

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2016 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY

Present: Cllrs Belcher, Butson, Cockbaine, Crockett, Hircock, Horan, Kearon, Kelley, Lindop, Moore, Phillips, Priestley, Revell, Sinclair and Thomas.

In attendance: the Clerk, the Head of Council Services and 1 member of the public.

FC16/122 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Harvey, N Long, S Long, McKenzie, Pallett, Shadul Rahman, Shamsur Rahman and Wales.

FC16/123 Declarations of Interest - None

Members of West Bletchley Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Camilla Turnbull who sadly passed away on 1st November 2016.

FC16/124 Councillor Vacancy in Rivers Ward

It was noted that no requests for an election had been received in response to the notice of this vacancy and that, in accordance with the local election rules 2006, this vacancy would now be filled by co-option.

It was agreed that the vacancy would be advertised on the Council's website and any requests for co-option would be considered at the next Full Council meeting.

FC16/125 Public Questions - None

FC16/126 Ward Items - None

FC16/127 Minutes of Meeting of Full Council held on 24th October 2016

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

FC16/128 Membership of the Council Committees

- i) Cllr Helder's request for removal from Community Committee was approved,
- ii) Cllr Moore was elected to serve as Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee for the remainder of the current municipal year.

FC16/129 Chair's Announcements

The Chair advised of meetings and events that she had attended since the last meeting. This had included: a meeting of the MK Primary Pupil Referral Unit's Management Committee, the NALC Larger Councils' Conference and the MKALC AGM.

The Chair thanked Cllr Cockbaine for representing the Council at this year's Remembrance Day Parade. She also advised that a MK Parishes Conference would be held on 25th March 2017 and that 5 representatives from this Council would be invited to attend.

FC16/130 Minutes of the meetings of the Council's Committees

Resolved that:

- i) the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meetings held on 31st October and 7th November 2016 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted,
- ii) the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 14th November 2016 be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted,
- iii) the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 28th November 2016 be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted.

NB: It was agreed that a special meeting of Planning & Environment Committee would be held at 6pm on Monday 30th January 2017 to discuss potential sites for development within the parish with representatives of YourMK.

FC16/131 Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: that the pre-submission draft plan be approved for consultation for a 6 week period commencing in January 2017.

FC16/132 Engagement & Communication Strategy

Resolved: that the strategy be approved.

FC16/133 Health & Safety Policy

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Head of Council Services be received,
- ii) the revised policy be adopted subject to the references to 'AD Health & Safety' being amended to 'the Council's Health & Safety Consultant',
- iii) the amended policy statement be signed by the Chair of the Council and the Clerk.

FC16/134 Budget & Precept for 2017/18

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Clerk be received,
- ii) this Council does not undertake to provide any new public realm services for the next 12 months,
- iii) the 2017/18 budget estimates, as submitted with the agenda, be approved,
- iv) the Council's financial plan be amended to include a 5% increase in 'Band D equivalent' Council Tax for 2017/18,
- v) the precept for 2017/18 accordingly be set at **£869,529**.

FC16/135 Annual Staff Appraisals

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

FC16/136 Community Asset Transfer

The Clerk advised that West Bletchley Community Association had confirmed that they would not agree to the requested variations to documents required to facilitate transfer of the West Bletchley Community Centre on the terms agreed by this Council.

Resolved: that MKC be advised that this Council will not proceed with the transfer of the West Bletchley Community Centre without the proposed deed of variation as drafted by this Council's solicitors.

FC16/137 Site Allocations Plan Proposed Submission Draft

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

FC16/138 Matters relating to External Bodies

Resolved that:

- i) the reports be received,
- ii) this Council objects to the principle of developments on the border of Milton Keynes which will negatively impact on the South West Milton Keynes and adjoining parishes and supports the request to call in planning application 15/01533/OUTEIS as detailed in Little Brickhill Parish Council's submission to the DCLG dated 28th November 2016.
- iii) Cllr Belcher be appointed to serve as this Council's representative on the MK Primary Pupil Referral Unit's Management Committee.

FC16/139 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the Full Council would be held at **7.30pm** on **Monday 27th February 2017** at **221 Whaddon Way, West Bletchley**.