

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22ND AUGUST 2017 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY.

Present: Cllrs Belcher, Butson, Cockbaine, Sally Crockett, Stephen Crockett, Gibb, Harvey, Hircock, Kearon, Legg, Lindop, McKenzie, Moore, Phillips, Tony Phillips, Revell and Wales.

In attendance: Will Cousins, Victoria Mayes and Niki Braithwaite (MK Gallery), Peter Rahal (Landmark Property Services), the Clerk and 4 members of the public.

FC17/74 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Helder, Horan, Kelley, N Long, S Long and Thomas.

FC17/75 Declarations of Interest - None

FC17/76 Councillor Vacancy

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

FC17/77 Proposals for Public Art in Bletchley and CMK

The meeting was attended by representatives of MK Gallery who presented proposals for relocating the Schottlander Sculpture '2MS No.1' to a new site in CMK, marking the entrance to the Cultural Quarter in the Theatre District. The representatives, of both MK Gallery and Landmark Property Services (current owners of the Sculpture), confirmed their support for proposals to undertake consultation with local residents on identified options for the future siting of the Sculpture.

FC17/78 Public Questions

Mr Michie circulated a paper prepared by the Public Arts Trust, MK and addressed the Council, seeking its support in opposing the proposed relocation of the Schottlander Sculpture.

FC17/79 Ward Items - None

FC17/80 Minutes of Meetings of Full Council held 26th June & 1st August 2017

The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Belcher as correct records of the meetings.

FC17/81 Requests for membership of the Council Committees

Resolved that:

- i) Cllr Priestley's request for membership of Community Committee be approved,
- ii) Cllr N Long's request for membership of Finance & General Purposes Committee be approved,
- iii) membership of the Salden Chase Sub Committee is confirmed as being Cllrs Thomas (Chair), Butson, Hircock, N Long and Wales.

FC17/82 Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported on events that she had attended since the last meeting which had included a "raising the flag" event at Chepstow Park to celebrate its continuing Green Flag Status and a meeting with representatives of Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council to discuss ongoing opportunities for joint working.

FC17/83 Minutes of the meetings of the Council's Committees

Resolved that:

- i) the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 10th July 2017 be received,
- ii) the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 17th July 2017 be received,

- iii) this Council work with partners and stakeholders to undertake consultation with local residents, including coverage in the next edition of Open Door, to establish views on identified options for the future siting of the Bernard Shottlander Sculpture '2MS No.1'.
- iv) this Council opposes the removal of the sculpture until it has received and considered the results of the consultation referred to at ii) above,
- v) the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7th August 2017 be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted,
- vi) the minutes of the Salden Chase Sub Committee meeting held on 26th July 2017 be received.

FC17/84 The Frank Moran Centre

Resolved: that the report of the Clerk be received.

FC17/85 Council Properties

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Head of Council Services be received,
- ii) the Council's officers be authorised to proceed with obtaining an independent assessment regarding the external wall at Melrose Pre School,
- iii) a further report on the options to resolve the Frank Moran Centre condensation problems would be submitted to the next meeting of Full Council.

FC17/86 Budget & Precept for 2018/19

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Clerk be received,
- ii) the Council's Committees be asked to submit progress reports on the proposed timetables for spending of designated project funds, for projects within their approved 'terms of reference', for consideration as part of the budget setting process.

FC17/87 Committee meeting dates for 2018

Resolved: that the schedule of meeting dates for 2018 be approved.

FC17/88 Matters relating to External Bodies

Resolved: that the report be received.

FC17/89 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.

FC17/90 Staffing Matters

Resolved: that the report be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted subject to the new post of part time Community Resource Centre Assistant being revised to a permanent position.

FC17/91 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that next meeting of Full Council would be held at **7.30pm on Tuesday 24th October 2017 at 221 Whaddon Way, West Bletchley.**