

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST 2019
IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY.

Present: Cllrs Belcher, Burn, Butson, Cockbaine, Crockett, Delfani, Gibb, Harvey, Helder, Hircock, Layden, Lindop, N Long, McKenzie, B Moore, P Moore, Nazir, Power, Revell and Wales.

In attendance: Annabel Le Lohe (WYG Planning Consultants), the Clerk, the Community Services Manager and 20 members of the public.

FC19/67 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Kearon, Legg, S Long, Rahman and Thomas.

FC19/68 Declarations of Interest – None

FC19/69 Use of Secret Ballots

Resolved: to note advice received from NALC regarding the use of secret ballots that “unless otherwise provided by the council’s standing orders the manner of voting at meetings of a community council shall be by show of hands”.

FC19/70 Councillor Vacancies (Fairways Ward & Castles Ward)

Resolved: that Chris Dachtler be co-opted to fill the vacancy in Castles Ward. As neither candidate for co-option to fill the vacancy in Fairways Ward received an absolute majority vote this seat remained vacant. It was agreed that, in future, the Council would be advised of the ward in which a candidate resided. Candidates would, in addition, be offered the opportunity of addressing the Council either in addition to or instead of providing a written personal statement.

FC19/71 Public Question Time

A number of residents raised issues and concerns relating to parking in various locations including; Church Green Road, Whalley Drive, Downing Close, Tattenhoe Lane and The Elms. Residents expressed support for the establishment of a parking sub-committee to seek to address parking issues within the parish. In addition, concerns were raised regarding both the unsatisfactory standard of maintenance of the former BT site and delays in completing actions associated with the production of Milton Keynes Council’s Central Bletchley Prospectus.

FC19/72 MK College Institute of Technology

Annabel Le Lohe provided a presentation on the proposals for the development of the “South Central Institute of Technology at Bletchley Park”. The proposal included for the redevelopment of Block D at Bletchley Park with associated additional car parking for around 100 vehicles located at Bletchley Railway Station. The concept plan for the development featured a main Learning Hub with other elements including a café and exhibition area, an enterprise lab and both heritage and wellbeing/support sections/features. A public exhibition, featuring the proposals, had been held on 24th July 2019. Feedback received from consultation would inform the applications for planning and listed building consent which would be submitted to MKC in the coming months.

Annabel responded to questions from Members and confirmed that:

- the proposed number of parking spaces (157) exceeded the current parking standards requirement,
- parking controls would be implemented for the additional car parking at the railway station,

- there would be no student access through Jemima Way (access would be limited to staff and visitors only)
 - the development would provide a nett increase in green space on this site.
- NB:** It was agreed that the Clerk would forward an electronic copy of the presentation to Members.

FC19/73 Ward Items – None

FC19/74 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 23th June 2019

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

FC19/75 Requests for membership of the Council’s Committees – None

FC19/76 Chair’s Announcements

The Chair reported on meetings attended later in the meeting at agenda item 23 (Matters relating to External Bodies).

FC19/77 Resolution to Full Council – Windmill Hill Golf Course

Resolved: that this Council will:

- i) invite representatives of Milton Keynes Council and the Evolve Group to come to the next Full Council Meeting to provide:
 - an update on the feedback they received at the Windmill Hill Golf Course exhibition on 30th July, and
 - details of the next steps in the development of this proposal.
- ii) arrange a subsequent informal session for WBC Councillors with representatives of MKC to facilitate information sharing regarding the current proposals.

FC19/78 Council Committees

Resolved that:

- i) the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 8th July 2019 be received,
- ii) the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 15th July 2019 be received subject to the amendment of Min no.C19/52 to provide the purpose of the grant as “to furnish a new bedroom”,
- iii) the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 5th August 2019 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

FC19/79 Salden Chase

Resolved: that the minutes of the Sub Committee meeting held on 8th August 2019 be received.

FC19/80 Planning Applications

a) Application Ref: 19/00757/FUL – Former Bletchley Brickworks, Newton Road

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Deputy Clerk be received,
- ii) this Council withdraws its objection to this application and request for it to be referred to MKC’s Committee,
- iii) this Council requests:
 - a condition regarding avoiding school open and close peak times,
 - that temporary traffic management measures be employed to manage traffic through the Newton Road bridge.

b) Application Ref: 19/01968/PANB1C - Prior notification for proposed change of use of the building from Offices (Class B1) to residential (Class C3) to comprise 112 units with associated parking facilities, Cable House, Buckingham Road.

