

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2017 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY.

Present: Cllrs Belcher, Cockbaine, Sally Crockett, Stephen Crockett, Gibb, Harvey, Horan, Kearon, Kelley, Legg, Lindop, N Long, S Long, McKenzie, Moore, Phillips, Revell, Thomas & Wales.

In attendance: the Clerk, the Administration & Finance Manager, the Parks & Environment Manager and 1 member of the public.

FC17/106 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Butson, Helder, Hircock, LaBrooy and Priestley.

FC17/107 Declarations of Interest – None

FC17/108 Public Questions - None

FC17/109 Ward Items - None

FC17/110 Minutes of Meeting of Full Council held on 24th October 2017

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

The Council noted (Ref: Min no.FC17/103a – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations) that no alternative venues could be identified in Scots Ward.

FC17/111 Requests for membership of the Council's Committees - None

FC17/112 Chair's Announcements

The Chair reported on events and meetings that she had attended since the last meeting of Full Council. This had included the Fawcett Society Exhibition about 'The women who made Milton Keynes', the Equality Council's AGM, this Council's Christmas event at Melrose and the Carnival Charity cheque presentation at White Spire School. The Chair also advised that she had recently been appointed to serve as the MK Primary PRU Chair of Governors.

FC17/113 Minutes of the meetings of the Council's Committees

Resolved that:

- i) the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 6th November 2017 be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted,
- ii) the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 18th September 2017 be received,
- iii) the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4th December 2017 be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted.

FC17/114 Planning Applications

114.1: 17/03102/FUL – Single storey rear extension and raising side flat roof, 112 Severn Way (This Council had no objection with this application)

114.2: 17/03111/FUL – Proposed extension to garage to form store and new rear dormer, 46 Cottingham Grove (This Council had no objection with this application)

114.3: 17/03156/FUL – Single storey extensions to front and rear elevations, 29 Rickley Lane (This Council had no objection with this application)

114.4: 17/03203/PANOTH – Notification for prior approval for the change of use of barbershop (use class A1) to café (use class A3), 19B Melrose Avenue (This Council had no objection with this application)

- 114.5: 17/03226/PANB1C – Change of use from office (Class B1 (a)) to residential flats (Class C3), Mercury House, Buckingham Road (This Council had no objection to this application subject to:**
- i) 30% of the homes being designated as affordable/social housing in accordance with agreed policy.**
 - ii) the MKC Highways engineer being satisfied that the proposal will not have a detrimental impact on traffic and parking in this area)**

FC17/115 Health & Safety Policy

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Administration & Finance Manager be received,
- ii) the revised policy be adopted and the associated policy statement be signed by the Chair of the Council and the Clerk.

FC17/116 Melrose PreSchool

Members noted that quotations were being sought for repair works to the pre school wall, in accordance with Min no.FC17/102, and that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

FC17/117 Landscape Maintenance

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Parks & Environment Manager be received,
- ii) arrangements for enhanced litter picking for the next grass cutting season, as detailed in the report, be approved,
- iii) a report be submitted to the next meeting containing options and associated costs for the provision of an extended parish maintenance service.

FC17/118 Designated Projects Funds

Resolved that:

- i) the report be received and the proposed timetables for spending of designated project funds be approved,
- ii) a new "Play Area Improvement Fund" be established and a sum of £250,000 be allocated to the fund from the Council's balances.

FC17/119 Budget & Precept for 2018/19

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Clerk be received,
- ii) the 2018/19 budget estimates, as submitted with the agenda, be approved,
- iii) the Council's financial plan be amended to include a 5% increase in 'Band D equivalent' Council Tax for 2018/19,
- iv) the precept for 2017/18 accordingly be set at **£914,670**.

FC17/120 Annual Staff Appraisals

Resolved: that the report of the Clerk be received and the proposed arrangements for this year's staff appraisals be approved.

FC17/121 Milton Keynes Council Consultations

a) Open Space Consultation

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

b) Proposed Submission Plan:MK

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

FC17/122 Matters relating to External Bodies

Resolved that:

- i) the reports be received,
- ii) a report be submitted to the next meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee outlining the requirements and implications of the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which comes into force in May 2018.

FC17/123 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.

FC17/124 Warwick Road Activity Centre

Resolved: that the report be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

FC17/125 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of Full Council would be held at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 27th February 2018** at **221 Whaddon Way, West Bletchley**.

It was agreed that a report detailing identified current MKC service delivery contracts be submitted to the next meeting to enable this Council to risk assess potential future changes in the delivery of local services within the parish.

Chair of Council