing to be up to £1,000,000 dependant on the associated Community Hub construction expenditure
- iii. Subsequent/final tranches of borrowing to be drawdown no later than March 2025.
- iv. Borrowing repayments to commence in May 2025 and will be six-monthly thereafter. Different tranches of borrowing can be aligned to the same repayment date and will be coterminous.
- v. Drawdown forms to be signed by the Chair of Council and the Responsible Financial Officer, with the details reported to Council

- 103/24 Sport England Place Expansion Investment**
Council noted the following: Fishermead and Eaglestone Medium Super Output Area (MSOA) includes over half of Fishermead and a small westerly section of Springfield. The MSOA is one of those identified nationally for potential Sport England investment. A second MSOA in Milton Keynes covering Stacey Bushes and Fullers Slade has also been identified for potential investment. Successful areas will initially receive a development award to build resources, with a full award following during the fulfilment phase.
- Council confirmed its interest in being part of the initial stages of the process and responding to requests for information from the local bid board.
- 104/24 Community Council Annual Insurance Policy Renewal**
Council noted that, as per the agreed scheme of delegation, the annual insurance policy had been renewed as a 3-year long term agreement with Zurich Insurance : £6,530.39 p.a.(including IPT).
- 105/24 Appointments to Committees**
Council noted that Cllr Adura had stepped down from the Planning, Infrastructure & Transport and Finance, Administration & Policy committees.
- Council considered and agreed Councillor requests that they be appointed to the following Committees:
- Cllr John Hearnshaw - Planning, Infrastructure & Transport and Estates.
Cllr Karl Kavarana - Finance, Administration & Policy.
- 106/24 County Association Facilitated Training and Future Visioning Session**
Council noted that the confirmed date for the session is Saturday 16 November. The session will commence at 10am and will finish by 3.30pm.
- 107/24 Dates of Future Committee & Working Group Meetings**
Community & Communications – 22 October at 6.30pm
Planning – 4 November at 6.30pm
Personnel – 5 November at 6.30pm
Estates – 12 November at 6.30pm
Climate Emergency Working Group – 19 November at 6.30pm
- 108/24 Date of Next Meeting**
Tuesday 19 November 2024 at 7.30pm