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Minutes of the Community & Communications Committee held on Tuesday 28 July 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 V Dixon
Cllr M Petchey
Cllr O Cole
Cllr I Opoku

In attendance

T Jones, Community Officer/Committee Clerk

In the absence of the Cllr Kavarana, Committee resolved to elect Cllr Petchey as the chairperson for this meeting.

11/26 Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Kavarana – work commitment
Cllr F Mangan – unwell
Cllr B Macharia - unwell

12/26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Dixon – Trustee of Geoff Taylor Educational Trust

13/26 Appointment of Lead Members

Committee resolved to appoint lead members through the year as and when the need arises.

14/26 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 26 May 2026, having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

15/26 Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

1 member of the public was in attendance, speaking to the grant application from the Geoff Taylor Educational Trust.

16/26 Grants

i. **Geoff Taylor Educational Trust** (Grant Application 005/26-27/Sect 137)
Committee considered an application from Geoff Taylor Educational Trust for £1000.00 for the distribution of grants for educational support.

Committee resolved to award the grant in full.

ii. **Awake to Know Africa** (Grant Application 006/26-27/Sect 137)
Committee considered an application from Awake to Know Africa for £1000.00 for the 'Community Together' initiative.

Committee resolved to award the grant in full with the Community Officer tasked with liaising with the Awake to Know Africa CIC to establish an appropriate timeline for delivery to allow enough time for advertising to our residents.

Grant Evaluations:

iii. Committee noted with thanks the grant evaluation report received from the Yoga for Health Alliance following the grant of £1000 awarded in April 2026 towards the International Yoga Day event in Willen.

iv. Committee noted with thanks the grant evaluation report received from Ujhasuma Africa CIC following the start up grant of £1500 awarded in November 2025 towards the delivery of a cultural & musical education programme.

17/26 Community Projects - Programme & Priorities 2026/27

i. **New Applications for free use of CPCC Community Spaces**
Committee noted that the following free use applications received since the last meeting have been awarded use;

a. CHUMS MK Young Carers Workshop – 29 July & 20 August – 12:30-3pm at Springfield Centre
b. CNWL NHS Foundation Trust – CAMHS Team Away Day – 22 & 23 September at CPCC Community Hub
c. CNWL NHS Foundation Trust Mental Health Service – monthly Operations meeting at CPCC Community Hub. To be reviewed after 6 months.
d. MK Perinatal Mental Health Service – Staff Service Planning – 21 October at CPCC Community Hub
e. MK Music Service – First Aid Training for Teachers – 3 September at CPCC Community Hub
f. MK Music Service – Team Meeting – 1 September at CPCC Community Hub

ii. **Review of Free Use of CPCC Community Spaces**
Committee reviewed the following Free Use of CPCC Community Spaces and resolved to extend the approved period of use for a further 6 months;

a. Keeping Kids Off The Streets – weekly Boxing Classes at Oldbrook Centre
b. Mind your Mind Social Group – monthly at CPCC Community Hub
c. Springfield Craft Club – monthly at Springfield Centre

iii. **School Holiday Activities**

Committee noted that the confirmed activities to be held during the Summer Holidays are:
Mondays 10am -12pm – Football at Fishermead Sports Ground
Tuesdays 1-3pm – Craft Club at CPCC Community Hub
Wednesdays 11am-12pm – Pickleball at Oldbrook Centre
Thursdays 11am – 12pm – Cheerleading at Springfield Centre
Fridays 10am – Free Family Film Club at CPCC Community Hub

Committee further noted that the Youth Street Art Project, KKOTS Boxing and Swans Partnership Calisthenics sessions will also continue through all or some of the summer holidays.

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

Committee received a verbal update from Cllr Cole regarding the Community Summer Picnic to be held at the CPCC Community Hub on Saturday 15 August.

Committee noted the need for Councillor support on the day and to advise Cllr Cole directly if available.

v. **MK Arts Centre - Diamond Anniversary Project**

Committee noted that CPCC have been selected to host an Artist Residency working in partnership with MK Arts Centre & MK Gallery, 1 January 2027 – 31 March 2027. The proposal will be fully funded by MK Arts Centre with them managing the artist/s, with CPCC involved in selecting the artist proposal and supporting with space provision and reaching local residents. Committee considered the draft residency proposal produced by MK Arts Centre and requested that Fishermead Trinity Centre(FTC) also be considered as a delivery venue and to contact the FTC Trustees to request their support the project.

Committee recorded their thanks to MK Arts Centre for selecting CPCC for this opportunity. With Milton Keynes being considered for the City of Culture, Committee recognised the importance of projects like this with Committee resolving that CPCC should work as a partner to MK City Council on the City of Culture bid.

vi. **Yoga Classes at CPCC Community Hub**

Committee noted that the number of people attending the classes has stagnated at around 4-6 people over recent weeks. Despite additional advertising, the numbers have not increased. As the classes have now finished for the summer break, Committee considered the options and resolved that the Monday morning classes should cease. Committee noted that current attendees had been invited to apply to participate in the Yoga for Health programme starting in September and, should it be viable to do so, evening yoga classes at the Springfield Centre should continue after the 10 week programme ended.

vii. **Christmas Fayre**

Committee noted that the 2026 Christmas Fayre at the CPCC Community Hub is planned for Friday 4 December 2026.

Cllr Petchey requested that as part of the Christmas event planning that the Committee Clerk investigate the possibility of having the santa sleigh parage again this year, potentially including an extension of the route to include Oldbrook.

18/26 Communications Projects - Programme & Priorities 2026/27

Homeground

i. Committee considered & approved the proof of the August edition of Homeground magazine. With the addition of an advert for Larder volunteers

ii. Committee considered & contributed content ideas for the November edition of Homeground, with any other ideas requested to be sent to the Committee Clerk by email.

iii. Committee confirmed the continuation of the arrangements with XL Press for the production and printing of the Homeground magazine for the next 12 months.

19/26 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 27 October 2026