



FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Thursday 11 April 2024 at 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: One present.

Meeting started at 19h00.

FC24/25-001 Apologies. None received.
Absent. Councillor Jennifer Wilson-Marklew

FC24/25-002 Declaration of Interests.
In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Section 29(1). There were none.

FC24/25-003 Public question time, including Ward Councillor updates. None

FC24/25-004 Minutes.
Council RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14 March 2024, be accepted as a true copy; duly signed by the Chair.

FC24/25-005 Finance.
1. Payments: Council NOTED and RESOLVED to authorise the list of payments made from 01/03/24 to 31/03/24.

FAIRFIELDS COMMUNITY COUNCIL PAYMENTS 01-03-24 to 31-03-24

DATE	SUPPLIER	AMOUNT	DETAILS
01/03/2024	Cloudy IT (Inv: 6384)	41.99	Website Hosting-Mar 24
14/03/2024	Holliman (MA18)	50.00	Deposit refund
04/04/2024	Busines Charge Card	740.43	Monthly recharge
TOTAL		832.42	

2. Finance Report: Council NOTED the end of fiscal year receipts and payments vs budget report.
3. Charge Card: Council NOTED the transactions made 09/02/24 to 31/03/24.
4. Grants: There were no grants to consider.

FC24/25-006 Reports.
1. Clerk: gave an update on previous meeting minute actions.
2. Councillors: there were no reports to note.
3. Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC): there were no updates.
4. Developer (Barratts/David Wilson): to note updates.

Maximus Carpark Barrier

Still sitting with the developer, land will transfer with the allotment site. Developer will be installing a barrier before handover, which Fairfield's Community Council has insisted on.

Old Reservoir

Owned by the developer. Fairfield's Community Council has asked what their intention is for this land; currently sitting with the directors of developer, awaiting a response.

Shops

Awaiting update on progress regarding Café.

GSN Exclusion Fencing

Developer currently in discussion with contractor to get the green fencing removed.

Zip-wire Play Area

Works have started by IDVERDE however, now waiting for the ground conditions to improve to finish the works, this includes stabilising the zip wire platform.

5. Fairfield's Sports Hub: no updates to report on.

FC24/25-007 Operational.

1. Allotment Report Clerk confirmed that the progress in covering vacant plots has been slow due to high winds that have ripped the sheeting off. Clerk has tried to pin down the sheeting with additional pegs; this has not worked. Council confirmed that the benefits to the soil of covering the plots is still key. Council RESOLVED that the Clerk look at the costs of using paving slabs as extra weight to keep the sheeting down.

Clerk presented options for council to consider with regard to a council owned heavy duty strimmer and training to carry out ad-hoc plot maintenance. Clerk to look at the options for hiring out the strimmer to tenants.

Council RESOLVED to go ahead with costs in Option 1: In-House strimming at circa £877 for the purchase of a petrol strimmer and all the health & safety PPE equipment and training.

2. Financial Accounting Package. Clerk confirmed that post internal audit, the next step is to set up all the account codes and start using the new package.
3. IT Support. Clerk confirmed that the migration of Microsoft 365 would take place on Friday 19/04/24 and councillor training to follow.
4. Landscaping Contract. Council reviewed the three quotes obtained for the landscaping of Apollo Green and both allotment sites.

Council RESOLVED to offer the contract to RTM Landscapes Ltd, on a two-year contract with an initial cost of £7,100 (exc VAT) in year one, and the option to extend it for a further year.

FC24/25-008 Milton Keynes Citizens Advice.

Clerk confirmed that Whitehouse Community Council is open to further discussion on a collaborative agreement. Next step is for both Clerks to meet with MKCAB to discuss further in detail.

FC24/25-009 Planning Applications (list circulated prior to meeting).

24/00485/FUL At: Convenience Store Unit Apollo Avenue Fairfields Milton Keynes.
Proposal: Proposed installation of a new 75mm deep low-pressure loss standard bladed intake bladed discharge weather louvre with bird mesh behind & drip tray below weather louvre with bird mesh behind and proposed new 75mm deep low-pressure loss standard. There were no comments to add.

FC24/25-010 Licensing Applications (list circulated prior to meeting). No applications received.

FC24/25-011 Boroughwide Street Trading Consent – Renewal. Council NOTED the following renewal application:
Pecorella Whip (FJ72 WHP), Monday to Sunday 15:00 to 21:00

FC24/25-012 Consultations. No new consultations to consider.

FC24/25-013 Event(s).

Litter pick Saturday 30/03/24, Cllr Shelley Holmes confirmed that there were only two councillors and a couple members of her family that attended. Council discussed the option of agreeing to a number of dates throughout the year, which could be advertised well in advance. To be brought back to a future agenda.

FC24/25-014 Biodiversity

1. Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) Bucks + MK- Biodiversity Workshop 08/04/24. Clerk confirmed that she had attended the workshop, which was of some benefit but didn't really give ideas for smaller councils to consider. Further investigation is required.
2. Hedgehog Highways Project. Council discussed the concept and agreed that this is a good idea and goes towards our part in encouraging residents to save these spiky creatures from extinction. Council RESOLVED to purchase 50 Hedgehog Highway surrounds and 50 information leaflets, at a cost of £150. These items will be displayed at future events and meetings, where residents can help themselves. If interested, residents can also email: HedgehogsRus@mail.com

FC24/25-015 Future Agenda Items and next Meeting.

1. Annual residents meeting: Clerk to contact the following two potential presenters; PCSO's and Milton Keynes University Hospital regarding engaging with parishes. Date TBC.
2. Council to NOTE the next meeting: Annual Council meeting (AGM), followed by full council meeting on Thursday 09 May 24 at 19h00.

DATE:	NAME/POSITION	SIGNATURE
09/05/24	Jake Bloomfield (CHAIR)	