

**Minutes of the meeting of the Full Town Council, held at the Town Hall, Creed Street
Wolverton, MK12 5LY at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st March 2023**



Present: Councillors: Robertson, Forbes, Saunders, Lewis, Moss (Chair) and Riaz
Andrea Vincent (Town Clerk)

The Chair provided a brief introduction and welcomed everyone to the meeting requesting that the housekeeping rules were observed.

TC22/338	<p>1. Apologies for absence: received from: Cllr Hussain – work commitments Cllr Bamisilie – family commitments No apologies received from the following who were absent: Cllr T Rollason Cllr Orimogunje Cllr Loseby-Taylor Cllr Campbell Cllr Khumbula</p>
TC22/339	<p>2. To receive Councillor declarations of interest on any matter on the agenda: <i>Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act, members must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting</i> None noted.</p>
TC22/340	<p>3. Minutes: It was proposed by Cllr Robertson and seconded by Cllr Lewis A vote was taken by councillors present. 2 abstentions. Vote carried It was RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 28th February 2023 as a true and correct record, save for a small amendment to minute ref TC22/293</p>
TC22/341	<p>4. Governance (Decision to be made) a. Annual town council meeting: recommendations for speakers from the clerks report It was proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Riaz A vote was taken. unanimous. Vote carried It was RESOLVED to invite from the Clerks Report the following to speak at the Annual Town Meeting due to be held on 23rd May: Future Wolverton, Andy Forbes as chair of the Community Forum, an Urb Farm Rep, Rev Gill from St Georges, St John Ambulance as this year's Mayors cadet along with groups that WGTC have given grants to, so Lantern Festival etc. To be followed by cheese and wine</p>
TC22/342	<p>b. Planning Committee: To seek additional members to increase numbers on the committee. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Saunders would fill this space until the new council year</p>
TC22/343	<p>c. Wolverton Park Signage: Funds of £1500 have been found from the Equipment budget line It was proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Riaz A vote was taken. unanimous. Vote carried</p>
TC22/344	<p>d. Civility and Respect: To inform Council of training attended on this matter by Councillors (this item was also repeated at item 5.c) Councillors were made aware that this training would be paid for by WGTC</p>
TC22/345	<p>5. Governance (to note): a. Committee and Working Groups updates: Councillors received an update on the internal and external meetings that councillors and officer staff have attended A number of meetings had been attended including the Canal and River Trust but of most interest was the following update on the MKCC new bin roll out provided by Cllr Moss</p>

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<p>TC22/346</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the idea of collection from the backways seems to have been dropped... • Residents who front straight on to the street will get rolls of red and blue sacks which will be collected from the front of the property to the same schedule as red and blue bins - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Which is Black & Green every week - Red and Blue alternating • New Bradwell is to be trialled - again - this time with bags (the bags are coming - this is to iron out any wrinkles in the collection scheme) • There will be a substantial increase in vehicles and crew leading to less "rush" - MKC admitted that green bins and blue boxes were left scattered at present as crews were so rushed to "get a move on" • Status information will be "Almost Real Time" - crews will see which streets have been missed before they turn the corner; automated alarms will highlight properties where assisted collection is needed etc. • Lots more publicity coming in the next few months, individual letters to residents and a "Postcode checker" - enter postcode and house number and find if you are bins, bags or community bins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some scope for appeal to change category - but not much (and only for valid, defined, reasons) • Local News - the electric vehicles are expected to be charged in Wolverton off Colts Home Road with electricity from the waste recycling plant • Batteries will be collected as now - bag them up and leave on top of green bin. • Suez - Waste Collection and Glendale - Landscaping in a joint five-year contract (with option to extend another five years) • Much improved "joined upness" between litter, fly tipping, public waste bins, refuse collection and landscaping - less arguing "but that's landscapes problem" • The conservation area is not a reason to refuse bins in your front garden - sorry • Public litter bins to be emptied at least weekly • A change in "what goes where" for recycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Now - Blue for Glass / Pink or clear for tins, plastic and paper ○ Will be - Blue for glass, tins and plastic / Red for paper
<p>TC22/347</p>	<p>b. Council Decision Master List: To receive and note the latest council decisions. It was RESOLVED to send this out to councillors in due course, as this has not been recently updated.</p> <p>c. Civility and Respect Pledge: To inform council of training attended by councillors as part of the agreed pledge It was noted that Cllr Moss had attended the NALC event which focused on the Civility and Respect issues within the sector and found this to be a very useful event to attend</p>
<p>TC22/348</p> <p>TC22/349</p>	<p>6. Finance: (Decision to be made)</p> <p>a. Virement request: Approve request to transfer funds from the Lounge to Gymnastics and Boxing It was proposed by Cllr Saunders and seconded by Cllr Riaz A vote was taken. unanimous. Vote carried It was RESOLVED to vire the amount of £5,000 from the Lounge budget line to the Gymnastics and Boxing budget line</p> <p>b. Tree Survey: (see also under community decision) It was proposed by Cllr Riaz and seconded by Cllr Forbes A vote was taken. unanimous. Vote carried It was RESOLVED to use quotation B for the tree works to be undertaken at the Secret Garden and at the Tree Nursery over the forthcoming year</p>
<p>TC22/350</p>	<p>7. Finance: (to note)</p> <p>a. February Council Expenditure: It was RESOLVED to note the report on expenditure over £500</p>

