

<p><b>Minutes of the Full Council Meeting</b>  <b>held at 7pm on</b>  <b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Town Hall,</b>  <b>Town Council Meeting Room, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton, MK12 5LY</b></p>	
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**Councillors present:** Cllr Moss, Cook, Hussain, Forbes, Saunders and Swanepoel-Leigh

**Also present:** Sally McLellan-Town Clerk, Ward councillor Norman Miles and potential councillor for co-option Retha Swanepoel-Leigh

**Absent:** Cllr Oladepo

<b>TC19/221</b>	<p><b>Update from the Mayor: Note the Mayors prior and forthcoming engagements.</b>  It was noted that the Mayor attended the following past events  Prime Pet Raffle – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019  It was noted that the Mayor has been invited to attend the following events  VE Day Celebrations – 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020  Dog Show – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020  Girlguiding Buckinghamshire – 7th June 2020</p>
<b>TC19/222</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b>  The following apologies were received:  Cllr Aiyeola  Cllr Riaz  Cllr Barby  Cllr Khan</p>
<b>TC19/223</b>	<p><b>Declarations of interest in any matter on the agenda</b>  None received</p>
<b>TC19/224</b>	<p><b>Minutes: Approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>  TC19/200 it was suggested that the council 100% subsidise the refreshments provided by the Christian foundation for the children performing and their families.  It was noted that Cllr Forbes provided her apologies at the November meeting for the December meeting.  It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the minutes of the Full Council</p>
<b>TC19/225</b>	<p><b>Co-option: Consider co-opting Retha Swanepoel-Leigh onto Stacey Bushes Ward</b>  It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to co-opt Retha Swanepoel-Leigh as a councillor for Stacey Bushes ward. Cllr Swanepoel-Leigh joined the meeting.</p> <p><b>TC19/226</b>  <b>Olugbade Olanrewaju Orimogunje onto Hodge Lea Ward</b>  This co-option was deferred until the February meeting.</p>
<b>TC19/227</b>	
<b>TC19/228</b>	<p><b>Finance:</b>  <b>Consider the request for additional Financial support from the Lantern Festival</b>  It was noted that no additional funding has been requested for the 2020 event, other than the £5,140 included in the council budget, as provided in 2019.</p> <p><b>Consider the request for financial support to purchase a community boat for the Canal and River Trust</b>  It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to vire £500 from the reserves budget heading to the community boat to contribute to the purchase of this asset.</p> <p><b>TC19/229</b>  <b>Consider submitting comments on Milton Keynes Council draft budget.</b>  It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to ask for clarification on the £35,000 saving which has been included for libraries to re-module the service, which will see some of the libraries turned into community</p>
<b>TC19/229</b>	

TC19/230	hubs, run by the community. The budget does not stipulate which libraries this applies to, but no discussions have taken place regarding Wolverton library, that the Town Council are aware of.
TC19/231	<p><b>Agree the scale of charges for 2020/2021.</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the scale of charges with a change to Caretaker time for £20 per hour plus VAT.</p>
TC19/232	<p><b>Receive the comments from the public on the budget proposals advertised in the December newsletter.</b> No comments were received from the public on the draft budget.</p>
TC19/233	<p><b>Consider projects to apply for match funding from Milton Keynes Council's Community Infrastructure Fund.</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously to submit the schemes for green roof bus stops, station travel plan backway improvements and the marking of parking bays.</p>
TC19/234	<p><b>Note the LCTRS and agree the budget for 2020/2021</b></p>
TC19/235	<p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the budget for 2020/2021 as submit, with a precept of £449,104.89 and the LCTRS at £32,694.11.</p>
TC19/236	<p><b>Agree the accounts for the month of December 2019</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the accounts for the month of December as listed.</p> <p><b>Agree the removal of Paul Fussell from the council bank accounts and agree a replacement</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to remove Paul Fussell from the council accounts and replace with Cllr Forbes.</p>
TC19/237	<p><b>Consider entering into new utilities contracts for Hodge Lea Meeting Place.</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to terminate the current supplier for the supply of gas and electric for Hodge Lea Meeting Place and enter into a new contract for gas with Positive energy for 36 months, and the supply of electric with Positive energy 24 months. Both of these contracts are for the supply of green energy, which adheres to the town council's climate change plan.</p> <p><b>Consider earmarking the funds from the 2019/2020 for the Summer Festival 2020</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to earmark £664.82 from the income received from the Summer Festival in 2019 to be used to provide the 2020 event.</p>
TC19/238	<p><b>Council Plan and Climate change update: Receive the updated council plan which incorporates the council's climate change plan</b> The report was received, and it was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pinders Croft Play area has been improved, but further works are required to create a Neighbourhood Play area.</li> <li>• An engagement plan has been created for climate change.</li> <li>• Funding bids have been made to DFT for station signage improvements as part of the Station Travel Plan.</li> </ul>
TC19/239	<p><b>Strengthening police powers to tackle encampments: Consider responding to the consultation for strengthening police powers to tackle encampments</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> for councillors to send comments on the consultation to Cllr Moss by 14<sup>th</sup> February for Cllr Moss to respond on behalf of the council.</p>
TC19/240	<p><b>Events:</b> <b>Receive the report on Remembrance Sunday</b> The meeting was suspended at 20.09 to hear from the public and then reconvened within the minute. The report was received and it was noted that there has been an increase in attendees at the Remembrance Sunday service. Improvements have been made with timing, thanks to the Masons. It was noted to ensure that all faiths are included in the commemorations to ensure inclusivity.</p>
TC19/241	<p><b>Agree councillor support at the council events and activities</b> Councillor Moss agreed to staff the new councillor stand at the Blue Light event in February, with Cllr Saunders and Hussain as support. Cllr Cook and Saunders volunteered to litter pick as part of the clean up event.</p>
TC19/242	<p><b>Town Hall</b> <b>Consider quotation for fire panel</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to reinstate the connection to the emergency services from the Fire panel with ACE security, with the annual monitoring fee.</p>
TC19/243	<p><b>Receive an update on the rental of the offices at the Town Hall.</b></p>

