

**Minutes of the meeting of Council held on
Tuesday 21st February 2023, 7.30pm
at the
Oldbrook Centre, Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook**

This meeting was open to the public

**In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Greenwood Chaired the meeting in his capacity as
Vice Chair of Council**

194/22 Members Present

Cllr B Barton	Cllr D Kendrick
Cllr V Dixon	Cllr C Odunewu (arrived 7.39pm)
Cllr T Fraser	Cllr Z Osman
Cllr R Golding	Cllr D Pafford
Cllr B Greenwood (Vice Chair)	Cllr D Reynolds
Cllr K Kavarana	

In attendance

D Warner, Clerk to Council
P Sullivan, Deputy Clerk

195/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr T Baines – unwell
Cllr P Halton-Davis - unwell
Cllr J Howard – prior commitment
Cllr K Jones – work commitment
Cllr K Kent – unwell
Cllr M Petchey - unwell

196/22 Declarations of Interest

None

197/22 Members of the Public Present

Two members of the public attended.

198/22 Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 17th January 2023

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

199/22 Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

The two members of the public present both raised their concerns in regard to the blocks of flats on Fishermead, reportedly 13 of which had been identified as having ongoing issues with a lack of security at the entrances. Reports of

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gangs accessing the blocks have led to an increase of fear amongst residents. A recent inspection (10th January) had been carried out on behalf of Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) and this report is not yet available. It was requested that the Parish Council make representations to MKCC as follows:

1. Inform MKCC that the situation for the residents is now 'intolerable and unacceptable'.
2. Request sight of the report from 10th January inspection.
3. Request that MKCC undertake a programme of replacement of existing doors and fit 'buzzer doors'.

The Clerk reported that, following detailed discussions with one of the members of the public present, he had contacted MKCC on 24th January and will send a follow-up requesting a response within 30 days.

200/22 Chair's Report

The Chair had not been able to attend due to illness, the Vice-Chair did not have any items to report.

201/22 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that, in advance of the new wheelie bin rollout, MKCC would like take the 'Bins on Tour' information event to Willen and Woolstone. It is important that this be held in an area which has significant footfall, the Clerk asked for members to let him know their suggestions.

202/22 Ward Members' Matters/Reports

- i. Members are invited to raise a question with the Chair of Council, the Clerk of Council, or any Committee Chair, with Members allowed up to a minute to raise a question, with questionees allowed up to two minutes to respond. Any Member is limited to one question, with no further discussion on the given response. Any unanswered questions to receive a written response within seven days.

Cllr Fraser asked for information on the current precept 'overload'. The Clerk was not in possession of any relevant information and requested that Cllr Fraser provide further clarification.

Cllr Golding asked the Vice Chair if there had been any developments on the van which had been effectively abandoned on a roundabout in Fishermead. Cllr Greenwood confirmed that it had been reported to Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) and was now in the hands of an Environment Officer.

Cllr Kendrick thanked the Vice Chair and Clerk for their work on the issues at the flats in Fishermead, as raised during public participation (minute 199/22) and suggested that the Clerk give MKCC 30 days to respond to his follow-up email.

Cllr Pafford asked if the Police could be invited to a future meeting to discuss Police priorities and their response to resident reports.

- ii. Council received a report from Cllr Barton relating to a recent training session that he attended (slides circulated separately prior to the meeting).

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203/22 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 Extraordinary Meeting of the Personnel Committee

This item was taken under minute 210/22.

b. Minutes of the Community & Social Wellbeing Committee

Chair: Cllr K Kavarana

Council received the Minutes and agreed to ratify 2 items (i) and noted 1 item (ii).

i. Draft minute 29/22 Grant Applications

Keech Hospice (Grant Application 009/22-23/Sect 137)

Committee considered an application from Keech Hospice for £500.00 towards specialist care in the community for children with life-limiting conditions.

