



FAIRFIELDS ANNUAL RESIDENTS MEETING

**THURSDAY 23/05/24 AT THE SPORT HUB, APOLLO AVENUE, FAIRFIELDS,
MK11 4BA
19h00-20h30**

MEETING NOTES

17 members of the public attended

PUBLIC ART (Give your input)

Developers have an obligation to contribute to public art and Milton Keynes City Council appoint the Architect. David Pierce (Founder of Dallas-Pierce-Quintero (DPQ))

To explore further and read up about this project, select the following URL:

<https://www.explorefw.org.uk/about/>

Head over to our website to see the presentation that David did.

https://fairfields-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/240523_Fairfields_public_art.pdf

If you have any further ideas or things that you would like to be considered in the project, please contact David Pierce. david@d-p-q.uk

MILTON KEYNES UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL (MKUH)

Andrea Vincent MBE (MKUH Public Governor)-Engaging with our Communities.

Andrea gave an update on the new development happening at MKUH.

Milton Keynes University Hospital 2030 Estates Vision

Milton Keynes is a fast-growing city which requires a healthcare system that can continue to meet the needs of its community. At Milton Keynes University Hospital (MKUH), we recognise this need and seek to develop a hospital that continues to provide the best in acute healthcare. Our MK View: 2030 Estates Vision sets out our plan to deliver a technologically advanced hospital estate that offers additional service capacity and clinical enhancements.

In May 2023, it was announced by the Secretary of State of Health and Social Care that MKUH would receive funding to build a new Women's and Children's Hospital with additional surgical capacity as part of the government's New Hospital Programme (NHP). The NHP is the most extensive national hospital improvement programme in a generation. At MKUH, we are using this as an opportunity to transform how we see and treat patients to meet their needs today and in the future.

For further information on the project, copy the following URL:

<https://www.mkuh.nhs.uk/mkview/estates-projects/mkuk-nph>

New Radiotherapy Centre

Construction work on our brand-new Radiotherapy Centre is now underway. The new Radiotherapy Centre, which will be located adjacent to the Cancer Centre, will complete the cancer services offering available at MKUH, improving access to healthcare for Milton Keynes residents.

Currently, patients in Milton Keynes have to travel to neighbouring hospitals for Radiotherapy treatment, with Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) being the local specialist site. This new facility, which is being delivered in partnership with OUH, will ensure patients will no longer have to make long journeys to receive their care, enabling them to have their treatment closer to home.

MKUH are looking for some more local Public Governors

What is a Public Governor?

- Public Governors are elected to represent their interests on the Council of Governors.
- Separate from the Board of Directors, which is responsible for running the Trust.

What is the Council of Governors?

- A body with 26 MKUH Governor seats, including Staff Governors and Appointed Governors.
- Links members of the public, hospital staff and the Trust Board of Directors.
- Platform for ideas, feedback and concerns of local people and patients.
- Helps the Trust make continuous improvement and meet the needs of local people.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact:

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Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
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OUTREACH SERVICE

MK CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Ben Thomas (Director) gave an update on the draft collaborative agreement between Fairfields and Whitehouse Community Councils, which is anticipated to start week commencing 22 July, on a fortnightly basis and will be alternated between the two locations. Residents are already using the CAB service; however, we will be bringing this more local.

Citizens Advice Milton Keynes is a local charity that has been providing advice, support, and assistance to communities across the city since 1972.

The bureau advises people on important matters affecting their daily lives, such as debt, welfare benefits, and housing. They can also help you if you are having problems at work or you are going through a relationship breakdown and can refer you to a range of other organisation's, even if your problem is something they can't deal with.

All the advice services are **free, confidential, and impartial**. More information will be circulated once everything has been finalised.

RESIDENTS QUESTIONNAIRE

Jake Bloomfield (Chair) gave an overview of the results and next steps.
111 Electronic Respondents and 33 Hard copy respondents; **Total = 144**

The full details will be circulated shortly however, the top eight areas where respondents felt were poor:

1. Bus shelter and community transport.
2. Litter bins.
3. Activities for elderly and lonely people.
4. Community Events.
5. Community safety & CCTV.
6. Speed indicator devices.
7. Community meeting spaces.
8. Activities for young people.

The six areas that scored highest of importance to respondents are:

1. Open spaces, parks & play areas.
2. Community safety & CCTV.
3. Grass cutting & ground maintenance.
4. Bus shelter and community transport.
5. Litter & Graffiti.
6. Activities for Young People.

The top three preferred communication channels were:

1. **Post** (unfortunately, we have no powers to do anything about the current lack of service).
2. **Email** (94 people responded however, only 20 residents gave their email address).
3. **Facebook** (we already have a Facebook page called Fairfields Community Council), this is separate to the Fairfields Community Group page.

