



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 19h00
In Fairfields Sports Hub, Apollo Avenue, Fairfields, MK11 4BA

Councillors present:

Jake Bloomfield-Chair, Shelley Holmes, Ron Holmes.

Councillors absent: Councillor Jovita Kodyte (no apologies received).

Officer present: Vicky Mote (Clerk/RFO).

Milton Keynes City Council present: Paul van Geete sent apologies.

Members of the public: None present.

Meeting started at 19h04.

FC23/24-145 Apologies

Council RESOLVED to accept apologies from Councillor Jennifer Wilson-Marklew.

FC23/24-146 Requests for Dispensation

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 S33.

Council RESOLVED to grant all councillors a dispensation for the maximum period of four-years in the matter of discussing the budget and setting the council's precept. Under S33, 2(c), Council considers that granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area.

FC23/24-147 Declarations of Interests

There were none.

FC23/24-148 Public questions time, including Ward Councillor updates

There were no public present.

FC23/24-149 Minutes

Council RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14 December 2023, be accepted as a true copy. Duly signed by Chair, councillor Jake Bloomfield.

FC23/24-150 Fairfields Community Council Budget 2024-2027

The Chair proposed that Council move this agenda item to the end once all other items had been addressed. All councillors AGREED.

1. The Clerk/RFO presented the draft budget, together with detailed financial report. Council discussed and NOTED the requirement for starting to include earmarked reserves for fitout of the new community building in 2025. Councillor Shelley Holmes noted the error of including General Reserves carried forward, Clerk to remove this figure from the reserves table.

2. Council discussed the draft budget presented and agreed the 2024/25 budget of £97,304, with a precept requirement of £104,403. The increase from 2023/24 is £33.79 per Band D Equivalent, which equates to an extra 65 pence per week. Council NOTED that the precept had not been increased since inception back in 2019.

3. Council reviewed and adopted the new Reserve Policy, NOTING the following to be listed as earmarked reserves:

Community Centre	£50,000
Allotment Deposits	£ 3,500
Four-month general reserves, calculated on total budget	£32,435
TOTAL	£85,935

4. Council reviewed and adopted the Risk Management Schedule. Clerk pointed out that this is a live document and will be updated when necessary.

FC23/24-151 Financial Matters

1. **Payments**, Council NOTED the list of payments made from 01/12/23 to 31/12/23, there were no queries.

DATE	SUPPLIER	AMOUNT	DETAILS
01/12/2023	Cloudy Group	41.99	Bronze Web hosting package-Nov 23
01/12/2023	Payroll-Nov 23	3,389.06	Includes PAYE & Pension
04/12/2023	Cloudy Group	41.99	Bronze Web hosting package-Dec 23
04/12/2023	Sure2Door	659.76	Winter Newsletter
20/12/2023	MK Play Association	60.00	Extra 15 x Craft packs
29/12/2023	Payroll-Dec 23	3,470.34	Includes PAYE & Pension
TOTAL		7,663.14	

2. **Finance Report**, Council NOTED the financial report showing receipts and payments versus budget to date 31/12/23. There were no queries.

3. **Grants**, there were no grants to consider.

FC23/24-152 Reports

1. **Clerk** gave an update on previous meeting minute actions.
2. **Councillors**, there were no reports to note.
3. **Milton Keynes City Council**, there were no updates to report.
4. **Developer (Barratts/David Wilson)**, it was noted that the pedestrian crossing at the top of Apollo Avenue is currently being completed. No further updates received; Clerk will circulate any further updates when received.
5. **Fairfields Sports Hub**, there were no updates. Clerk confirmed that she would liaise with the centre manager to find out what their intentions are regarding community engagement and allowing residents access to a playing field.

FC23/24-153 Operational

Clerk confirmed that the only update was the clearance works on vacant plots had now started on Maximus. Once completed, Clerk will then action getting the plots covered.

FC23/24-154 Planning Applications

23/00356/ENF At: 33 Tiberius Drive, Fairfields.
 Proposal: Description of alleged breach-extension to the house.
 Council awaiting a response.

- 23/02710/CLUP At: Land Adjacent Tudor Gardens Stony Stratford.
Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for the provision of a redway link and associated ancillary works between Fairfields and Tudor Gardens (Regulation 3 application under the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992). Notification only.
- 23/02742/DISCON At: Wea Area 11 Watling Street H2 To H3 Milton Keynes.
Proposal: Approval of details required by condition 9 (external lighting scheme) of permission ref. 21/03028/REM. Notification only.
- 23/02864/DISCON At: Land Off Watling Street (V4) Western Expansion Area ('Fairfield' - Areas 10.1 - 10.3) Milton Keynes Buckinghamshire.
Proposal: Approval of details required by condition 29 (Boundary Treatment Plan) of permission ref.05/00291/MKPCO. Notification only.
- 23/02895/DISCON At: Land Off Watling Street (V4) Western Expansion Area Parcel W Areas 10.1 - 10.3 Milton Keynes.
Proposal: Approval of details required by condition 16 (Drainage details and maintenance plan) of permission ref. 05/00291/MKPCO. Notification only.

FC23/24-155 Licensing Applications

Howe & Co fish and chip vans (6)

Boroughwide street trading consent renewal for Monday to Sunday 12h00-14h30 and 16h00-21h30. Council had no objections.

FC23/24-156 Consultations

Draft Milton Keynes City Council Budget 2024/25, deadline for comments by 31/02/24.

Get Around Milton Keynes, electric vehicles survey starting 06/09/23 and ending 31/03/24.

FC23/24-157 Biodiversity

Under the 2021 Environment Act, public authorities (including town and parish councils) operating in England. must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. Clerk presented the draft template circulated by Buckingham Association of Local Councils and asked Council to consider the details and come back to a future meeting with more details relating specifically to Fairfields Community Council. Council AGREED.

FC23/24-158 Events

Clerk asked Council to consider some ideas for an annual events calendar and bring back to the next meeting.

FC23/24-159 Future Agenda Items and next meeting

These were not agenda items at this time. As this meeting was moved on a week, Council agreed to CANCEL the meeting on Thursday 08 February 24 and hold the next full council meeting on Thursday 14 March 24, starting at 19h00.

Meeting ended at 20h09

NAME: Cllr Jake Bloomfield	CHAIR
SIGNATURE:	
DATE:	14/03/24