



Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council Monday 11 March 2024 at 7.30pm

Kingston Library, Winchester Circle, Kingston, Milton Keynes, MK10 0BA

Present: Councillor Colin Smith (Chair); Councillors Vikas Chandra, Nigel Cox and Donna White.

Officer: Lesley Sung (Locum Clerk):

FC 190/23	<p>MINUTES Resolved Unanimously: That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12 February 2024, be approved, and signed by the Chair as a correct record, subject to a word change in Minute FC 189/23: the word 'any' to be change to 'a'.</p>
FC 191/23	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jenni Ferrans and Donna White. Both apologies for absence were accepted.</p>
FC 192/23	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST During consideration of Agenda Item FC 202/23, Councillor Ashish Patel declared a pecuniary interest, as he held shares in Metro Bank.</p>
FC 193/23	<p>CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS The Council had 5 vacant seats and had received two applications for co-option from Taimyr Bounbou-Pouaty and Ashish Patel.</p> <p>Consideration of Mr Bounbou-Pouaty's co-option had been deferred at the last meeting of the Council and was not present at the meeting. Mr Patel was present at the meeting and invited to submit by the Chair to say a few words in support of his application.</p> <p>Resolved: That Taimyr Bounbou-Puoaty be co-opted to the Council.</p> <p>Resolved Unanimously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Mr Ashish Patel be co-opted to the Council and be invited to sign his declaration of office stating that he agrees to abide by the Council's Code of Conduct. 2. That the deadline for the receipt of applications for co-option be extended to 5 May 2024.
FC 194/23	<p>FITNESS CLASS PROVISION WORKING GROUP Resolved Unanimously: That this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Council.</p>
FC 195/23	<p>PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS The Council considered a grant to Milton Keynes City Council to match fund the cost of refurbishment works at Lanercost Play area in Monkston and for improvement and safety works Kents Hill Play areas.</p>

	<p>The total cost of the works at Lanercost Play Area Council and the improvement and safety was £20,000 (including a £2,000 contingency), of which the parish council would pay £10,000.</p> <p>Resolved Unanimously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the refurbishment and safety works at Kents Hill Play Areas and Lanercost Play Area, be approved. 2. That a consultation be carried out with Kents Hill residents about further improvements at Kents Hill Play Areas. 3. That the Council considers applying for funding for further play area improvements via Milton Keynes City Council's Community Infrastructure Fund. 4. That the Clerk be requested to investigate the potential for the drawing down of any s.106 monies that could be used towards play area improvements.
FC 196/23	<p>COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER – MONKSTON PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE AND MONKSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE</p> <p>The future of Monkston Community Centre was now secure and the Council considered the potential for transferring Monkston Parks Community Centre into its ownership.</p> <p>Resolved Unanimously: That the Council submits to Milton Keynes City Council, an expression of interest in transferring Monkston Parks Community Centre into the parish council's ownership.</p>
FC 197/23	<p>CCTV TRIAL</p> <p>Following several reports of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in Kents Hill, the parish council investigated the feasibility of using a mobile CCTV service as a means of deterring or identifying the perpetrators. The Council contacted three suppliers of mobile CCTV services: Crimewave, Onwatch and WCCTV. Two of the providers, Crimewave and WCCTV offered a no obligation free trial.</p> <p>Resolved Unanimously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Council agrees to undertake a one month, no obligation free trial with Crimewave, as soon as possible. 2. That, subject to the success of the CCTV trial, the Council agrees to purchase the Crimewave CCTV provision for 3 years, at a cost of £5,800. 3. That the Council investigates the feasibility of covering all or some of the cost through local business sponsorship.
FC 198/23	<p>PURCHASE OF LAPTOP AND SOFTWARE</p> <p>The Council considered the purchase of a refurbished Dell Latitude 5510 and MS365 business standard license for the Council's Finance Assistant.</p> <p>Resolved Unanimously: That the Council purchases a refurbished Dell latitude 5510 and a MS365 business standard licence at a cost of £643.</p>
FC 199/23	<p>ALLOTMENT SOFTWARE LICENCE</p> <p>Resolved Unanimously: That the Council renews its Rialtus Allotments software package.</p>

