

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2016 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY

Present: Cllrs Belcher, Butson, Cockbaine, Crockett, Harvey, Helder, Hircock, Horan, Kearon, Kelley, Lindop, S Long, Moore, Pallett, Shadul Rahman, Shamsur Rahman, Sinclair and Thomas.

In attendance: the Clerk, the Head of Council Services and 5 members of the public.

FC16/96 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Legg, N Long, McKenzie, Phillips, Priestley, Revell, Turnbull and Wales.

Resolved: that this Council approves the continued absence of Cllr Priestley on medical grounds until the next meeting of Full Council when this matter would be reviewed.

FC16/97 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Belcher declared a prejudicial interest in Item 14 (re: Tweed Drive).

FC16/98 Public Questions

A resident of Chester Close addressed the Council seeking its support in helping to ensure that the play area in Chester Close remains in use.

Residents of Tweed Drive thanked the Council for its continued support in seeking to protect the open space in Tweed Drive.

FC16/99 Ward Items - None

FC16/100 Minutes of Meeting of Full Council held on 15th August 2016

The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Belcher as a correct record of the meeting. It was noted that a provisional date of 28th November 2016 had been set for the MK Futures special meeting as referred to at min no. FC16/94.

FC16/101 Requests for membership of the Council Committees

Resolved: that Cllr Butson's request for membership of Planning & Environment Committee, Salden Chase Sub Committee and the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Committee be approved.

FC16/102 Chair's Announcements

The Chair advised of meetings and events that she had attended since the last meeting. This had included: Community Action and Wolverton Community Energy event, Newton Longville parish public meeting with the SWMK Consortium, MK Parish Forum, MKC Living Streets project presentation and a meeting of the Parish Advisory Group. She had also made an official visit to Rickley Primary School to talk to the children about the work of West Bleckley Council. In addition the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk had attended a meeting with MKC's Public Realm Service Director to discuss the transfer of services (as referred to at Item 12).

FC16/103 Minutes of the meetings of the Council's Committees

Resolved that:

- i) the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 5th September 2016 be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted,
- ii) the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 19th September 2016 be received,
- iii) the Council notes that the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee scheduled to take place on 3rd October 2016 was inquorate.

FC16/104 Salden Chase Sub Committee

Resolved that:

- i) the minutes of the Sub Committee meeting held on 8th September 2016 be received,

- ii) the Council notes the following actions taken since the last meeting:
 - WBC detailed letter of objection submitted to both MKC and AVDC,
 - Information updates published on WBC's website and promoted through social media,
 - Independent Traffic Consultant engaged jointly by West Bletchley Council and Newton Longville Parish Council to provide further evidence to support the councils' objections.

It was further noted that confirmation was still awaited of when the planning applications would be considered by MKC and AVDC.

FC16/105 Business Plan

Resolved: that the report of the Head of Council Services be received and progress against business plan objectives be noted.

FC16/106 Reviewing Council Priorities

Resolved: that the report on the Councillor Away Day be received.

FC16/107 Budget & Precept for 2017/18

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Clerk be received,
- ii) arrangements be approved for a consultation with local residents including a survey of all households within the parish.

FC16/108 West Bletchley Play Areas

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Clerk be received,
- ii) in accordance with Standing Order 17, the Clerk be authorised to proceed with the transfer of all MKC Play Areas within the parish subject to the detail of the transfer documentation being agreed by this Council's solicitors.

FC16/109 Land in Tweed Drive

Resolved: that the report of the Clerk be received.

(NB: Cllr Belcher, having declared an interest, took no part in discussion on this item.)

FC16/110 Bletchley St Martin's Bowls Club

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Head of Council Services be received,
- ii) approval be granted for the improvements to the bowls club, as detailed in the report, subject to the receipt of professional advice confirming that the alterations are structurally sound,
- iii) the prepared 'licence to carry out works' be executed in accordance with Standing Order 17.

FC16/111 Landscape Maintenance Contract

Resolved: that the report of the Head of Council Services be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted.

FC16/112 Contract for Cleaning Services

Resolved: that the report be received and retrospective approval be granted in respect of the actions taken by officers with regard to the contract for cleaning services at the council's offices as detailed in the report.

FC16/113 Contract for Waste Management Services

Resolved: that the report be received and the council's officers be authorised to enter into a contract with SERCO for the weekly collection of waste from the Frank Moran Centre.

FC16/114 Consultations

a) Milton Keynes Council – Open Space Assessment

Resolved:

- i) to note that the deadline for this consultation has been extended to 14th November 2016,
- ii) that P&E Committee be asked to consider this consultation at its next meeting and agree this Council's response taking account of any relevant matters identified through its consideration of the draft West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan.

b) DCLG – the 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement

Resolved: to authorise the Clerk to respond to this consultation advising the DCLG that this Council **objects** to the proposal to extend the referendum principles to larger, higher spending parish councils.

c) BT Consultation – Closure of payphones

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

FC16/115 Matters relating to External Bodies

Resolved:

- i) that the reports be received,
- ii) that Cllrs Harvey and Moore be appointed to attend the BMKALC AGM and Cllr Moore be authorised to vote on behalf of this Council,
- iii) to note that the Eaton Leys Working Group, facilitated by Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council, continues to meet on an ad hoc basis,
- iv) to endorse a nomination for this Council's Clerk to be co-opted to the NALC Larger Council's Committee.

FC16/116 Exclusion of Press & 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.

FC16/117 Frank Moran Centre/Marc Review

Resolved: that the report of the Head of Council Services be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

FC16/118 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the Full Council would be held at **7.30pm** on **Monday 19th December 2016** at **221 Whaddon Way, West Bletchley.**

Chair of Council