

FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 08 August 2024 @ 19h00
At Fairfields Sports Hub, Apollo Avenue, Fairfields, MK11 4BA

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

Officer present: Vicky Mote (Clerk/RFO).

Members of the public: No public present.

Meeting started at 19h00.

MINUTES

FC24/25-069 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. None.

FC24/25-070 Apologies. Council RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr Jennifer Wilson-Marklew.

FC24/25-070(a) Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

To note councillors' declarations of interest in matters on the agenda (Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act, councillor's are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting).

The Chair put a motion forward to add this standard agenda item, which had inadvertently been missed, council RESOLVED to go ahead.

Under the Localism Act 2011, section 33, Cllr's Ron Holmes, Shelley Holmes and Lauren Scott-Turner 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 applications.

FC24/25-071 Minutes.

Council RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11 July 2024 be accepted as a true copy; duly signed by the Chair.

FC24/25-072 Co-option.

Council had a couple of questions to ask the candidate; on the basis that they were not present at the meeting, Council RESOLVED to defer the decision until the candidate is available to attend a full council meeting.

FC24/25-073 Finance.

1. Payments: Council noted and ratified the list of payments made from 01/07/24 to 31/07/24.

FAIRFIELDS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PAYMENTS + RECEIPTS 01/06/24 - 30/06/24

DATE	SUPPLIER	AMOUNT	DETAILS
28/06/2024	VICKY MOTE	£785.42	Reimbursements
28/06/2024	ZURICH TOWN & PARI	£404.46	Insurance-Annual
28/06/2024	PAYROLL	£3,692.66	Jun-24
28/06/2024	MR B BRANDS & MRS	£50.00	MA02 Deposit Refund
28/06/2024	S2D LEAFLETS LTD - Inv 3343	£659.76	Summer newsletter
28/06/2024	WOUGHTON COMMUNITY - Inv 1256	£25.00	Strimmer fuel
28/06/2024	LUKE D LA BASIDE	£95.00	MX33 Rotovation (moved plot at FCC request
18/06/2024	MILTON KEYNES DONS - Inv 2798	£150.00	Room booking (CAB/coffee x 2)
12/06/2024	LINDA MARIE COOK	£157.50	Hedghog Highways (50)
11/06/2024	AUDITING SOLUTIONS	£342.00	Internal Audit
07/06/2024	MILTON KEYNES DONS - Inv 2691	£216.71	Meeting room May 24 - May 25
07/06/2024	CLOUDY GROUP - Inv D03752	£319.00	IT support + domain (annual) + web hosting
06/06/2024	RTM LANDSCAPES LTD	£770.00	Monthly Landscaping
	TOTAL	£7,667.51	

DATE	SUPPLIER	AMOUNT	DETAILS
06/06/2024	BEKTIK	£92.25	MA36 Deposit/Rent

BANK BALANCE 30/06/24	£115,518.39
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2. Charge Card: Council noted and ratified the transactions made 01/07/24 to 31/07/24.

LLOYDS CHARGE CARD REPORT - JULY 2024

DATE	SUPPLIER	AMOUNT	DD	DETAILS
01/07/2024	DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT - THANK YOU		-24.49	
16/07/2024	CASHBACK CREDIT		-0.2	
25/07/2024	Amazon.co.uk*7157350C5 AMAZON.CO.UK GBR	36.67		Gardena Tap Connectors 33.3 mm
20/07/2024	AMZNMktplace*Q05207IG5 amazon.co.uk GBR	27.7		Topways Hose Tap Connectors/Hose End quick connect
	TOTAL	64.37		

3. Grants: There were no grant applications to consider.

FC24/25-074 Financial Regulations.

Council reviewed the new NALC Model Financial Regulations as presented by the Clerk. With the following amendments, Council RESOLVED to adopt the new financial regulations.

Regulation 5.15 (c) Individual purchases within an agreed budget for that type of expenditure may be authorised by the council for all items above £2,001 (excluding VAT).

Regulation 6.6 A list of such payments shall be reported to the next appropriate meeting of the council for information only.

Council RESOLVED that under regulation 2.6, Cllr Ron Holmes be appointed as the member to verify bank reconciliations (for all accounts) on a quarterly basis and at each year end. Appointed member to be reviewed on an annual basis.

