



MINUTES 17th Nov 2009 7pm at Rowans Centre, FS

PRESENT: Cllrs Paul Bartlett, Hilary Coley, Judy Deveson, Adrian Dneš, Rob Gifford (in the chair), Rosemary O'Sullivan, Richard Skellington, Deryck Tucker and Joan Walker.
The clerk Charles Brindley and information officer Ursula Lewis were in attendance. Nine members of the public were present.

As the guest speaker had not arrived and there were no other questions from the public, the chairman suggested that the formal part of the meeting should start and business would be suspended when the guest speaker arrived. This was agreed.

- 09/161 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest
- 09/162 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were no apologies for absence
- 09/163 MINUTES OF MEETINGS DATED 15 SEPTEMBER 2009: as previously circulated were **AGREED as a true record and signed (DT/AD).**
- 09/164 CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk's report was **NOTED**. The clerk advised that the meeting with the leader of MKC had been cancelled and would have to be rescheduled. The information officer updated the meeting on plans that were now in place to publicise the vacancy for a member in Galley Hill. Members discussed the latest crime statistics and considered whether reporting parameters had changed.
- 09/165 BUDGET 2010/11: A lengthy debate followed during which members expressed views that the precept would have to be increased for next year and identified additional areas where expenditure should be given consideration. It was **AGREED that (i) the consensus was that a nil increase of the precept in 2010/11 would be the wrong course of action, (ii) priorities for budget consideration should be youth provision for the 13+ age group and allotments and (iii) members allowances should be frozen at current levels irrespective of recommendations from the local panel.**

At this point and with the guest speaker having arrived, the chairman asked that standing orders be suspended so that the public session could be taken. This was agreed.

Public Speaking Time

Trevor Dove, MKC Traffic and Transport Manager, explained the process that was ongoing with the Traffic and Parking Review in the town and that work was ongoing to assess the negative impact that schemes may be having in different parts of the town. He advised that additional issues had now been raised on Russell St and Wolverton Rd and these were being investigated. A series of questions were asked by members of the public and members of the council and these were answered.

At this point, the meeting reconvened.

- 09/166 GRANT FUNDING 2010/11: It was **AGREED that the scheme for grant funding as detailed in the report should be adopted for the year 2010/11**
- 09/167 INTERNAL AUDIT 2009/10: It was **AGREED that Heelis and Lodge would be appointed as internal auditors for the year 2009/10**

