

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017
IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY.

Present: Cllrs Belcher, Cockbaine, Lindop, S Long, Revell, Sinclair and Thomas

In Attendance: Cllr LaBrooy, the Clerk and the Community Services Manager

C17/50 Apologies – Cllrs Shadul Rahman and Wales

C17/51 Declarations of Interest - None

C17/52 Minutes of Meeting held on 17th July 2017

Cllr Cockbaine signed the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.

C17/53 Ward Matters – None.

C17/54 Committee Reports

Resolved: that the report be received and the proposed schedule of future reports, to this Committee, be approved.

C17/55 West Bletchley Carnival

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Clerk be received,
- ii) the recommended approach for the planning of Carnival 2018 be endorsed,
- iii) no changes be made to the current practice of nominating a carnival charity,
- iv) the Bletchley Partnership of Schools be asked to consider and support ways of increasing the participation of local schools in next year's carnival,
- v) engagement be undertaken to identify ways of increasing the participation of 'hard to reach' groups in next year's carnival,
- vi) next year's procession entrants' trophy presentations be arranged to take place, for participating schools, prior to the end of the summer term,
- vii) there be increased local promotion of next year's event including more frequent postings on social media,
- viii) research be undertaken to identify examples of 'best practice' and seek to establish 'benchmarking' to other MK Carnival type events,
- ix) feedback be sought, through the next local residents' household survey, on how the event can be further improved.

C17/56 Engagement & Events

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Engagement & Events Officer be received,
- ii) the event reporting table be extended, for future reports, to include 'intended outcomes' and 'attendances'.

C17/57 Frank Moran Centre

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Resource Centre Staff be received,
- ii) future reports include a box containing the centre's programme of activities,
- iii) the centre's programme be promoted in the council's notice boards and on social media.

C17/58 Young People's Counselling Service

Resolved: that the report be received.

C17/59 Bletchley Library

a) Library Refurbishment Project

The builders had now started on site at Bletchley Library and were due to hand the library back in February 2018. Design Concept had been awarded the contract for completing the furniture fit out and library staff were working with them to produce a design with a bright interior which would make the space feel light, open and welcoming to attract visitors.

The Mobile Library, situated on Stanier Square, had proved to be very popular with around 100 visits. The timetable had, in response, been increased to allow the Mobile to also visit every Tuesday 9.15am – 3pm as well as every Wednesday.

Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council continued to show an interest in renting a space in the refurbished library. Library staff had also secured Cafcass as a new tenant for one of the office spaces. They were initially signing for a 3 year lease. This would help towards the income target for Bletchley.

b) Milton Keynes Libraries

After a senior management restructure within MK Council Milton Keynes Libraries had been moved to Economy & Culture and was now managed under Pam Gosal as Head of Economy & Culture. Paul Sanders, the previous Assistant Director, was no longer with MK Council.

C17/60 Committee Budgets

Resolved that: spending to date in respect of this year's budget be noted.

C17/61 Grant Applications

Resolved: that the Milton Keynes Fawcett Group be awarded a grant of £200 towards the costs of an exhibition about 'The women who made Milton Keynes'.

C17/62 Matters relating to External Bodies – None

C17/63 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the Community Committee would be held on **Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm.**

Signature - Chair of the Community Committee