



Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13 September 2023 at 19:30

Present: Councillor Legg (Mayor)

Councillors M Bradburn, Andrew, Andrews, Adewale, Ahmad, Bailey, Bell, K Bradburn, R Bradburn, Brown, Cannon, A Carr, J Carr, Clarke, Crooks, Exon, Ferrans, Fuller, Geary, Hall, Hearnshaw, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hume, Hussain, Imran, Kendrick, M Khan, Lancaster, Long, Mahendran, Marland, McLean, Middleton, Muzammil, Nayee, Oguntola, Petchey, Rolfe, Smith, Taylor, Townsend, Trendall, Verma, Wardle, Whitworth and Wilson-Marklew

Alderwoman Saunders and 16 members of the public

Apologies Councillors Darlington, De Villiers, N Khan, McBride, McPake, McQuillan, Nolan and Priestley

Aldermen Bartlett, Alderman Beeley, Alderman Bristow, Alderman Connor, Alderman Coventry, Alderman Geary, Alderman Henderson, Alderwomen Henderson, Alderwomen Irons, Alderman Lewis, Alderwomen Lloyd, Alderman McCall, Alderman McKenzie, Alderman Miles and Alderman Tallack

CL33 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 July 2023 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

CL34 Disclosures of Interest

None.

CL35 Announcements

The Mayor made announcements in respect of:

- (a) The International Festival and the Pride Festival;
- (b) MK Can; and
- (c) Mayor's Charity Golf Day.

The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor presented the Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor with their chains of office.

The Youth Mayor then addressed the Council.

CL36 Petitions

The Council received a petition from residents requesting a 20 MPH speed limit in Boyce Crescent (Old Farm Park). The Cabinet member undertook to ask Highways Officers to undertake a technical assessment of the area.

The Council received a petition from residents of Milton Keynes requesting an end to unauthorised encampments in Tattenhoe Ward. The Cabinet member noted that the Council was doing everything in its powers to address illegal encampments.

The Council received a petition from residents requesting a 20 MPH speed limit in Weston Road (Olney). The Cabinet member undertook to ask Highways Officers to undertake a technical assessment of the area.

ACTIONS:

1. The Cabinet member agreed to ask officers to undertake a technical assessment of Boyce Crescent, Old Farm Park that had been requested for a reduction in speed to a 20 miles per hour zone.
2. The Cabinet member noted that with regard to illegal encampments, that the Council was doing everything within its powers to address this, and that Councillors and residents should be encouraged to report all antisocial behaviour to the Police.
3. The Cabinet member agreed to ask officers to undertake a technical assessment of Weston Road, Olney that had been requested for a reduction in speed to a 20 miles per hour zone.

CL37 Questions from Members of the Public

Questions were received from four members of the public.

Christopher Eaton asked Councillor Marland, could the portfolio holder investigate why problems with the planning portal meant that residents were unable to comment on a planning application and could he confirm that these system failures would not adversely impact on the objections that were trying to be lodged and why an alternative contact email address wasn't given on the portal?

Councillor Marland indicated that he had asked officers to make sure that on any application all the email addresses particularly a back up address of the case officer was provided. He was well aware that there were issues with the planning portal. The main reasons that generated user error was that it could not be used on smart phones or tablets, there was an automated time out and links could not be shared as they were unique to the account holder. However, the Council was in the process of procuring a new system and was almost at the point to tender the contract for this. In the intervening period the Cabinet member had asked officers to make sure the functionality of the portal was reviewed and to make this clear to users.

As a supplementary question, Christopher Eaton asked Councillor Marland, residents had issues with searching for the most up to date Parking Standard on the website.

Could the portfolio holder investigate why this was happening and assure residents that the planning department would ensure that the correct and most up to date version of any documentation was readily available on the Council website?

Councillor Marland indicated that he could not guarantee how the search engine worked but he would ask officers to ensure that all planning web pages and associated documents were up to date.

Tony Oyakhire asked Councillor Marland, why a section of the A509 road was being closed prior to the new road being built for the MK East development?

Councillor Marland indicated that the Council took its responsibilities to make sure there was as little disruption as possible to road users very seriously. The road was being closed as it was a major infrastructure upgrade and would make sure this area around the M1 junction was fit for purpose into the future. Officers had considered a number of options and this was considered the least disruptive method and would also prevent further staggered road closures. A briefing session would be held with councillors and the information from this could be shared with the public.

As a supplementary question, Tony Oyakhire asked Councillor Marland, could he confirm that whilst this closure was in place the A421/Willen Road would remain open?

Councillor Marland indicated that the principle of doing it this way was that the Council had no plans to have any planned closures on this road. However, he could not guarantee that emergency closures might have to take place.

Mr Bartlett was unable to attend the meeting and his question to Councillor Wilson-Marklew and the written response to it is in full below.

“In light of MKCC plans to remove trees and green space at Galley Hill for a supermarket, please advise if pulling down trees that tackle pollution and covering green spaces full of wildlife with tarmac and concrete, will fulfil her remit of support for climate change and sustainability?”

"Thank you for your question. Any development is subject to planning permission, and as a council, we have worked hard to ensure that the growth of Milton Keynes is as sustainable as possible.

