

Assets Transferred

Asset	Freehold Owner	Completion date
Simpson Village Hall	Simpson & Ashlands PC	Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> 2013
Frank Moran Centre	West Bletchley TC	Jun 21 <sup>st</sup> 2013
Green Park CC	Newport Pagnell TC	May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2013
Stony Stratford Library	Stony Stratford TC	Mar 28 <sup>th</sup> 2013
Rickley Park Sports Ground	West Bletchley C	Jun 6 <sup>th</sup> 2014
Fishermead Sports Ground	Campbell Park PC	Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> 2013
Woolstone Sports Ground	Campbell Park PC	Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> 2013
Loughton Pavilion & SG	Loughton PC	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> 2013
Bancroft Meeting Place	Bancroft MP M/C	Nov 18 <sup>th</sup> 2013
Great Linford Pavilion & SG	Great Linford PC	Apr 11 <sup>th</sup> 2014
Middleton Pool	Newport Pagnell TC	Mar 31 <sup>st</sup> 2014
Willen Road (alongside M Pool)	Newport Pagnell TC	Mar 31 <sup>st</sup> 2014
Loriner Place Depot	Gt Linford Scout Group	Jun 30 <sup>th</sup> 2015
Olney Centre	Olney Town Council	May 12 <sup>th</sup> 2015
Medbourne Pavilion	Shenley Church End PC	Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2015
George Street CC	Bletchley & FTC	Jul 14 <sup>th</sup> 2015
Heelands MP	Bradwell Parish Council	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> 2015
West Bletchley CC	West Bletchley C	Target Dec 2015
Browns Wood SG	Walton CC/WCF Ltd	Target Nov 2015
Mathieson Youth Centre	MYC Trust / GRC	Target Dec 2015
Fenny Chapel	BFTC	Target Dec 2015
Brooklands Centre, Ousebank	Brooklands Centre Trust	Target Dec 2015
Tinkers Bridge MP	Woughton CC	Target Dec 2015
Beanhill Open Space	Woughton CC	Target Dec 2015
Duncombe Street C/H	Duncombe St C/H Trust	Target Nov 2015
*Note - A further 2 assets Olney Youth Centre & Great Holm CC are still at application stage = 10 assets in progress		

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Reason asset did not transfer</u>
Bletchley Youth Centre	Project board did not accept applicant's proposal to extend the transfer boundary to include Tattenhoe Lane SG which is out of scope of CAT
Shenley Brook End CC	No further interest from applicant – financially not feasible (potential rise in Business Rates)
Wavendon Gate Pav & SG	Joint applicants could not agree on the details of the transfer – so withdrew
Britten Grove MP	No local agreement between management committee and Parish
Bradville Hall & Tennis club	No local agreement between management committee and parish council
Crosslands Depot	Applicant withdrew due to unforeseen hurdles obtaining nearby land

Wolverton Rec.	No expressions of interest (i.e. no applicants)
South Furzton MP	No expressions of interest (i.e. no applicants)
Woughton Leisure Centre	Scale of investment too large – applicants withdrew
Downs Barn Pavilion	Scale of investment too large – applicants withdrew
River Valley MP	No further interest from applicant Financially not feasible (Potential rise in Business Rates)
Monkston CC & SG	Scale of investment too large – applicant did not want liability of sports pitches - withdrew
Bletchley library	Scale of investment too large – applicant withdrew
The Pavilion at Woughton On The Green	Objections by local Parish, Ward Members and users groups meant transfer did not proceed as this asset was unsuitable for CAT.
Netherfield MP	MKC's Regen Team deemed this asset as part of the area's regeneration plans so this transfer was stopped
Chepstow Drive MP	No local agreement between management committee and parish council
Tattenhoe Pavilion	Application stopped – Cabinet deemed this asset unsuitable for CAT as did not meet criteria for transfer (Strategic nature – see Annex A)
Oakgrove Leisure Centre	Transfer stopped to explore alternative partnership models
Toombes Field SG	Transfer stopped – asset income generation to MKC did not meet criteria for transfer
Denbigh Hall Sports & Social Club	Transfer stopped – asset income generation to MKC did not meet criteria for transfer
Shenley Lodge MP	Applicant withdrew financial position unsure
Willen Pav/SG	Application stopped - joint application weak – no further application put forward
Kents Hill SG	Applicant did not meet criteria / standard required

## **Case Studies**

### **1.1 Frank Moran Centre**

In early 2012 the Frank Moran Centre was one of the first pilots put forward for transfer. The terms of transfer took some time in order to renegotiate the pre-school lease but were finally agreed and approved by both Councils and in June 2013 West Bletchley Council (WBC) took ownership of the centre.