Resolved: that this Council **objects** to this application on the following grounds:

- i) Concerns regarding the potential detrimental impact on traffic and parking**
West Bletchley Council considers that this development will have a detrimental impact on traffic and parking in this area. In particular we note that the parking provision proposed is significantly lower than that stated as the minimum requirement in MKC's current Parking Standards.
- ii) The requirement of policy E3 (Redevelopment of Employment for Other Uses) of the West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan**
Policy E3 Redevelopment of Employment for Other Uses is relevant to this application and should carry some weight in making a decision. It is contended that the applicant has not satisfied the criteria within this policy, namely that it has not been demonstrated that;
- a) there is no other employment activity that can viably occupy the site or buildings with supporting evidence of continuous marketing;
 - b) the activity on the site would not give rise to unacceptable pollution or nuisance and that redevelopment would mean an improvement in the environment.
- iii) Concerns regarding the potential burden on the existing social infrastructure**
West Bletchley Council is concerned that the proposed development would place unsustainable stress on the existing infrastructure and local services and it is unclear, from the application, what contributions the developer proposes to make in mitigation.
- iv) The cumulative impact of successive developments in this area**
West Bletchley Council notes that permissions have been granted for other new residential developments in Bletchley Town Centre (including 184 dwellings in Albert Street (Application:16/02451/FUL). We note that the developer has not addressed this concern or confirmed what contributions this development will be making towards alleviating the cumulative impact of successive developments in this area.
- v) Affordable/Social Housing**
West Bletchley Council confirms it's view, as previously stated in respect of this site, that 30% of homes should be designated as social housing.
This Council requests that this application be referred to the Development Control Committee/Panel for determination and confirms that it will undertake to send a representative to attend to address the Committee/Panel to present this Council's objections).

FC19/81 Roche Gardens

Members noted that MKC Officers had confirmed that they will be undertaking a statutory consultation process regarding a proposed Order to implement double yellow lines along part of Roche Gardens as requested by this Council.

FC19/82 Parking Issues

Resolved: that this Council agrees:

- i) to establish a parking sub-committee to consider parking issues within the West Bletchley Area, and
- ii) that this be a sub-committee reporting directly to Full Council.

NB: Membership, terms of reference and sub-committee meeting dates would be considered at the next meeting of Full Council.

FC19/83 Bank Account Signatories

Resolved: to authorise the following Members/Officers to be authorised signatories on the Council's account with the Public Sector Deposit Fund:

- Cllr Veronica Belcher – Chair of the Council
- Cllr Ernie Thomas – Vice Chair of the Council

- Cllr Barbara Moore – Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee
- Cllr Elaine Wales – Vice Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee
- Helen Hupton – Clerk
- Liam Costello – Deputy Clerk.

FC19/84 Budget & Precept for 2020/21

Resolved: that the report of the Clerk be received and the timetable for consideration of next year's budget be approved.

FC19/85 Committee meeting dates for 2020

Resolved: that the schedule of meeting dates for 2020 be approved.

FC19/86 Wilton Hall

Resolved: that the oral report of the Clerk be received.

FC19/87 Community Asset Transfer

a) Chepstow Park

Resolved: that, in accordance with Standing Order 20, the Clerk be authorised to proceed with the CAT transfer of Chepstow Park subject to the detail of the transfer documentation and highway licence being agreed by this Council's solicitors.

b) Former BT Site

Resolved that:

- i) this Council authorises the submission of an Expression of Interest for the CAT transfer of the former BT site public open space and woodland on Sherwood Drive registered under title deed BM429536 – Land at Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, along with any associated S106 contributions,
- ii) in accordance with Standing Order 20, the Clerk be authorised to proceed with the transfer of the above land subject to the detail of the transfer documentation being agreed by this Council's solicitors.

FC19/88 MKC Consultation on Local Council Tax Reduction (LCTR) Parish Funding

Resolved: that this Council's preferred methodology for, for distribution of parish funding for 2020/21, is option b (50% of grant by current methodology; 50% of grant by full Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)).

FC19/89 Matters relating to External Bodies

Resolved that:

- i) the reports be received,
- ii) this Council confirms its endorsement of Cllr Harvey's nomination for Direct Membership of the NALC Larger Councils' Committee 2020-2021,
- iii) Cllrs Harvey and Gibb be appointed to attend the BMKALC AGM and Cllr Gibb be authorised to vote on behalf of this Council,
- iv) Cllr Harvey be appointed as a substitute representative, for this Council, on the Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils (MKALC),
- v) an item be included on the agenda for the next Full Council meeting for consideration of whether this Council wishes to sign a Climate Declaration.

FC19/90 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held on **Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 7.30pm at 221 Whaddon Way, West Bletchley.**

Chair of Council