

## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 @ 19h00

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

**Councillor Present:** Jake Bloomfield, Shelley Holmes, Ron Holmes, Surjeet Singh.

**Members of the Public:** None

Meeting started at 19h00

### MINUTES

#### **FC24/25-147 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. No public present.

**FC24/25-148 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. No interests declared.

#### **FC24/25-149 Requests for Dispensation.**

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, Section 33.

Cllrs Shelley Holmes, Ron Holmes and Surjeet Singh have a dispensation in place relating to any allotment discussions.

#### **FC24/25-150 Apologies for absence.**

Council RESOLVED to accept apologies from Councillor Lauren Scott-Turner.

#### **FC24/25-151 Minutes of Full Council held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

Council RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025, be accepted as a true copy; duly signed by the Chair.

#### **FC24/25-152 Finance.**

1. Payments: Council NOTED and RATIFIED the list of payments made from 01/02/25 to 28/02/25.
2. Charge Card: Council NOTED and RATIFIED the transactions made 01/02/25 to 28/02/25.
3. Finance Reports: Council NOTED the YTD 28/02/25 position versus budget and bank balances. Lloyds Community account £74,086.34, Lloyds Charge Card £124.56, Redwood Savings £51,254.90.
4. Grants: There were no grants to consider.

#### **FC24/25-153 Reports \*\***

1. Clerk: to report on updates from previous meeting minute actions.  
**New noticeboard** will be installed outside All Hallows Play Park on Cicero, week commencing 17/03/25.  
**Public Art**, update to be included in Spring 25 newsletter.  
**Allotment Water Meters** have been installed.  
**Green Clothing Bin** has been removed.  
**Community Bus Service**, the first project meeting to take place 13/03/25.

2. Councillors: there were no councillor reports to note or consider.
3. Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC): to note updates.  
**Tudor gardens redway**: There has been a frustrating delay to ensure that MKCC comply with the various ecology regulations. They will look at the possibility of putting down temporary wood chipping surface to keep the ground dry.  
**School crossing**: should take place before MKCC adopts the road.  
**Safety railings at controlled crossing on Watling Street**: MKCC will be installing and will advise of timescales as soon as possible.
4. Developer (Barratts/David Wilson): to note updates.  
**Shop/Café**: now that the heavy works have been completed for the TESCO Express, the developer will now look at all applications.  
**GSN fencing**: Ecologist has advised conditions are not suitable at the moment, hope to remove it in April 25.  
**Road resurfacing**: will take place in April 25 when the daytime temperature warms up and is acceptable for the type of material which they are required to lay.  
**Flora Gardens flooding**: Developer has confirmed that they think they have paved over a gully and will investigate further.
5. Fairfields Sports Hub: no updates to report on.

\*\* All detailed update reports can be found on our website [www.fairfields-pc.gov.uk](http://www.fairfields-pc.gov.uk) under **Meetings/Issue Log Updates**

#### **FC24/25-154 Community Building**

Council to discuss the next steps. Clerk asked Council if they wished to re-consider the location behind the TESCO Express, due to the delayed planning application from the developer for the original site, next to Fairfields Primary School. Council considered the pros and cons and RESOLVED not to change the site however, Clerk to arrange a meeting with key stakeholders (decision makers) at MKCC to get a commitment on the timeline to deliver Fairfields Community Building.

#### **FC24/25-155 Rebranding**

1. Council to agree the allotment signage in preparation for ownership.  
Council considered all options presented and AGREED to the final draft branded sign, Clerk to order two signs for Marius, three signs for Maximus allotment gates and one sign for Maximus car park barrier. Clerk to order two "No Parking" signs for both vehicle access gates and one for Maximus car park barrier.
2. Council to agree the new design for teardrop flags.  
Council AGREED to option one, where the graphic logo is at the top of the flag.  
All of the above costs are within the £1,000 rebranding budget.

#### **FC24/25-156 LITTER PICKING**

Council to review and agree the Litter Picking guide and Risk Assessment template.  
Council RESOLVED to accept the guide with a minor change under "After your litter pick", to state that the bags can be put out in your BLACK BIN on your normal collection day.  
Council REVOLVED that the Clerk put together a check list for volunteers to read through regarding the risk assessment.

#### **FC24/25-157 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*).  
There were no applications to consider.

**FC24/25-158 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*).

Boroughwide Application

Mr Guci Ices Ltd      Reg: R481OSH      Mon-Sun      13h00-20h00

Council NOTED.

**FC24/25-159 Consultations/Surveys.**

Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes. Council NOTED, deadline 24/03/25.

**FC24/25-160 Annual Events**

Council AGREED the following annual event dates for 2025:

Annual Residents Meeting: Thur 22 May 19h00-20h30

Quiz Nights: Thur 03 Jul and 18 Dec 19h30-21h30

Coffee Mornings/Afternoons: May to Nov (Times/Dates TBC)

Allotment Open Day: Sat 16/08/25    Marius 10h30-12h00    Maximus 14h00-15h30

**FC24/25-161 Facebook**

Council to discuss and agree next steps for re-launch of our Facebook page.

Council reviewed the information from Breakthrough Communications, NALC partner and

RESOLVED to trial the annual subscription to Council Hive Premium at £1997. Subscription to be taken out before 05 April 25, which will include a discount of 18 months for the price of 12 months.

Benefits include one-2-one help in setting up and relaunching our Website page, followed by other social media platforms, training videos, communications and compliance, regular bulletins, best practice, councillor unlimited access to Councillor Hub.

**FC24/25-162 Future Agenda Items and next Meeting(s).**

1. Future agenda items for consideration. None to consider.
2. Council AGREED the date for the Annual Residents Meeting on Thur 22 May 25.
3. Council AGREED that the next meeting on Thursday 10 April 25 at 19h00 is not required and therefore cancelled.

Meeting ended at 20h45