

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 9th January 2025 @ 19h00

Location: Fairfields Sports Hub, Apollo Avenue, Fairfields, MK11 4BA

Councillors Present: Jake Bloomfield (Chair), Shelley Holmes, Ron Holmes, Lauren Scott-Turner, Surjeet Singh.

Councillors Absent: Jennifer Wilson-Marklew.

Officer present: Vicky Mote (Clerk/RFO).

Members of the public: Two members of the public present.

Presenters Present: Fiona Boundy-MKCC Public Art representative (virtual attendance).
Juliet Quintero from Dallas–Pierce–Quintero (virtual attendance).

Meeting started at 19h00.

MINUTES

FC24/25-119 Public question time, including Ward Councillor updates.

In accordance with Standing Order 1(d), members of the public may ask questions on any matters dealt with by full Council, which are included on this agenda.

A member of the public asked the following question:

Controlled crossing on Watling Street near roundabout onto Vespasian Road. Can you ask Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) if they will be putting up staggered barriers to filter pedestrians towards the controlled crossing as children are just running across the road and not waiting for the lights to turn green. It was confirmed that the controlled crossing at Whitehouse does have these barriers set up. Clerk confirmed she would ask MKCC Highways.

The Chair proposed that Agenda Item 124 Public Art be moved forward to the next item, council AGREED.

FC24/25-120 Declarations of Interests in respect of relevant items of business on the agenda. In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, Section 29(1). There were no declarations.

FC24/25-121 Requests for Dispensation.

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, Section 33. As an allotment tenant, as an allotment tenant, Cllr Surjeet Singh requested a four-year dispensation on any discussions and voting relating to Allotments, for the following reasons:

Section 33.2 (a) without the dispensation the number of persons unable to participate in the transaction of council business/matter would be so great as to impede the transaction of the council business/matter.

Section 33.2 (c) the dispensation is in the interest of persons living in the authority's area.

Council RESOLVED to accept the application.

FC24/25-122 Apologies for absence.

No apologies received.

FC24/25-123 Minutes of Full Council held on Thursday 14th November 2024.

Council RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14 November 2024 be accepted as a true copy; duly signed by the Chair. The December meeting was cancelled due to there being no key business to transact.

FC24/25-124 Public Art Update

Fiona Boundy from MKCC introduced herself as the new Public Art representative.

Juliet Quintero from Dallas–Pierce–Quintero attended the meeting and presented an update on the Public Art project. Different ideas were presented, which Council were open to. Juliet is proposing to present at the next full council meeting so that residents can view and comment.

FC24/25-125 Finance. **

1. Payments: Council noted and ratified the list of payments made from 01/11/24 to 31/12/24.
2. Charge Card: Council noted and ratified the transactions made 01/11/24 to 31/12/24.
3. Finance Report: Council noted the YTD 31/12/24 position versus budget.
4. Grants: There were no grants to consider.

**** Full reports can be accessed through our website under Finance & Audit or requested from clerk@fairfields-pc.gov.uk**

FC 24/25-126 Budget/Precept 2025/26

1. Budget 2025/26: Clerk/RFO presented the draft budget, together with a detailed financial report for Council to consider and approve. Following discussion, Council RESOLVED to approve the 2025/26 budget as £119,339.
2. Precept 2025/26: Council RESOLVED to approve the precept requirement of £128,094. The annual increase from 2024/25 is £16.53/ per Band D Equivalent, which equates to an extra 32 pence per week. Details will be displayed on our website and in our next newsletter.
3. Reserves Policy: Council reviewed the policy and no changes were made.
4. Risk Management Schedule 2025/26: Council reviewed and approved.

FC24/25-127 Reports. **

1. Clerk: gave a brief update. Cllr Shelley Holmes asked about the green clothing bin that has been deposited on the verge opposite Apollo Green. Clerk confirmed she had been in contact and is waiting for a call back to have the bin removed as permission was not requested.
2. Councillors: there were no reports to note.
3. Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC): there were no updates.
4. Developer (Barratts/David Wilson): the only update was regarding the fence line on Apollo, this has been changed to rail fencing, which is what it should have been.
5. Fairfields Sports Hub: no updates.

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FC24/25-128 Planning Applications (list circulated prior to meeting).

To review, consider and make a resolution as to responses to the following (*subject to further Planning Applications being notified after publication of this Agenda*).

24/01653/HOU At: 8 Claudius Way, Fairfields, MK11 4AL
 Proposal: Installation of an air source heat pump
Council RESOLVED not to make any comments.

FC24/25-129 Licensing Applications (list circulated prior to meeting).

To review, consider and make a resolution as to responses to the following (*subject to further Licensing Applications being notified after publication of this Agenda*).

Council noted the following Boroughwide application:

Howe and Co Fish & Chips, registration numbers: YR66 TFK, YT66 EOY, FJ64WFY, YY73 OMF, YY24FHP, YY24FHR, NV15LZX, V66FAC. Trading Mon-Sun 12h00-14h00 & 16h00-21h00.

FC24/25-130 Consultations/Surveys.

1. Draft City Council Budget 2025/26 | Milton Keynes City Council, deadline 15/01/25.
2. Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England - GOV.UK deadline 26/02/24.

Clerk confirmed that she had responded individually and gave further explanation to Council on the history of this topic. Councillors confirmed they would review and come back with comments.

FC24/25-131 Future Agenda Items and next Meeting(s).

1. Future agenda items for consideration.
Council to review and agree next steps on our Facebook page, which is currently too similar a name to the residents' page.
2. Council NOTED the next full council meeting:
 - a. Thursday 13 February 2025 at 19h00.
 - b. Thursday 13 March 2025 at 19h00.
 - c. Thursday 10 April 2025 at 19h00

Meeting ended at 20h24