

**Minutes of the Community & Communications Committee
held on Tuesday 24 February 2026
commencing at 6.30pm
at the CPCC Community Hub, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

This meeting was open to the Public

Members Present

Cllr L Adura	Cllr O Cole
Cllr J Howard	Cllr K Kavarana (Chair)
Cllr B Macharia	Cllr F Mangan
Cllr R McCafferty (arrived at 18:35)	Cllr M Petchey

In attendance

T Jones, Community Officer/Committee Clerk

- 48/25 Apologies for Absence**
Cllr D Kendrick – personal commitment
- 49/25 Declarations of Interest**
None
- 50/25 Minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held 27 January 2026, having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 51/25 Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions**
None
- 52/25 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.
- Mind your Mind Social Group – awarded free use of room at CPCC Community Hub for a monthly meet up of workshop participants.
 - MK Neighbourhood Watch – awarded free use of the Chamber to hold their AGM in September.
 - MKCC Highways – awarded free use of the Chamber to hold their bi-monthly Parish Liaison meetings.

ii. **School Holiday Activities**

Cllr McCafferty arrived during the course of this item.

a. February Half Term

Committee received a verbal update on the activities held w/c 16/02/2026 noting that attendance numbers had been low, but the Activity Packs had been very popular with all stock being collected.

b. Easter Holiday

Committee considered ideas for activities to be held during the Easter Holidays, resolving to host a family Easter event at the Hub on Thursday 9 April, 2-4pm, as well as the usual holiday sessions of Kids Craft Club and Family Film Friday. Cllr Adura offered to help with the event on 9 April.

c. May Half Term

Committee considered ideas for activities to be held during the May Half Term Holiday, resolving to include a Dr Bike session (health check for bicycles) for 2 hours at a cost of £200 plus cost of small parts/spares, provided by Cycle Saviours. Committee resolved to hold more sessions if this proves to be popular.

d. Summer Holidays

Committee considered ideas for activities to be held during the Summer Holidays, including whether to commission MK Play Association to hold play sessions this year at the increased cost of £546 (2 hrs), £1092 (5 hour Fun Day) or £1092 (3 hr Teen).

Committee resolved that a programme of activities should be put together for the summer holidays, to include activities for teenagers. However, with the increased MKPA costs and varied and unguaranteed attendance numbers, the Committee tasked the Committee Clerk to investigate options to be considered at the next meeting. Should a decision on a particular activity be needed before the next meeting, Committee resolved that the Clerk should make the necessary arrangements after first referring to the Committee by email for consensus of opinion.

iii. **Sound Healing**

Committee noted that the Sound Healing sessions held at the Hub for CPCC residents were successful and were fully booked. Committee further noted that feedback from participants was very positive and requests were received to hold more sessions like this in the future. Committee resolved to deliver more sound healing sessions as part of the community programme, in line with the approved Wellbeing budget proposal, to be held at the CPCC Community Hub and other locations around the CPCC area as appropriate.

iv. **Seated Exercise**

a. Committee noted that the seated exercise sessions held at Trinity Centre in Fishermead have failed to attract enough participants to sustain the class. With the instructor having to temporarily withdraw from taking the class for health reasons, the last session was held on 13 February. Committee considered and resolved that the class should be relocated to another estate when the instructor

returns in approximately 6 weeks. Committee resolved that, in the first instance, the class should be relocated to Oldbrook if an appropriate venue can be found for the session.

- b. Committee considered and resolved to raise the requested contribution for all seated exercise classes from £3 to £4 per person from 1 April 2026 in order to support the ongoing viability of the sessions.

v. **Dance Fitness at the Hub**

Committee noted that attendance numbers at the Dance Fitness classes has been poor. Committee authorised the Committee Clerk to stop the classes from 11 March should the recent advertising not lead to a significant increase in the numbers attending.

Committee resolved that should the day time sessions end, that if possible, the class be moved to an evening session, on a trial basis. The trial will help to identify the ongoing resource implications, which needs further consideration before the wider community programme can be expanded into the evening in the future.

vi. **Yoga Classes**

- a. Committee noted that the yoga classes are going well with the number of people attending steadily increasing. Committee considered and resolved to raise the requested contribution from £4 to £5 per person from 1 April 2026 in order to support the ongoing viability of the sessions.

53/25 Heritage, Arts & Culture Action Plan

Committee noted that the final meeting of the Heritage, Arts & Culture Working Group was inquorate. With Committee completing the task to prioritise the actions and set timescales for their delivery, Committee resolved to manage its implementation as a substantive agenda item hereafter.

54/25 Homeground

- i. Committee considered feedback received following the publication of the February edition of the magazine.
Committee also noted that additional copies are now being printed for each magazine cycle to enable distribution by members to suitable locations around the CPCC area where residents and visitors may wish to pick up a copy.
- ii. Committee contributed ideas for the content for the May edition of Homeground magazine, resolving to include an advert for the Fishermead Community Larder,

55/25 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 28 April 2026