

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH APRIL 2018 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY.

Present: Cllrs Belcher, Butson, Cockbaine, Sally Crockett, Stephen Crockett, Gibb, Harvey, Helder, LaBrooy, Legg, Lindop, S Long, McKenzie, Moore, Phillips, Power, Shadul Rahman, Thomas & Wales.

In attendance: Lindsey Styles (Director CEO's office, Milton Keynes College), Nicola Battle (Project Director, Milton Keynes College), the Clerk and the Administration & Finance Manager.

Members of West Bletchley Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Tom Horan who sadly passed away on 14th March 2018.

FC18/28 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hircock, N Long, Shamsur Rahman and Revell.

FC18/29 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Gibb declared an interest in item 4 (re: MK College).

FC18/30 Councillor Vacancies

a) Church Green Ward

Resolved: that Shandy McJarrow be co-opted to fill the vacancy in Church Green Ward.

b) Fairways Ward

It was noted that no requests for an election had been received in response to the notice of this vacancy and that, in accordance with the local election rules 2006, this vacancy would now be filled by co-option.

It was agreed that the vacancy would be advertised on the Council's website and any requests for co-option would be considered at the next Full Council meeting.

FC18/31 Milton Keynes College

Representatives from Milton Keynes College presented information and responded to Members' questions regarding the College's Property Strategy. The strategy included proposals for the provision of a "one campus college" located in Central MK and an Institute of Digital Technology based at Bletchley Park. Whilst a site for the new central campus was yet to be agreed opening of the new campus was currently targeted to take place in August 2021. Establishment of the new Institute of Technology was, subject to approval of the proposals, targeted for September 2019. The College representatives confirmed that the strategy was dependent on the sale of Bletchley Campus.

The College representatives confirmed that they would be happy to return and provide updated information to a future meeting of the Council. In the meantime Lindsey would forward copies of the presentation and curriculum planning documents to the Clerk for distribution to Members.

FC18/32 Public Questions - None

FC18/33 Ward Items

a) Ascot railing renewal and modernisation

Resolved: that this matter be referred to P&E Committee and included as part of its consideration of "parking on grass verges".

b) Programme of new resident parking

Resolved: that this matter be referred to P&E Committee and included as part of its consideration of "parking improvement projects".

c) Declassification of Buckingham Road

Resolved: that a report be submitted to P&E Committee outlining the potential benefits and other implications of road declassification.

FC18/34 Minutes of Meeting of Full Council held on 27th February 2018

The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Belcher as a correct record of the meeting.

FC18/35 Requests for membership of the Council's Committee – None

FC18/36 Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported on events and meetings that she had attended since the last meeting of Full Council. This had included a meeting of the Parishes Forum, the Official Re-Opening of Bletchley Library, the Mayor's Civic Reception and a film screening of a documentary, telling the story of the early days of Milton Keynes in the words of the people who built it, by the Living Archive.

FC18/37 Minutes of the meetings of the Council's Committees

Resolved that:

- i) the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 12th March 2018 be received,
- ii) the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 19th March 2018 be received,
- iii) the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 9th April 2018 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

FC18/38 Standing Orders

Resolved: that the revised Standing Orders, as submitted with the agenda, be adopted.

FC18/39 Councillor Allowances

Resolved that:

- i) Councillor Remuneration for 2018/19 be retained at £1,430.57 for the Chair of the Council and £716.30 for other Elected Members,
- ii) the updated Scheme of Councillor Allowances be adopted with the inclusion of the agreed remuneration rates.

It was noted that MKC had advised that the MK Parish Remuneration Panel would be undertaking a review of Parish Allowances. The recommendations of this review would be reported to Full Council when received.

FC18/40 2018/19 National Salary Award

Resolved: that the national agreement reached on pay scales for 2018/19 be noted and implemented in accordance with this Council's policies.

FC18/41 Landscape Maintenance

Resolved: that the report of the Clerk be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted.

FC18/42 Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document March 2018

Resolved: that no comments be submitted in response to this consultation.

FC18/43 Matters relating to External Bodies

Resolved: that the reports be received.

FC18/44 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

FC18/45 Warwick Road Activity Centre

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Council's officers be received,
- ii) this Council, having considered the current position in respect of the actions authorised at Minute no: FC18/26, authorises its Officers to advise MKC, HTL and Bletchley Pre School of its decision to withdraw from negotiations regarding the transfer of this asset.

FC18/46 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the **Annual General Meeting** would be held at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 8th May 2018** and the next meeting of Full Council would be held at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 26th June 2018** at **221 Whaddon Way, West Bletchley**.

Chair of Council