The Frank Moran Centre had been vacant for some 18 months prior to transfer to WBC. Since transfer, local residents have supported staff from the WBC's Community Resource Centre in Melrose Avenue in organising, running and attending a range of activities that take place on most weekdays.

WBC had improvement and alterations plans prepared professionally and subsequently engaged with a local building contractor to carry out the works. Construction included a new entrance and lobby area, creation of two additional meeting rooms and refurbishment of toilets and kitchen area. Works were completed and the centre officially reopened in November 2013. Activities now include:

- Social activities for a group of residents aged 55 years plus, supported by *AgeUK MK*.
- Adult “job club” supported by *MK College*.
- Arts and Craft activity sessions for all ages – run by local residents.
- Knitting group.

### 1.2 Fishermead SG & Woolstone SG

There are other examples of how communities are benefiting from transfers. These included Fishermead and Woolstone Sports Grounds.

Fishermead was once the site of a sports and social club, but the clubhouse was demolished some years ago and public sports pitches were no longer available. Campbell Park Parish Council (CPPC) received frequent enquires about sports pitches in Fishermead and felt it could develop the site to benefit the local community, and had similar ideas about improving Woolstone.

In the summer of 2013, both sites were transferred to CPPC, and residents are already witnessing the benefits of their local facilities being upgraded. CPPC addressed several woodland management issues in Woolstone which had caused community safety concerns. The car park was repaired, and benches that had served the sports ground for nearly 30 years were replaced. CPPC are consulting with residents on long-term plans for the ground, with proposals including a sports wall, trim trail, and exercise track being considered.

*Campbell Park Parish Council is delighted to have acquired the ownership of Fishermead and Woolstone Sports Grounds from Milton Keynes Council. The transfer process itself was straight- forward and transparent, and was concluded in a timely manner. The completion of the transfers will ensure the future of the sites for both the current and future generations. The Parish Council looks forward to working with residents to ensure that facilities on the sites reflect the needs of the community."*

**(Cllr. John Goss, Chair of Council)**

### 1.3 Stony Stratford Library

The Stony Stratford Town Council Partnership Agreement was signed on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013 where they took over the running of the Stony Stratford Library building previously owned by MKC (transfer completed 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013). This partnership has led to a £27,500 saving in revenue costs for Milton Keynes Council and enabled the Town Council to develop the building into a 'centre for learning at the heart of the local and surrounding communities'. The 'knowledge hub' is now offering events, activities, lectures and talks that have maximised the use of the building outside the library core opening hours.

The Town Council are currently undertaking *a study of building user needs* to understand each user's requirements to inform the development of a project to reorganise the internal available space, maximising its use. This is also looking at a possible extension to the building to enable flexibility of use to be achieved at the same time supporting the future of the library.

Since owning and managing the asset the Town Council have:

- Installed a new hot water system
- Nearly completed the replacement program for all windows (This has upgraded the windows and door from single to double glazed units and replaced rotten wooden frames.) and the rear entrance to the building
- Improved lighting, particularly on the first floor
- Brought cleaning of the building back in house, combined with a new caretaking function that provides a flexible service when the building is in use in the evening and at weekends.

### 1.4 Green Park Community Centre

Green Park Community Centre (GPCC) had been run by Newport Pagnell Town Council (NPTC) for many years, achieving a slight profit before covering overhead expenses. The centre was one of the very few private venues in the vicinity.

In May 2013, GPCC was transferred to NPTC. Since then, the Town Council has maintained a packed schedule of activities at the centre, from cake decorating to Zumba, and use of the facility is up 8% since the transfer. NPTC is now investing in the centre's refurbishment including redecoration, drainage, flooring, kitchen refurbishment, and replacement of the boiler.