- 09/168 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE: The draft minutes of the meeting held on 20 October were **NOTED**. Recommendations at mins F049/09 and F051/09 were **AGREED** and the work to be done at min F050/09 was **NOTED**.
- 09/169 PLANNING COMMITTEE: The minutes and draft minutes of the meetings held on 22 September and 27 October respectively were **NOTED**
- 09/170 PROJECTS COMMITTEE: The minutes and draft minutes of the meetings held on 6 October and 3 November respectively were **NOTED**. A discussion on the need to expand the Stony In Bloom project throughout the parish followed and the issues on the allotments were explained in more detail.
- 09/171 MKC PARISHES ASSEMBLY 1 OCTOBER 09: The report was **NOTED**. Cllr Dnes updated that the next meeting would be held on January 28 2010 and that MKP had failed to send a representative again.
- 09/172 MKAUPC AGM 8 OCTOBER 09: The report was **NOTED**
- 09/173 MKAUPC MEETING 8 OCTOBER 09: The report was **NOTED**
- 09/174 SLCC NATIONAL CONFERENCE 23-25 OCTOBER 09: The report was **NOTED**
- 09/175 BALC AGM: The verbal report from Cllr Dnes was **NOTED**
- 09/176 MK COMMUNITY MEDIATION SERVICE AGM 5 OCTOBER 09: The report was **NOTED**
- 09/177 BALC EXECUTIVE 7 OCTOBER 09: The report was **NOTED**
- 09/178 MKC WATLING WAY CENTRE REOPENING 16 OCTOBER 09: The report was **NOTED**. The clerk was requested to investigate the suitability and availability of the centre for meetings.
- 09/179 SS FUTURES GROUP UPDATE: The report was **NOTED**
- 09/180 SS NAG UPDATE: The verbal report from Cllr Skellington was **NOTED**
- 09/181 RESIDENT'S LETTER RE BUDGENS DELIVERIES: The correspondence was **NOTED**
- 09/182 MKC DRAFT STRATEGIC MARKET HOUSING ASSESSMENT UPDATE 2009: It was **AGREED that no response was needed.**
- 09/183 MKC ELECTION OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVE LSPE: It was **AGREED to rank Cllr Wilson as 1, Cllr Bartlett as 2 and Cllr Fraser as 3.**
- 09/184 MKC ELECTION OF URBAN PARISH REPRESENTATIVE LSP: It was **AGREED to write to MKC to seek a reason as to why the position wasn't appointed by MKAUPC. It was AGREED to rank Cllr Wilson as 1, Cllr Bartlett as 2 and Cllr Fraser as 3.**
- 09/185 MKC COMMUNITY LIAISON FUNDING SCHEMES 2010/11: The correspondence was **NOTED**
- 09/186 RESIDENT'S LETTER TRAFFIC REVIEW IN STONY STRATFORD: The correspondence was **NOTED**
- 09/187 MK TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP RAIL GROUP - PARISH REPRESENTATION: It was **AGREED to nominate Cllr Dnes**
- 09/188 DR PHYLLIS STARKEY MP 'AWARDS FOR ALL' PROGRAM: The correspondence was **NOTED**
- 09/189 MKC TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004: The correspondence was **NOTED**
- 09/190 MK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - COMMUNITY RESERVE SITES: It was **AGREED that no representation would be sent to the events**
- 09/191 MKC LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKING TOGETHER DISCUSSION EVENT: It was **AGREED that Cllr Dnes would represent the council at the event**
- 09/192 GRANT APPLICATION - STONY STRATFORD CRICKET CLUB: It was **AGREED to award a grant of £1000 once the applicant provided documentary evidence that the remainder of the funding for the project was in place.**
- 09/193 GRANT APPLICATION - CLASS: It was **AGREED to grant £500 as requested towards the cost of the switch-on day 2009.**
- 09/194 GRANT APPLICATION - MK COMMUNITY MEDIATION SERVICE: It was **AGREED to grant £200 to the service.** Cllr Dnes asked that his name be noted as being against the proposal.

09/195 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The following payments were **APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**
(RG/JW)

764A	MK YOUTH SERVICE	Reversal of lost cheque	(£ 960.00)
796	MK YOUTH SERVICE	Reissue of cheque no 764 – previously lost	£ 960.00
797	AYLESBURY MAINS	Market Sq feeder pillar works – SSFG	£ 3408.89
798	MARY SARRE	Replacement plants/seeds for Stony In Bloom	£ 118.24
799	MKC	Reluse collection – Farmers Market – Oct-Dec 09	£ 196.65
800	TONY PARSONS	Watering contract – Oct 09 – Stony In Bloom	£ 300.00
801	ALDERTON PLANTS	Winter Planting – Stony In Bloom	£ 1435.99
802	SLCC ENTERPRISES	HR Training Course – Nov 9 09	£ 109.25
803	SS BUSINESS ASSOC	Grant towards Xmas lights 2009	£ 525.00
804	BLOMS BULBS	Tulips for Wolverton Rd roundabout – SIB	£ 46.95
805	UNICOM	Telephone account – Oct 09	£22.82
B1109019	C BRINDLEY	Clerk’s salary –Nov 09	£ 1406.87
B1109043	U LEWIS	Information Officer’s salary – Nov 09	£ 409.11
B1109078	HM CUSTOMS AND REV	NI/PAYE Nov 09	£ 511.46
B1109108	BUCKS CC PENSIONS	Pension contributions – Nov 09	£ 651.86
B1109280	AH CONTRACTS	Dog/litter bin emptying – Oct 09	£ 338.31
B1109400	YORK HOUSE CENTRE	Junior youth club costs – Oct 09	£ 367.80
B1109191	STAPLES	Stationery Account – Oct 09	£ 72.95

At this point, the chairman moved to exclude members of the press and public in accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 sect 1.2 to discuss Personnel Matters

- 09/196 INFORMATION OFFICER OVERTIME PAYMENT: The payment was **AGREED** and it was **agreed that the funds should be drawn from the Stony In Bloom account**
- 09/197 REVISED SALARY SCALES EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 2009: It was **AGREED to introduce the revised salary scales with effect from 1 April 09**. It was further **AGREED that the terms and conditions would be amended to reflect the increase in holidays as reported.**

There being no further advertised business, the Chairman closed meeting at 21.15