	It was noted that the offices at the Town Hall are again 100% occupied after two tenants vacated over Christmas.
<b>TC19/244</b>	<b>Water Tower- Consider the draft tenancy at will to occupy the Water Tower on Green Lane</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> approve the tenancy at will to occupy the Water Tower on Green Lane, but to ensure that the council will not be back dated for electricity charges or rates. This asset will then be progressed for transfer as part of the Community Asset Transfer programme, where a full survey on the property will be required.
<b>TC19/245</b>	<b>Hodge Lea croft alleyway improvements: Receive a report on the improvements to the alleyways in Hodge Lea to encourage street play</b> The report was received, and it was noted that the caretakers have been removing the overhanging vegetation and weeds on these paved alleyways, to bring them back into use. There is a focus on street play and sports currently. These alleyways could provide useful community space for play. Therefore, the Projects Officer is seeking feedback from residents in the newsletter on ideas for uses of these alleyways and looking at providing engagement activities in the Easter Holidays, supported by MKC Community Officer. This work would be linked to the Big Clean up as part of 'Keep Britain Tidy'.
<b>TC19/246</b>	<b>Planning applications:</b> <b>Proposal for the redevelopment of the Old Fire Station on Stratford Road: Submit comments on the proposed application</b> The meeting was suspended to receive comments from the Ward Councillor present. The council raised objections to the proposals as 28 bedrooms are being provided with only 9 electric parking bays. This may result in between 19 and 28 nonelectric cars abandoned on neighbouring streets such as Church Street / Aylesbury Street / McCorquodale Rd etc.
<b>TC19/247</b>	<b>Amended Proposal for High Park Drive 19/03027/REM Submit comments on the amended application</b> The council noted that the following comments previously submitted have not been addressed. These are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that the space meets the nationally described space standards for housing</li> <li>• Concern that the park is some distance away from the housing area</li> <li>• Concern that there is only one access point in and out of the estate</li> </ul>
<b>TC19/248</b>	<b>Citizens Advice Bureau: Receive the report on services accessed in the parish and consider proposals to provide prevention services locally.</b> It was noted that Wolverton has recently been assigned a new case worker, Paige to run the outreach service in Wolverton on a Friday. The two most common issues to visit the outreach service in Wolverton were debt and PIP claims. The highest reason for debt was council tax repayments. The highest area of the parish with this issue is Wolverton, closely followed by Stacey Bushes. The Clerk to work with Cllr Forbes to publicise the debt advice services provided at the Kings Community Church and whether this service could be provided in other parts of the parish, including Stacey Bushes.
<b>TC19/249</b>	<b>Together we can consultation: Submit comments on the proposed engagement plan between parishes and Milton Keynes Council</b> The council welcomed the commitment to work together and recognise that this is a statement of engagement with parishes, rather than prescriptive measures as per the parishes protocol. The only suggested addition to this document is the importance of transparency between both parishes and Milton Keynes Council.
<b>TC19/250</b>	<b>S106 funding for public art- Agree the proposal to use any surplus S106 funds for public art for a mural at Hodge Lea Meeting Place</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to progress the proposal for any surplus funding from the S106 funding earmarked for Library artwork and Agora – a-go-go for the mural at Hodge Lea Meeting Place.
<b>TC19/251</b>	<b>VE Day: Consider the report on the events to mark VE day</b>

	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to proceed with funding the VE events from 8-10th May, up to a budget of £3,000 included in the council accounts. Additional funding to be sought for the deficit identified in the projected costs.
<b>TC19/252</b>	<b>Personnel Committee: Appoint members to the Personnel Committee for the committee to be quorate.</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint Cllrs Cook and Swanepoel-Leigh to the Personnel Committee.
<b>TC19/253</b>	<b>Agora: Receive the letter from Ward Councillor Middleton and consider options to progress the multi-story car park.</b> The council raised concerns about the inadequate parking provision by the developer, for both residents and public. The addition of a multi-story car park would ensure the vitality of the town centre for the traders and could be used by residents overnight to ease parking congestion in the town. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to obtain Feasibility quotes to explore the feasibility of a multi-story car park on this land. In parallel with requesting these quotations, an expression on intent to be submitted to Milton Keynes Council (MKC) under the Community Asset Transfer programme to determine if MKC would consider transferrin the land where the garages are at St Georges Way to the Town Council. The Feasibility quotes to be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

The Chair closed the meeting 21.28

Signed..........Chair of Council  
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Date..... 3/6/2020 .....

Next meeting 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020