

FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 14th November 2024 @ 19h00

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

Councillors present: Jake Bloomfield (Chair), Shelley Holmes, Ron Holmes, Surjeet Singh

Officer present: Vicky Mote (Clerk/RFO).

Members of the public: Three members of the public present

Meeting started at 19h00.

MINUTES

FC24/25-102 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.

The public asked the following questions, Clerk responded with updates:

1. Parking on Fairfields (Cicero corner).
Clerk had circulated the highway code, as a reminder to residents, regarding no parking on corners. FCC has no powers to enforce the highway code.
2. When are we getting the bus reinstated in Fairfields?
Response from Ward Cllr Akash Nayee. Due to the spiraling costs of running the bus service and it being underused, MKCC has no plans to reinstate the service. MKCC confirms that they have carried out a road safety assessment regarding the route from Fairfields to Whitehouse and have scheduled improvement works in 25/26 financial year.

Clerk continues to liaise with Arriva regarding a service to Fairfields.

3. When is the Fairfields shop due to open?
Still waiting for an update from the developer, we continue to chase regularly.
4. When will the roads be completed?
The roads are the last thing that a developer completes when they are ending the building phase and there is no longer heavy-duty vehicles required. It looks like this is imminent.
5. What is being done about the anti-social behaviour in the Maximus Car Park?
FCC got the developer to install a car park barrier and requested that a combination lock be installed. The car park will fall under the responsibility of FCC once the legal transfer of the allotment sites are completed, currently in progress.

FC24/25-103 Declarations of Interests in respect of relevant items of business on the Agenda. In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, Section 29(1). Council to receive and note. None declared.

FC24/25-104 Requests for Dispensation.

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, Section 33. No new requests received.

FC24/25-105 Apologies for absence.

Council RESOLVED to accept the absence of Cllr Lauren Scott-Turner.

FC24/25-106 Minutes of Full Council held on Thursday 12th September 2024.

Council RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12th September 2024 be accepted as a true copy; duly signed by the Chair. The October meeting was cancelled due to not being quorate.

FC24/25-107 Finance. **

1. Payments: Council NOTED and ratified the list of payments made from 01/09/24 to 31/10/24.
2. Charge Card: Council NOTED and ratified the transactions made 01/09/24 to 31/10/24.
3. Finance Report: Council NOTED the YTD 31/10/24 position versus budget.
4. Lloyds Bank-Treasurers' Account: Council noted and discussed correspondence October 24 regarding enforced change from Treasurers' Account to Community Account. Council RESOLVED to remain with Lloyds Bank and accept the newly imposed changes and bank charges.
5. NJC Pay scales: Council NOTED the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024, to be backdated to 01/04/24.
6. Grants: There were no grants to consider.

**** Reports available on our website or on request to clerk@fairfields-pc.gov.uk**

FC24/25-108 Operations

1. Dog & Litter Bins: Council considered the three quotes presented by the Clerk and RESOLVED to remain with our existing contractor Marcus Young Environmental for a period of three-years.
2. Virtual Meetings: Council considered the three quotes presented by the Clerk and RESOLVED to go ahead with the Meeting OWL 4+ as a mobile solution, which has a 30-day return policy should it not be suitable.

FC24/25-109 Reports. **

1. Clerk: gave an update from previous meeting minute actions.
2. Councillors: there were no reports to note.
3. Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC): Clerk confirmed no updates received, will chase again.
4. Developer (Barratts/David Wilson): Clerk presented updates received.
5. Fairfields Sports Hub: Clerk confirmed new Head of Operations appointed, no other updates.

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FC24/25-110 Allotments.

1. Clerk gave an update:
 - All signed tenancy agreements received.
 - New allotment year rents have all been received apart from one on Marius.
 - Currently nobody is on the waiting list.
 - Three tenancies terminated and three new tenancies issued on Maximus.
 - 23 vacancies on Maximus allotment site.
2. Allotment complaint MX38, council RATIFIED their decision to keep the tenants deposit and get plot cleared. Council also agreed to review the allotment tenancy agreement regarding Notice to Quit period, which should be 30-days.

3. **Allotment Tenancy Agreement**, council to agree updates.
The National Allotment Society legal team agreed that FCC has a more than fair warning process. However, the interpretation of the law states that when using "Notice to Quit", you have to give tenants 30 days-notice in its own right. Council RESOLVED to amend the terms under section "10. Breach of Tenancy". Tenants will get 14 days warning prior to issuing the- 30-day Notice to Quit. Tenants will only be allowed one Notice to Quit warning in any allotment year.
4. **Allotment Rules & Regulations**, council to agree updates.
Council RESOLVED to agree the updates presented by the Clerk. Section 6 Tenant Breach of Rules, 3.2 (a) cultivation percentage, 3.2 (f) no-dig principles.
5. **MKCC grant to improve Maximus Allotment site**, council to consider.
Council reviewed the offer presented by MKCC and RESOLVED to agree to the £4,500 grant offer to use to get stones removed and bulk delivery of compost to improve soil quality.
6. **Non-resident allotment tenancy**, council to agree fees.
Council considered the charges and RESOLVED that any non-resident of Fairfields who wants to take on an allotment plot, should not be subsidised by Fairfields public purse and therefore, will be charged at double the plot rates. 75sqm plot at £80 and 125 sqm plot at £110, excludes annual administration charge.

FC24/25-111 Biodiversity.

1. **Community Orchard**, council to consider proposal.
Clerk confirmed she had met with the Chair of Mid Shires Orchard Group to initially find out if both Apollo Green and Maximus Allotment site would be suitable for growing a community orchard, the answer was yes. Council RESOLVED that the Clerk go ahead and engage with the community to find out if anybody will be interested in getting a working group together to discuss and put forward a proposal to full council to consider.

FC24/25-112 Risk Assessments (Assets)

Council NOTED the report presented by the Clerk, mainly refurbishment of benches and seats required in the Spring when the weather is warmer. Full allotment site(s) and strimming equipment still to be assessed.

FC24/25-113 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*). No new application to consider. Clerk pointed out to Council that the developer L&Q had withdrawn their application 24/01716/NMA to extend Apollo Avenue, due to road layout design issues highlighted by MKCC.

FC24/25-114 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*). No new applications to consider.

FC24/25-115 Consultations.

1. Remote meetings and voting - National consultation: closes 19/12/24. Clerk reminded Councillors to review and respond.

FC24/25-116 Youth Club

Council to consider the initial proposal and agree to next steps. Clerk presented the YMCA Youth Work Packages for council to review and consider. Clerk also confirmed that she had approached MK DonsSET to see if they wanted to do a joint venture. Council RESOLVED that the Clerk carry out a community survey on this topic to see if there is any interest from residents.

FC24/25-117 Event Updates.

Council to consider and make a resolution to approve any decisions.

1. Quiz night. Clerk confirmed eight people had booked to date.
2. Eat Street. Clerk confirmed, will put this on the back burner until Spring/Summer.
3. Santa Sleigh. Clerk asked Cllr Ron Holmes if he would liaise with The Rotary Club to confirm a route for us to circulate.
4. Fairfield's Primary School fireworks event. Clerk confirmed she had reached out to the school regarding running a joint event, no response to date.

FC24/25-118 Future Agenda Items and next Meeting(s).

1. Future agenda items for consideration. None.
2. Council NOTED the next full council meeting on Thursday 12th December 24 at 19h00.

Meeting ended at 20h45