*We have run this community centre (Green Park C/C) successfully since it was built in 1992 and we were delighted that it was included in the pilot phase of the Community Asset Transfer programme. We are committed to providing high*

*quality community facilities for the town and its residents and look forward to its continued use under our ownership."*

**(Cllr. Ian Carman, Chair of Newport Pagnell Town Council's Business Development Committee)**

### 1.5 Middleton Pool /Willen Road SG

Middleton Pool and Willen Road Sports Ground were transferred under CAT in March 2014. These assets were also taken on by Newport Pagnell Town Council and then immediately leased them to a Leisure Service Provider (*Places for People Leisure*, a registered charity) to manage on the Town Council's behalf. This has brought significant benefits to the community and Middleton Pool has already seen the following improvements:

- Employment of 7 full-time life guards
- A smarter, corporate look for staff and premises
- A 50 week-per-year book-in facility for swimming lessons with Direct Debit, which makes budgeting and payments much easier for parents
- The introduction of free under-8 swimming when accompanied by a paying adult
- Increased membership for swimming
- A temporary gym installed in the Tickford Centre with over 500 members and rising
- Weekly after-school activities for younger children, supported by *MKC Play Rangers*
- Belly dancing – run in conjunction with *Works for Us*
- MK food bank collection and delivery sessions
- Monthly inter-agency support and advice sessions for local residents, involving *MKC Housing, Mitie, DWP*
- The Council takes frequent weekend bookings for the centre, allowing local residents to celebrate birthdays for young and old with their friends and family

### 1.6 Rickley Park

This asset was transferred to West Bletchley Council (WBC) in June 2014. Since taking ownership, West Bletchley Council has undertaken a "best value review" of Rickley Park in order to better understand who uses the park, currently, and for what purpose. The park is situated in a central location within the parish and should be accessed by many more local residents. WBC have also undertaken extensive consultation with local residents to find out more about the activities and facilities that they would like to see taking place in the park. WBC now have a better understanding of how the park might

look and the range of facilities that should be made available and will continue to consult widely with residents as they progress a development plan.

#### *Managing the Asset since Transfer*

WBC has forged close links with the committee members of Bletchley St Martins Bowls Club who are tenants of a section of the park, to ensure that they are fully engaged with any future developments at the park. WBC have maintained the grassed area and playing surfaces to a good standard and have undertaken a routine tree survey, which has necessitated the removal of one tree which was “invading” a residential property which abuts the park.

The development plan for the park (as above) will consider sustainability of both the physical aspects of the park and future financial commitments.

#### *Promoting the Asset*

WBC regularly updates residents on progress with proposed Community Asset Transfers, through the Council’s quarterly magazine, website and specific e-mail advices. Notice that this Council now owns and manages the park has been widespread and, as above, they continue to consult widely with residents on development of facilities within the park.

### 1.7 Medbourne Pavilion

Medbourne Pavilion & Sports Ground transferred on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2015. Shenley Church End Parish Council beat out several other qualified applicants with a plan for the site which will see its use by the community protected and, where possible, extended in the years to come.

*The Pavilion and grounds are a great asset to the community and the Parish Council want to see it more accessible to local groups and residents and to become a thriving and successful community facility. The success of this transfer should be used as a recommendation for local groups to apply to take ownership of local assets when there is an opportunity to do so.*

***(Spokesperson for Shenley Church End Parish Council)***

There has already been some maintenance work undertaken in the short period of time the Parish Council have owned the building. The biggest and probably most noticeable thing so far has been the re-surfacing of the hall floors. The transfer has also enabled other investment to take place. The work completed so far includes:

- the installation of a new security alarm system providing easier and more secure access for all hirers

- a deep clean of the whole facility
- fire safety assessments
- maintenance on the heating system

The kitchen has been re-vamped including the installation of a specific hand-wash sink and an oven. The addition of a second entrance into the kitchen will make it possible for hirers of both halls to access this facility independently through arrangement with staff during booking. Repairs have taken place to the dividing wall and shutters and the Parish Council have also redecorated. This will help to make the building more welcoming and the environment better for everyone using the building.