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TC22/351	b. Online Banking: It was RESOLVED to note that no further update could be received on the progress of the setup of online banking as Cllr Bamisilie was not in attendance,
TC22/352	c. CIF Funding: It was noted that MKCC had approved for £20,000 (to be match funded by WGTC) for proposed parking lining works in Wolverton, and play park refurbishment at Stacey Bushes
TC22/353	d. Lottery Funding: It was noted that WGTC were awarded £5,000 to sustain the 'Lounge Project' by Lottery Funding
TC22/354	e. Grants: It was noted that there had been positive feedback from the Urb Farm following the removal of waste at the Urb Farm
TC22/355	8. Town Council Assets: a. Town Hall: Quotations for the re-decoration of the town hall have been sought request that council delegate the decision for the contractor to the officer <i>It was noted that officer staff have had difficulties in getting contractors to quote for works, we ask that you delegate the appointing of maintenance contractors to the office so long as the costs remain within the budget.</i> Should we find the costs go beyond budget they would of course be brought back to Full Council for further approval.
TC22/356	b. Town Hall Wall: To note that despite best efforts by officers we are still waiting for quotations and that there has been difficulty in obtaining quotes. It was proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Riaz A vote was taken. unanimous. Vote carried It was RESOLVED to delegate to the officer staff the maintenance and decoration works that needed to be undertaken at the town hall
TC22/357	c. The Square It was noted that the town council will be gifted a replacement tree for the tree previously removed from The Square
TC22/358	d. Stacey Bushes Meeting Place update the following update was received and noted <i>The transfer took place of Stacey Bushes Meeting Place to the Council from MKCC on 1st February 23. This building has unearthed a great many issues. The water bill is excessive, and we have Anglian Water looking for leaks as well as ascertaining whose water we are paying for. They are of the view SBMP may be paying for water at more than one building. There is a rental water heater meter in the kitchen that we were not informed about. This will be removed this week.</i> <i>The grand opening event has been organised and we need as many councillors as possible to attend. This is your opportunity to make yourselves known to locals and to understand what they would like to see in their community centre. You don't need to stay for the whole event, but we need coverage by councillors for the whole event</i>
TC22/359	9. Community (Decision to be made) a. Tree Works Quotes: To agree which contractor is to be awarded the works for the attached proposal agreed as above
TC22/360	b. Catastrophic bleed kits: To note the officer report on training recently attended and agree whether to purchase the kits and provide further training. A discussion was held and it was RESOLVED to ask Salford TC about accessible cabinets to get the bleed kits installed so as to be accessible 24/7.
TC22/361	c. Wolverton Town Cricket Club: Sponsorship request It was proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Lewis A vote was taken. unanimous. Vote carried It was RESOLVED to let WCC know that sponsorship could not be provided by the town council per the town clerks report
TC22/362	10. Community (to note) a. Mayor's diary: The events attended and upcoming events by the Mayor was noted . b. Community Events and Projects update: The following update was received and noted:

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<p>TC22/363</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm Hubs: The CEPO would like to advise that our warm hubs will be coming to an end on March 31st as per the terms granted by Milton Keynes City Council. We successfully implanted warm hubs throughout the parish. We worked collectively with several charitable organisations such as AGE UK MK, De Paul, Volunteering matters, The Old Bath House, and Mill Mead Hall so that we could maximise our efforts to help bring communities together. Our warm hubs started off with a slow response from the public, however the numbers did start to increase at steadily rate as word got out. Hodge Lea Meeting Place Success I also wanted to report to full council that our Hodge Lea warm hub has become so successful in bringing the community together Milton Keynes Council has agreed to continue funding this venture for the next twelve months. It will be re-branded as our Community Lunch Club, and we will continue to offer hot food and light refreshments. This will continue every Thursday. The CEPO is also delighted to add that residents have also started to contribute by bringing in biscuits and cakes to share as well as introducing activities to do – A Fantastic Community Result! • Twinning: The CEPO has been in contact with our Belgian friends, and I am delighted to advise that they have now confirmed their planned visit to Wolverton. They will arrive on Saturday July 1st (around 1pm) and they will depart for Belgium on Sunday 2nd July (around 3pm). They will also be accompanied by their very own brass band. The CEPO has already started preparing a schedule of events and places to go for our guests and will notify full council in due course. • Gymnastics and crafts at SBMP Gymnastics at Stacey Bushes Meeting Place: Following on from agreement by Full Council to pursue the grant application for gymnastics (TC22/144). The CEPO is delighted to announce that we were successful with our grant application and have received £2,770 from the charity LEAP. We now have the funds to run a free of charge weekly gymnastics class for twelve months. The CEPO will continue his efforts to ensure we are able to access further grants in the future. Our gymnastics programme will be run by MK Springers and is open to children aged between 5 – 10 years. Our first class is due to start on Tuesday 18th April at the Stacey Bushes Meeting Place. We can also confirm that within 12-hours of launching this free of charge initiative we have already reached maximum capacity and have no spare places available. We have now set up a reserve list. The CEPO would also like to pay special thanks to Cllr Hussain, in his capacity as Ward Councillor. Cllr Hussain has been able to support this amazing project by purchasing gymnastic mats. Without his support we would not have been able to get our gymnastics off the ground running as quickly. Thank you so much for your support. <p>Monthly Crafts Sessions at Stacey Bushes Meeting Place The CEPO is delighted to announce that following his meeting with the Stacey Bushes Meeting Place committee, they have awarded us £1,332.00 to host a monthly Saturday craft session at the Stacey Bushes Meeting Place for the next twelve months. The CEPO is working with the MK Play Association to host a two-hour free of charge crafts session starting from Saturday 29th April.</p>
<p>TC22/364</p>	<p>This is another fantastic result for the residents of Stacey Bushes and our wider committee. Our special thanks to the SBMP Committee for their support.</p>
<p>TC22/365</p>	<p>c. Train Station: To note a report on the community station volunteers forum (see clerks report) d. Short Story Competition Enquiry: it was noted that we have had a suggestion from a member of the public that we should hold a short story competition for school children. This came to us just as the BBC was launching their 500 words which we have advertised.</p>

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