Committee resolved to award a grant of £500.00*

Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (Grant Application 010/22-23/Sect 137)

Committee considered an application from MK Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for £1000.00 towards the Neonatal Unit relatives room improvement project.

Committee resolved to award a grant of £1000.00*

*As organisations based outside of the Parish, these awards will need to be ratified by Council in February.

ii. Draft minute 31/22 Review of Halloween Party and Christmas Party

Committee discussed feedback from the events held in October and December 2022 and noted learning points for future activities, including that notices stating that all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times be placed in prominent position and on advertising.

Due to the Christmas school holidays not starting until 22nd December, Committee resolved to hold a Childrens Christmas Party on Saturday 9th December.

The Clerk asked for members to let him know if they are available to help at the Easter Tea Party which is being held at the Oldbrook Centre on Saturday 1st April, between 2 and 4pm.

c. Minutes of the Communications Committee

Chair: Cllr C Odunewu

Council received the Minutes.

d. Minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee

Chair: Cllr B Greenwood

Council received the Minutes.

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e. Minutes of the Buildings & Property Portfolio Committee

Chair: Cllr R Golding

Council received the Minutes.

204/22 Parish Landscape Transformation Initiative

Further to related discussions at the Buildings & Property Portfolio Committee, Council is invited to consider making an in-principle decision to carry out a landscape transformation project across the Parish on behalf of Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC). The multi-year project would seek to rejuvenate existing landscaping, address areas of inappropriate planting, increase biodiversity and areas of wildlife habitats and reduce the future landscape burden. The project would initially be focused on Fishermead but would then extend across the whole Parish area and be in addition to the existing devolved landscaping arrangement. Making an in-principle decision would not commit the Council to the initiative, but it would enable further discussions with MKCC about the levels of funding, equipment and services they would provide to deliver the project.

Council unanimously agreed to make an in-principle decision to carry out a landscape transformation project across the Parish on behalf of Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) subject to the agreeing levels of funding, equipment and services to deliver the project.

205/22 Warm Spaces Initiative

Council received an update from the Warm Spaces Working Group.

206/22 Climate Emergency

Council agreed to ratify the following items from the Climate Emergency Working Group as presented:

- (i) proposed terms of reference for the Climate Emergency Working Group
- (ii) recommendation for a Declaration of a Climate Emergency.

207/22 Parish Name Change

Council noted that Milton Keynes City Council have been informed of and have acknowledged the change in Parish name to Campbell Park Community Council as of 16th May 2023.

208/22 Parish Council Community Hub, Room-by-Room Requirement Review – Working Group Update and Recommendations

Council noted that we still await the decision on the reserved matters application – and received a verbal update from the Clerk.

209/22 Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) application update

Council received an update from the Clerk, including the most up to date figures relating to the cost of PWLB borrowing.

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 the Working Group is therefore invited to resolve that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.**

****Item No.14**

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**210/22 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Personnel Committee
Draft Minute No. C/38/22**

Council received the minutes and agreed to ratify 1 item.

211/22 Date of the Annual Meeting of Parish Electors

Council was invited to consider the suggestion that the Annual Meeting of Parish Electors is held on Tuesday 23rd May and is themed around the declaration by Council of a climate emergency. As well as providing the opportunity for electors to comment on all Council services, it would also enable them to become directly involved in guiding plans to tackle the climate emergency.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Annual Meeting of Parish Electors be held on Tuesday 23rd May with Climate Change as it's central theme. It was further agreed that the meeting be held at the Springfield Centre. Cllr Reynolds stressed the importance of making this important issue relatable to residents via services such as landscaping and council run buildings.

212/22 Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Community & Social Wellbeing – Monday 27th February at 7.00pm
Communications – Tuesday 28th February at 6.30pm
Planning – Monday 6th March at 6.30pm
Personnel – Tuesday 7th March at 6.00pm
Finance & Administration – Tuesday 7th March at 7.00pm
Buildings & Property – Tuesday 14th March at 6.30pm

213/22 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7.30pm.

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