

**Minutes of the Community & Communications Committee
held on Tuesday 22 April 2025
commencing at 6.30pm
at the Springfield Centre, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

This meeting was open to the Public

Members Present

Cllr L Adura (arrived at 18:37)
Cllr O Cole (arrived at 18:32)
Cllr J Howard
Cllr D Kendrick (arrived at 18:32)
Cllr R McCafferty (arrived at 18:31)

Cllr B Barton
Cllr V Dixon
Cllr K Kavarana (Chair)
Cllr F Mangan

In attendance

T Jones, Community Officer/Committee Clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Petchey – MKCC commitment
Cllr P Halton-Davis – unwell

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Declarations of Interest

None

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Minutes of the previous meeting

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

Cllrs Kendrick & Cole arrived during the course of this item.

3 members of the public were present.

Representatives of MK Breakdance & Activities spoke in relation to their grant application.

Cllr Adura arrived during the course of this item.

- i. **MK Gallacticos FC** (Grant Application 001/25-26/Sect 137)
Committee considered an application from MK Gallacticos FC for £1000.00 towards the cost of delivering their presentation event in Oldbrook.

Following discussion, with follow up actions agreed, Committee resolved to defer the consideration of this application until the next meeting.

- ii. **Frank Howe Court Social Club** (Grant Application 002/24-25/Sect 137)
Committee considered an application from Frank Howe Court Social Club for £400.00 towards the cost of purchasing parasols and cushions for their communal garden.

Committee resolved to award a grant of £330.

- iii. **Friends of Conniburrow & Pebbles Family Centre Parent forum** (Grant Application 003/24-25/Sect 137)
Committee considered an application from Friends of Conniburrow & Pebbles Family Centre Parent forum for £250.00 towards the cost of providing a family day out.

Committee resolved to award a grant of £250.

- iv. **All People Active** (Grant Application 004/24-25/Sect 137)
Committee considered an application from All People Active for £1000.00 towards the cost of delivering a Multi-Sport Youth Club in Springfield.

Committee resolved to make a recommendation to Council that a grant of £1000 be awarded.

- v. **Yoga for Health Alliance** (Grant Application 005/24-25/Sect 137)
Committee considered an application from Yoga for Health Alliance for £1000.00 towards the cost of delivering an event in Willen as part of International Yoga Day.

Committee resolved to make a recommendation to Council that a grant of £500 be awarded.

Committee further resolved that an advert for the event be included in the next edition of Homeground to make residents aware of the event.

- vi. **MK Breakdance & Activities** (Grant Application 006/24-25/Sect 137)
Committee considered a start-up grant application from MK Breakdance & Activities for £1500.00 towards the delivery of breakdancing sessions at the Trinity Centre, the purchase of some of the associated equipment needed to start up, as well as the provision of scholarships for 3 children.

Committee resolved that as this group had been operating in different ways in Fishermead for a few years that it could not be considered a start-up organisation. Committee resolved to award a standard grant of £1000.

Committee further resolved that the grant will be held until such time that evidence of completion of safeguarding and first aid training, as well as DBS updates, have been provided.

- vii. Committee noted the Grant Evaluation report received from MK Melting Pot following the grant award of £540 in December 2023 towards the delivery of community cooking lessons using a slow cooker.
- viii. Committee noted the Grant Evaluation report received from Connection Support following the grant award of £499 in May 2024 towards the recruitment & training of a volunteer befriender to support clients in CPCC area.

71/24 Communications - Programme & Priorities 2024/25

i. Heritage, Arts & Culture Working Group – Terms of Reference

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Further to the Committees decision to form a Working Group to consider the consultation responses received from residents relating to Heritage, Arts & Culture and to develop an Action Plan, Committee reviewed and approved the Terms of Reference for the working group.

72/24 Community Projects - Programme & Priorities 2024/25

i. MKCC – Community Infrastructure Fund 2025/26

Committee noted that the application submitted, requesting funding for play area improvements in Fishermead, was not successful in the first stage of the CIF application, but has been placed in the reserve pool should some of the successful applications not go ahead.

Committee did, however, note that MKCC had carried out some play area works in Fishermead this year with a new play area installed on Kellan Drive and some clearance works undertaken in other areas of the estate.

ii. Applications for free use of CPCC Community Spaces

Committee noted that we have started to receive applications & proposals from community groups interested in using the Hub. Committee will be asked to consider the applications received so far at the next meeting.

iii. CPCC Community Hub Opening Events – Update

Committee received a verbal update from the Committee Clerk on the plans for the opening events for the CPCC Community Hub.

73/24 Homeground

- i. Committee noted that the schedule for the May edition of Homeground magazine has been changed to allow for the inclusion of up to date information relating to the CPCC Hub. The magazine will be distributed w/c 26 May 2025.

The magazine proof will be circulated to the Committee for comments w/c 5 May 2025.

74/24 Committee Terms of Reference Review

Committee reviewed its Terms of Reference prior to the Annual Meeting of Council in May. Committee resolved that no amendments were required.

75/24 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 27 May 2025.