

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27TH APRIL 2015 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY.

Present: Cllrs Belcher, Butson, Gibb, Harvey, Hircock, Kearon, Kelley, Long, John Phillips, Tony Phillips, Power, Rahman, Thomas and Turnbull.

In attendance: the Clerk and the Head of Council Services.

FC15/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Campbell, Cockbaine, Crockett, Legg, McKenzie, Moffatt and Vaidyanathan.

FC15/22 Declarations of Interest – None

FC15/23 Councillor Vacancies

It was noted that elections to fill the current vacancies in the Church Green and Poets Wards had been scheduled to take place on 11th June 2015.

FC15/24 Public Questions - None

FC15/25 Ward Items – None

FC15/26 Minutes of Meeting of Full Council held on 23rd February 2015

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

FC15/27 Requests for membership of the Council Committees - None

FC15/28 Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported on events that she had attended since the last meeting which had included the Mayor's Civic Reception and a Public Health Initiative meeting of stakeholders.

FC15/29 Minutes of the meetings of the Council's Committees

Resolved that:

- i) the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meetings held on 16th March 2015 be received,
- ii) the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 23rd March 2015 be received,
- iii) the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 13th April 2015 be received.

FC15/30 2015 Carnival Charity Nominations

Resolved: that the proceeds from this year's carnival be divided equally between the following organisations:

- MK Kids with Diabetes,
- Milton Keynes Recreational Sport,
- Milton Keynes Hospital Charity.

FC15/31 Councillor Allowances

Resolved that:

- i) Councillor Remuneration for 2015/16 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.

FC15/32 Business Plan

Resolved: that the report of the Head of Council Services be received.

FC15/33 Local Council Tax Support Grant

It was noted that the final grant allocation to this Council for 2015/16 was £82,546.

FC15/34 Community Asset Transfer

Resolved that:

- i) this Council notes that there has been no progress in relation to the proposed Community Asset Transfers since the last meeting,
- ii) the new lease of the Bowls Club premises in Rickley Park (as approved at Minute no. FC14/112) be granted for a term of 20 years.

FC15/35 Neighbourhood Planning Referendum

Resolved: that this Council agrees to:

- i) exercise its right to vote in the forthcoming Central Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Plan Referendum,
- ii) vote “NO” to the referendum question “Do you want Milton Keynes Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Central Milton Keynes area to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”.

(Cllrs Long and John Phillips requested that their abstention from voting be recorded in respect of Min no. FC15/35ii)).

FC15/36 Matters relating to External Bodies

Resolved that:

- i) the report be received,
- ii) this Council agrees that the Local Government Ombudsman’s jurisdiction should be extended to larger parish and town councils and that these should be defined as those with either a population in excess of 35,000 or an annual pre-cepted income of greater than £500,000 per annum.

FC15/37 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.

FC15/38 Frank Moran Centre

Resolved that:

- i) the project to build an extension to the Frank Moran Centre to accommodate the facilities currently provided at The Marc, enabling the Council to vacate those premises, be approved,
- ii) the funds for this project be allocated in accordance with confidential minute no. FC15/38iia),
- iii) for the purposes of VAT this Council “opts to tax” for facilities provided at the Frank Moran Centre but agrees not to charge VAT to existing tenants or community hirers,
- iv) Finance & General Purposes Committee be authorised to approve the appointment of a contractor for the agreed extension works subject to that appointment being within the agreed budget provision and in accordance with the Council’s Financial Regulations.

FC15/39 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the **Annual General Meeting** would be held on **Monday 18th May 2015** and the next meeting of the Full Council would be held at **7.30pm on Monday 29th June 2015 at 221 Whaddon Way, West Bletchley.**