All 71 comments that were made will be answered and circulated shortly.

If you have not already done so and wish to receive updates and information from Fairfields Community Council (FCC), please send a message with your email address to: clerk@fairfields-pc.gov.uk

COMMUNITY SAFETY & CCTV

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS

As this was an important topic that came out of the recent Residents Survey, we invited our local PCSO's, who we were very grateful, were able to attend as their shift allowed. Lilley Maxey (PCSO) and a representative from Thames Valley Police attended.

Burglaries, anti-social behaviour and the visibility of officers were discussed.

There has been a significant amount of money invested in putting officers back on the beat and be more visible, we should start to see this from September onwards. The officers were also very thankful for this as they are currently very stretched.

The car park off Maximus Drive was brought up and it has been confirmed that The Developer will be putting in a controlled barrier, before handing this over to FCC. Timescale, Clerk continues to chase the developer on this matter however, we don't anticipate that this will be done before the legal handover of the allotment site, which is in progress.

It is important that if residents have any issue regarding burglaries or anti-social behaviour, that it is reported as follows:

If something is in progress, then dial 999.

If something has happened and you have details, dial 101.

The more calls that the police get on certain incidents, the more they can build a picture, which helps them in the long run. Don't wait, hoping that someone else has reported an incident!

Jake Bloomfield (Chair) confirmed that FCC has budgeted for a CCTV service with Crimewave. This service will mean that a CCTV camera will be deployed to various areas around Fairfields, which are deemed as hotspots for crime and anti-social behaviour. We will be working with the various authorities on this issue.

OPEN SPACES, PARKS AND PLAY AREAS

THE PARKS TRUST

Julian Kendall (Lead Community Ranger) gave an overview of The Parks Trust.

Established as an independent charity in 1992, The Parks Trust expertly cares for over 6,000 acres of beautiful and inspirational green space in Milton Keynes including parks, ancient woodlands, lakes, river valleys and 80 miles of landscaped areas along the city's grid roads.

In most towns and cities, parkland is owned by the local authority, but Milton Keynes' founders were pioneers and decided to do things differently. Their vision was to create a new town where the parkland and landscapes would be **protected forever** by a charity that was separate from local government. Doing so would ensure that, as the new town grew, its green spaces would never be compromised or have to fight for funding.

That all became a reality when The Parks Trust was set up in 1992. The new charity was given a 999-year lease on a total of 4,500 acres of Milton Keynes and an endowment of property valued at £20m. Returns on these carefully managed investments generate the primary source of income required to fund the charity's wide-ranging work today and forever.

Over 100 staff and 240 volunteers deliver the essential work of The Parks Trust. In addition to landscaping and maintenance tasks, that also includes providing valuable recreation and leisure facilities, connecting communities at over 500 outdoor events each year and advancing public education around the wildlife, biodiversity and the environment.

As Milton Keynes grows, so does The Parks Trust. Each year, the charity takes on new green spaces and endowments from developers to cover costs in perpetuity. This approach ensures that all new areas of the city benefit from the same quality of inspiring, connected landscape and Milton Keynes remains a great place to live, work and play.

FCC are working with the developer to get a finalised map of who will be responsible for all areas within Fairfields; this will be shared with residents in due course.

The Parks Trust will be responsible for managing all the play areas and certain open spaces. Play equipment is installed by the developer, with no prior collaboration with The Parks Trust. Once the parks are at a suitable Parks Trust standard, they are then handed over.

CUTTING GRASS AND GROUND MAINTENANCE

HEGARTY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Lee Marston (Director) and Rachel Wright (Property Manager) attended the meeting and presented their Landscaping Maintenance schedule.

Please note that this schedule is not exact in so far as the weather conditions will play a part. This is to give residents an idea of when various tasks will take place throughout the year.

Head over to our website for a copy of the schedule(s):

<https://fairfields-pc.gov.uk/management-companies/>

It is important that residents, as the 'eyes and ears' of Fairfields, report anything like dead trees to Hegarty.

It is just as important that residents do understand that not all landscaping is managed by Hegarty. I am happy for residents to send me an email clerk@fairfields-pc.gov.uk on any landscaping issues that you are not happy about and I will ensure that they are sent to the correct company, who manages each area.

Alternatively, if you are sure, it is Hegarty Property Management, please email them: hello@hegartypm.co.uk

We would like to thank the residents who attended the meeting and look forward to more engagement with our residents, via various community events.

We aim to start small and build on more events. If you would like to volunteer to support events, please do send through your contact details to:

clerk@fairfields-pc.gov.uk