

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2015 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY.

Present: Cllrs Belcher, Butson, Cockbaine, Crockett, Gibb, Harvey, Helder, Hircock, Kearon, Kelley, Legg, Long, McKenzie, Pancheri, John Phillips, Tony Phillips, Rahman, Revell, Sinclair and Thomas.

In attendance: Grant Gibson (MKC), the Clerk, the Head of Council Services and 4 members of the public

FC15/83 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Campbell, Reddy, Turnbull and Vaidyanathan

FC15/84 Declarations of Interest - None

FC15/85 Councillor Vacancies

Resolved: that Elaine Wales and Thomas Horan be co-opted to fill the vacancies in the Fairways Ward (each co-opted separately by majority vote in accordance with Paragraph 39 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972)

FC15/86 Draft Berwick Drive Development Brief

Grant Gibson shared copies of the development brief, summarised its content and responded to questions regarding the outline proposals to build council houses on the Berwick Drive Garage site.

FC15/87 Public Questions

A resident of Shenley Road asked the Council to support a proposal to revise the parking layout in the parking bay located opposite the Cambian Bletchley Park School to enable it to accommodate more parked cars. Cllr Legg agreed to ask MKC to provide this Council with a briefing note of its response to this proposal which would, when received, be submitted for the consideration of Planning & Environment Committee.

FC15/88 Ward Items – None

FC15/89 Minutes of Meeting of Full Council held on 17th August 2015

The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Belcher as a correct record of the meeting. It was noted that Cllr Vaidyanathan had asked that a substitute be appointed to take his place at the NALC Conference to be held on 2nd December 2015 and agreed that Cllr Gibb be appointed as the representative.

FC15/90 Requests for membership of the Council Committees - None

FC15/91 Chair's Announcements

The Chair advised of events that she had attended since the last meeting. This had included Cheque Presentations to this year's nominated Carnival Charities and meetings of both the Parish Advisory and Public Health Bletchley Stakeholders groups.

FC15/92 Parking in West Bletchley

Resolved: that this Council agrees:

- i) To reinstate the annual programme of funding new parking bays within the parish.
- ii) To seek match funding for new parking bays from Milton Keynes Council's parish parking fund.
- iii) Following consultation with residents, to work with Milton Keynes Council to replace derelict garages either by new parking bays (as has been done on the Lakes estate) or by new OAP bungalows, on sites where MKC owns the land, and new parking provision nearby.

- iv) Following consultation with residents, to seek to secure the conversion of areas of derelict or un-used land to provide extra parking.
- v) To press for the adoption of further double yellow lines to stop parking on dangerous corners, but only when extra parking provision has been agreed nearby and has resident support.

FC15/93 Minutes of the meetings of the Council's Committees

Resolved that:

- i) the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meetings held on 7th September 2015 be received,
- ii) the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 21st September 2015 be received,
- iii) the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 5th October 2015 be received.

FC15/94 Planning Application – 15/02456/TCA - Notification of intention to remove basal and epicormic growth of 1 Lime tree (T2), fell 8 Ash trees (T3, T7, T9, T10, T11, T12, T23 and T24), fell 3 Lawson Cypress trees (T4, T5 and T31), fell 1 Western Red Cedar (T6), crown clean 1 Atlantic Cedar (T8), fell 10 Sycamore trees (T13, T14, T15, T16, T17, T19, T20, T21, T22 and T32), fell 1 Hawthorn tree (T18), fell 1 Holly tree (T25), fell 3 Irish Yew trees (T26, T27 and T35), fell 1 Japanese Cedar (T28), fell 2 English Yew trees (T29 and T34) and remove Ivy on 1 False Acacia (T33), St Marys Church, Church Green Road

Resolved: that this Council has **no objection** to this application but requests that the Planning Officer considers placing a condition on this permission for a form of replacement planting in the area denoted G34.

FC15/95 Business Plan

Resolved: that the Business Plan 2016/19 (as enclosed with the agenda) be adopted subject to the agreed amendment relating to 'current provision'.

FC15/96 Local Council Award Scheme

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Head of Council Services be received,
- ii) this Council confirms that it complies with the published standards for the Local Council Award Scheme Quality Gold Award and that it publishes on its website:
 - A business plan covering a financial forecast for at least 3 years linked to revenue and capital plans for the council and its community,
 - An annual report, online material and at least 4 bulletins a year with evidence of:
 - Engaging with diverse groups in the community using a variety of methods.
 - Community engagement leading to positive outcomes for the community.
 - A broad range of council activities including innovative projects.
 - Co-operating constructively with other organisations.
- iii) this Council also confirms adoption of the following policy documents (as submitted with the agenda):
 - West Bletchley Council delivers Value for Money Services
 - West Bletchley Council meets its duties in relation to Biodiversity
 - West Bletchley Council meets its duties in relation to Crime and Disorder
 - West Bletchley Council provides leadership in Planning for the Future of the community
 - West Bletchley Council manages the performance of the Council as a corporate body and of each individual staff member and councillor to achieve its business plan.

FC15/97 Community Asset Transfer

Resolved: that this Council notes that there has been no progress in relation to the proposed Community Asset Transfers since the last meeting.

FC15/98 Consultations

a) Berwick Drive Development Brief

Resolved: that this Council:

- i) supports the principle of using this site for the provision of new council housing,
- ii) considers that the site should be used to provide accommodation for older people,
- iii) acknowledges that Milton Keynes Council has advised that its priority is to concentrate on providing family housing but argues that the priority for West Bletchley, based on the extent of its aging population as identified in the emerging West Bletchley Neighbourhood Plan, is to provide accommodation for its growing elderly population.

b) Proposed merger of Bletchley and Great Holm Fire Stations

Resolved: that this Council:

- i) questions whether the closure of Great Holm Fire Station would be in the public interest of the residents of Milton Keynes,
- ii) considers that the proposal to relocate services from Bletchley Fire Station should be subject to further assessment,
- iii) would wish to see proposals established for an alternative police presence in Bletchley prior to any closure of Bletchley Police Station.

FC15/99 Matters relating to External Bodies

Resolved that:

- i) the reports be received,
- ii) Cllrs Belcher and Harvey be appointed to attend the BMKALC AGM and Cllr Belcher be authorised to vote on behalf of this Council.

FC15/100 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.

FC15/101 Frank Moran Centre

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Clerk be received,
- ii) the Council approves the revised plans for the extension of the Frank Moran Centre,
- iii) the Clerk be authorised to implement arrangements for a revised programme of works in accordance with confidential minute no.FC15/101iv)a).

FC15/102 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the Full Council would be held at **7.30pm on Monday 14th December 2015 at 221 Whaddon Way, West Bletchley.**

Chair of Council