FC24/25-075 Reports.

All reports can be accessed via the website or on request from the Clerk.

1. Clerk: gave an update from previous meeting minute actions.
2. Councillors: nothing to report.
3. Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC):
The planning application 24/01716/NMA for minor amendments to the Apollo Avenue extension beyond the Primary School has been submitted. MKCC are expecting a similar application shortly for the Whitehouse side of the connecting road, including the crossover of Calverton Lane. When applications get approved, Redlawn will then be in a position to tender for the road delivery, which remains on course to get on site for Spring 25.
4. Developer (Barratts/David Wilson): no updates received.
5. Fairfields Sports Hub: Clerk met with CEO of MK Dons SET to discuss how we can best jointly co-ordinate community events, ongoing.

FC24/25-076 Operational.

1. Allotment Report: Clerk gave an update.
Tenancy agreements not returned MA=10 and MX=11.
Inspection warnings MA=7 and MX=11.
Waiting list = one resident and one non-resident due to move in.
Two plots offered MA=1 and MX=1.
One application due for viewing.

Tap Connections, been challenging due to connections not being standard size. Cllr Ron Holmes has ordered a 31mm connection to try. Tenants on Maximus have also shared details of tap connections they have purchased.

Council RESOLVED to purchase the new connections once sample tested and to reimburse tenants on receipt of a sales slip/invoice for tap connectors which they have purchased for the site.

2. Legal: Council to agree a solicitor to handle transfer of both allotment sites. Following feedback from councils across Milton Keynes, Clerk presented the options. Council RESOLVED to appoint The Wellers Group of solicitors to handle the allotment transfers.

FC24/25-077 Planning Applications (list circulated prior to meeting).

- 24/01529/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 10 (access and siting) of permission ref.05/00291/MKPCO. Notification only.
- 24/01571/PRIOR At: 5 Agrippa Crescent Fairfields Milton Keynes MK11 4AY.
Proposal: Prior Approval of single storey rear extension, with eaves of 2.4 metres and maximum height of 3.3 metres, extending 6 metres from the original rear wall. Notification only.
- 24/01716/NMA At: Wea Area 11 Watling Street H2 To H3 Milton Keynes.
Proposal: Non-material amendment seeking realignment of City Street Road 1, provision of a serviced road stub into land off City Street and curtailment of Commercial Road 4.

The realignment of Residential Road 3 with widening of bends and removal of visitor parking bays, widening of road 20 future expansion stubs at the junction with Link Road 3 and the lengthening of Residential Road 21 to meet the realigned road 3 (relating to permission ref. 18/00013/FULMMA for minor material amendments to application 08/01058/MKPCR for changes to road alignments). Notification only.

FC24/25-078 Licensing Applications (list circulated prior to meeting).

There were no applications to consider.

FC24/25-079 Consultations. There were no consultations to consider.

FC24/25-080 Allotment Tenant Socials. Council to consider:

1. If allotment tenant socials on site, within the public areas are allowed.
2. Council to consider the implications of public liability and rules that will need to be agreed and applied.

The Clerk gave an update following a discussion with our insurance company. Should tenants wish to hold a social event on an allotment site, which is outside their own plots and on the public access areas, the council would have to carry out a full risk assessment and would be liable should anything untoward happen.

Council RESOLVED that at this point in time, it would not allow social events on the public access areas of the sites and that alternative options would need to be investigated further by tenants. Clerk suggested that there are many other public access areas/green spaces outside the allotment sites where people could gather socially.

FC24/25-081 Event(s). Council to consider and agree to any ideas.

1. Cllr Ron Homes to make contact with The Rotary Club regarding the Santa Sleigh.
2. Cllr Jake Bloomfield has agreed to set up a Quiz for the end of the year. Clerk to look at room hire availability.
3. Clerk to look at options to hold an "Eat Street" event in Fairfields.

FC24/25-082 Future Agenda Items and next Meeting(s).

1. Council NOTED the next full council meeting on Thursday 12 September 24 at 19h00.

Meeting ended at 20h50.

DATE	NAME/POSITION	SIGNATURE
14/11/24	Cllr Jake Bloomfield (Chair)	