

## WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY.

**Present:** Cllrs Belcher, Butson, Cockbaine, Sally Crockett, Stephen Crockett, Gibb, Harvey, Hircocock, Horan, Kelley, LaBrooy, Lindop, N Long, S Long, McKenzie, Phillips, Shamsur Rahman, Revell, Sinclair and Thomas.

**In attendance:** the Clerk, Community Services Manager and 2 members of the public.

**FC17/92 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Helder, Legg, Moore and Shadul Rahman. It was agreed that arrangements for publishing Councillors' attendances at meetings, on the Council's website, be amended to show membership and attendances alongside individual Councillors' profiles.

**FC17/93 Declarations of Interest** – Cllr LaBrooy declared an interest in item 12b) (Playing Field, Selbourne Avenue) and took no part in the discussion on that matter.

**FC17/94 Public Questions** - None

**FC17/95 Ward Items** - None

**FC17/96 Minutes of Meeting of Full Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017**

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

**FC17/97 Requests for membership of the Council's Committees**

**Resolved:** that Cllrs LaBrooy and Shadul Rahman's requests for membership of Community Committee be approved.

**FC17/98 Chair's Announcements**

The Chair reported that she had attended meetings of both BMKALC and the Parishes Forum and a briefing on MKC's review of the transport and draft Mobility Strategy. The Chair also advised that she had, with the Chair of F&GP Committee and the Clerk, conducted interviews for the new post of Administration & Finance Manager.

**FC17/99 Minutes of the meetings of the Council's Committees**

**Resolved that:**

- i) the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted,
- ii) the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be received,
- iii) the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted.

**FC17/100 Proposals for Public Art in Bletchley and CMK**

**Resolved that:**

- i) this Council notes that the owners of the Schottlander Sculpture '2MS no.1' have decided to retain the Sculpture at its current location,
- ii) the comments received from the Director of MK Gallery, in response to the above decision, be noted,
- iii) this Council thanks the owners of Challenge House, the Public Arts Trust MK Ltd and MK Gallery for the opportunity to engage in discussions regarding these matters and looks forward to continued partnership working in respect of Public Art within the parish.

## **FC17/101 Bank Account Signatories**

### **Resolved:**

- i) to authorise the removal of Mrs Patricia Hunter as an authorised signatory on the Council's bank accounts with Nat West and Santander,
- ii) to authorise the addition of Jacqueline McManus, the Council's Administration & Finance Manager, as an authorised signatory on the Council's bank accounts with Nat West and Santander,
- iii) that the authorised signatories in the current mandate, for all accounts with Nat West and Santander, be changed in accordance with the above instructions and the current mandate continue as amended.

## **FC17/102 Council Properties**

### **a) Melrose PreSchool**

#### **Resolved that:**

- i) the report of the Clerk be received,
- ii) this Council agrees in principle to make a financial contribution towards the costs of repairing the Melrose Pre-School perimeter wall,
- iii) quotations be obtained for the repair works as detailed in the Structural Engineer's report,
- iv) the Council's officers be authorised to submit a further report, containing costs and recommendations, to the next meeting of Full Council.

### **b) Frank Moran Centre Roof**

#### **Resolved that:**

- i) the report of the Clerk be received,
- ii) subject to confirmation of the required guarantees relating to both the safety and effective life term of the preferred spray insulation product, the Council authorises its officers to implement **option 2** as detailed in the report.

## **FC17/103 Milton Keynes Council Consultations**

### **a) Review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations**

**Resolved:** that the following comments be submitted in respect of the following polling stations located within the parish of West Bletchley:

**Coldharbour Childrens Centre** – this Council is concerned that the pre-school will be closed when this venue is being used as a polling station and asks that an alternative venue be sought.

**Portacabin at Cottingham Grove** – this Council questions whether the current site for the portacabin is the most appropriate and asks that alternative sites be investigated, including land on the Holne Chase school site.

**Windmill Hill Golf Centre** – this Council supports the continued use of this venue as a polling station.

### **b) Playing Field, Selbourne Avenue, Bletchley**

**Resolved:** that this Council supports the principle of Scot Football Club entering into an agreement to take on the full and overall responsibility of the playing field as detailed in the consultation e-mail.

### **c) Working Locally – Parish & Town Councils – A Draft Framework**

#### **Resolved that this Council:**

- i) notes the draft framework document and welcomes the opportunities that it presents for future partnership working to maintain and improve standards of local services,
- ii) considers that the range of opportunities offered should be extended to other service areas including, for example, adult social care,
- iii) questions the terms of assessment for Community Asset Transfer, appended to the framework, and asks that these be reviewed to facilitate new and or multiple transfers that help to mitigate the financial burdens, placed on parishes, associated with the transfer of non-income generating assets

**FC17/104 Matters relating to External Bodies**

**Resolved that:**

- i) this Council confirms its endorsement of Cllr Harvey's nomination for Direct Membership of the NALC Larger Councils' Committee 2018-2019,
- ii) Cllrs Harvey and Moore be appointed to attend the BMKALC AGM and Cllr Moore be authorised to vote on behalf of this Council,
- iii) the reports be received,
- iv) this Council requests that an item, regarding "implementation of Planning Obligations Policy including future use of s106 contributions", be placed on a future agenda of the Parishes Forum.

**FC17/105 Date of Next Meeting**

Members noted that next meeting of Full Council would be held at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017** at **221 Whaddon Way, West Bletchley.**

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**Chair of Council**