

**Minutes of the Community & Communications Committee
held on Tuesday 26 May 2026
commencing at 6.30pm
at the CPCC Community Hub, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

This meeting was open to the Public

Members Present

Cllr H Kakei	Cllr K Kavarana (Chair)
Cllr D Kendrick	Cllr F Mangan
Cllr I Opoku	

In attendance

T Jones, Community Officer/Committee Clerk

- 01/26 Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Cole – work commitment
Cllr M Petchey – personal commitment
- 02/26 Declarations of Interest**
None
- 03/26 Appointment of Vice Chairperson**
The Committee resolved not to elect a Vice Chairperson but to appoint a member to Chair the meeting on any occasion that Cllr Kavarana is not present.
- 04/26 Appointment of Lead Members**
Committee resolved to re-consider this item at the next meeting due to low attendance.
- 05/26 Minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held 28 April 2026, having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 06/26 Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions**
None

07/26

Review of Communications Projects – Programme & Priorities for 2026/27

Committee reflected on the Communications work undertaken over the last Council year and considered the priorities for 2026/27 should be focused after the appointment of a Communications Officer to provide additional staff resource to support the work to develop the website and social media channels and carry out a review of the Homeground magazine.

08/26

Community Projects - Programme & Priorities 2025/26

i. New Applications for free use of CPCC Community Spaces

Committee noted the outcome of the following free use applications received since the last meeting.

- a. Swans Community Partnership — awarded free use of Springfield Centre for youth calisthenics class, being held weekly for 12 weeks starting on 2 June.

ii. Review of Free Use of CPCC Community Spaces

Committee reviewed the following Free Use of CPCC Community Spaces and considered extending the approved period of use for a further 6 months.

- a. MK Lymphoma Support Group – The Nest, Thursdays 2-4pm monthly.

Committee resolved to extend the free use for a further 6 months.

- b. Walfinch Golden Memories Thrive Club - The Nest, Fridays 1-4pm monthly.

Committee noted that attendance numbers have been very low. With this in mind, Committee resolved that the free use would be extended for a further 6 months, but would cease at the end of this period unless attendance levels, and particularly attendance by CPCC residents, significantly increases during this time.

iii. School Holiday Activities

Committee received a verbal update from the Committee Clerk on the plans for activities to be held during the Summer Holidays, noting that MK Movers had supported the development of a summer holiday programme which will include weekly multi-sport, cheerleading and pickleball sessions.

iv. Community Summer Picnic (min. 61/25 vi)

Committee considered and accepted the tabled Councillor Community Event proposal for the Community Summer Picnic being held at the CPCC Community Hub on Saturday 15 August, to be led by Cllr Cole.

v. MK Arts Centre (min 45/25v.ii)

Committee noted that MK Arts Centre have been successful in securing funding from MK Community Foundation for the partner project outlined to Committee at the meeting in April. This project will put CPCC along with a small number of other Parish Councils at the heart of a new community-based art programme. The project will see new opportunities for all ages, being made available across parish boundaries. CPCC will make a funding contribution in line with the agreed community wellbeing project budget.

vi. Seated Exercise

Committee noted that some additional funding has been secured from Leap, as part of the MK PEP project, enabling us to expand our seated exercise offer. This funding will be used to run sessions in Oldbrook for 10 weeks, free of charge, on Thursday evenings 6-6:45pm.

vii. **Youth Street Art Project** (min 61/25 vii)

Committee noted that following the decision at the last meeting to commission the project, plans have been put in place to start the project on 7th July, working towards an unveiling & celebration event to be held prior to the September meeting of Council.

viii. **Review of Community Programme & Priorities for 2026/27**

Committee reflected on the content of the community programme over the last council year, reviewed the current programme and the projects currently in progress, with members concluding that new items and/or priorities for the forthcoming Council year should include the development of the community programme offer by the new community café operators and the inclusion of more evening sessions once the staff resource implications are addressed. Committee suggested that feedback on the types of activities residents would like should be sought through the annual consultation.

09/26 Homeground

- i. Committee consider and accepted the proposed content for the August edition of Homeground magazine with the addition of an item about water safety.
- ii. Committee considered feedback received following the publication of the May edition of the magazine noting that there had been a delay to the distribution, including some addresses missed which are being investigated by the distributors.

10/26 Date of Next Meeting
Tuesday 28 July 2026