

**Minutes of the meeting of Council held on
Tuesday 19 May 2026, 7.30pm
at the
CPCC Community Hub, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

This meeting was open to the public

Members Present

Cllr L Adura
Cllr B Barton
Cllr O Cole
Cllr V Dixon
Cllr B Greenwood
Cllr J Howard
Cllr H Kakei
Cllr D Kendrick

Cllr B Macharia
Cllr F Mangan
Cllr R McCafferty
Cllr J Messent
Cllr I Opoku
Cllr D Pafford
Cllr M Petchey
Cllr J Whild

In Attendance

D Warner, Clerk to Council
P Sullivan, Deputy Clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Golding
Cllr K Kavarana
Cllr K Kent

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Declarations of Interest

None

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Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

None

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Chair's Report

The Chair thanked Councillors for reappointing him for the forthcoming year. He also congratulated those elected in the recent Milton Keynes City Council elections and acknowledged those who were unsuccessful.

- 28/26 Clerk's Report**
The Clerk did not make a report.
- 29/26 Community Council Financial Accounts 2025-2026 Year-End**
Council received and agreed the accounts detailing the financial position of the Community Council as at 31 March 2026.
- 30/26 Community Council Internal Audit Report 2025-2026**
Council received and agreed the internal audit report for the financial year 2025-2026 as presented by Auditing Solutions Ltd. Council resolved a vote of thanks to the Responsible Financial Officer and all staff involved in the successful outcome of the internal audit.
- 31/26 Community Council Annual Return 2025-2026**
Council considered, populated where applicable, and approved the Community Council Annual Return for 2025-2026, including:
- i. Annual Governance Statement 2025-2026 (Section 1)
Council considered the accounting statements in Section 1 of the 2025/26 Annual Return, answering yes to statements 1-8, N/A to statement 9 and yes to statement 10.
 - ii. Accounting Statement 2025-2026 (Section 2)
Council considered and approved the figures entered in boxes 1-10, answering yes in box 11.
- 32/26 Community Hub In-Year (2026-27) Budget Earmarking, Responsible Financial Officer Recommendation**
The Responsible Finance Officer recommends an in-year earmarking transfer of £3,872.00 from the Earmarked New Office HQ (9022) cost centre to Earmarked Retention Steele/Bray (9054) to cover the potential shortfall in funds when the final payment is due. The confirmed outstanding retention figure payable to Steele and Bray is £37,219 plus VAT and the current Earmarked figure is £33,347.
- Council agreed the recommendation of the Responsible Financial Officer for an in-year earmarking transfer as detailed.
- 33/26 Community Hub – Working Group Update**
Council received a verbal report from the Clerk on the defect works being undertaken before the end of the retention period. The works remain on track for completion by the end of the month. Once completed, they must be signed off and certified by both the Quantity Surveyor and the Architect before the contractor can submit an invoice. Council also noted that the Community Hub Working Group will need to remain in place for up to three months to conclude all outstanding matters relating to both the contract and the wider development of the Community Hub.

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 Council is therefore invited to resolve that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1(2) the public and press be excluded.

***Item 10**

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Community Hub Café

Council considered the Community Café Working Group's recommendation on appointing a new café operator and agreed to appoint YMCA. The arrangement will be based on a three-year lease, with an option to extend for a further two years by mutual agreement. If terms cannot be agreed with YMCA, negotiations will proceed with the second-ranked tenderer.

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Dates of Future Committee & Working Group Meetings

Community & Communications – 26 May at 6.30pm

Planning – 1 June at 6.30pm

Finance, Administration & Policy – 2 June at 6.30pm

BMKALC Councillor Training – 8 June at 6.30pm

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Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16 June 2026 at 7.30pm