Through the Sustainable Constructions Supplementary Planning Document, we require energy and climate statements that set out how any development will meet our required reductions in carbon dioxide emissions. Through the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document, we require all developments to deliver a net gain in biodiversity as well as enhance the structure and function of our ecological networks.

As such, the planning process would ensure that any concerns about the loss of trees or green spaces would be addressed before consent was granted. "

Donald Hoyle asked Councillor Marland, was he correct in his assumption that plans for a 15 minute city or neighbourhood was going ahead?

Councillor Marland indicated that he had no problem with 15 minute neighbourhoods as he thought they meant something different to him than they do to some other people. There were no plans to take cars of anyone in Milton Keynes City but what he believed was that people wanted proper built environments that allowed them to walk or cycle to local centres or schools for example.

As a supplementary question, Donald Hoyle asked Councillor Marland, given the widespread public hostility throughout the country to 15 minute cities and neighbourhoods, could he assure the citizens that the Council would not impose 15 minute city or neighbourhoods or anything else like them on the city of Milton Keynes?

Councillor Marland indicated that the Council would not impose anything on anyone. It was residents that came to the Council asking for 20 mph zones, school safety drop off zones and safe walking and cycling routes.

ACTIONS:

1. The Leader of the Council, noting known issues with the existing planning portal, advised that he had asked officers to ensure that appropriate channels for receiving representations were available and highlighted.
2. The Leader of the Council advised that he would ask officers to ensure that all planning web pages and associated documents were up to date.
3. The Mayor asked the Cabinet member for Climate and Sustainability to provide Mr Bartlett with a written response to his question and that a copy of the response be included in the minutes.

CL38 Business Remaining from Last Meeting

None.

CL39 Delegated Decisions - 22 August 2023

Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council) moved the following recommendation from the meeting of Delegated Decisions held on 22 August 2023, which was seconded by Councillor Wardle:

“That the Council makes the Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to the provisions of Section 38(A)(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.”

The Council heard from one member of the public in the consideration of this item.

The recommendation was agreed by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

That the Council makes the Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to the provisions of Section 38(A)(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

CL40(a) Councillors' Questions

Questions were received from Councillors D Hopkins, Lancaster, Andrews, Bell, Andrew, Hume, Taylor, A Carr, Hearnshaw, McLean, Adewale and Fuller.

Question from Councillor D Hopkins to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Councillor D Hopkins asked Councillor Marland, has the leader of the Labour Party had the courtesy of sharing his plans with you and your team that he expressed in a recent Times article and does the Leader of the Council agree with these proposals?

Councillor Marland indicated that the formation of national Labour policy would become clear as we approach a general election. He did note that he thought the article was referencing that the Oxford to Cambridge corridor had quite a lot of potential for growth but that nothing would move him away from our MK 2050 future vision and the Council approach that where development was proposed in or around Milton Keynes it should be properly planned, properly executed and should have a proper level of infrastructure investment.

As a supplementary question, Councillor D Hopkins asked Councillor Marland, the proposals mentioned in the Times article would mean an additional 40-60,000 dwellings in Milton Keynes, was this what the Labour Party nationally and locally were secretly planning?

Councillor Marland indicated that he was not aware of any secret plans by the Labour party but he noted that Councillor D Hopkins had personally advocated numerous times in Planning CAG meetings for a new settlement within Milton Keynes. The Leader commented that what was important was the Council coming to a common view of a controlled level of growth through the New City Plan and being engaged in discussions about funding for the infrastructure to support that growth.

Question from Councillor Lancaster to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Councillor Lancaster asked Councillor Marland, did he agree that the Shenley Park Development was ill-conceived and could he provide reassurance that the upcoming response to the SPD would reiterate the Council's opposition to this badly planned development on the edge of Milton Keynes and that the current application to extend the H6 made to this Council should be refused?

Councillor Marland indicated that the current application for the extension of the H6 was massively premature however the decision on that was not in his gift to make and would be judged on planning policy by the relevant committee. In terms of the response to the Shenley Park SPD the key point in the Council's response was that we continue to believe that this was an inappropriate development in an inappropriate place that cannot deliver the proper level of infrastructure that a development on the boundary of Milton Keynes required.

Question from Councillor Andrews to Councillor Townsend (Cabinet member for Public Realm)

Councillor Andrews asked Councillor Townsend, what was the Council doing to ensure that the teething issues from the first week of the new waste and recycling service would not be experienced week in and week out by residents?

Councillor Townsend acknowledged that it was a difficult first week for the new service. It was a new contract and although many staff were TUPE over there were still a number of new colleagues, vehicles and technology, new management and new rounds combined with one of the hottest weeks of the year. A briefing note was provided to all Councillors showing an improvement since the initial issues with a few pockets of issues remaining.

Question from Councillor Bell to Councillor Townsend (Cabinet member for Public Realm)

Councillor Bell asked Councillor Townsend, was there any funding available to put more preventative measures in place to prevent illegal encampments?

Councillor Townsend indicated that since 2018 there has been funding in the budget specifically for target hardening around problem areas and where physical defences were required. Discussions were taking place about whether additional funds could be made available in future budgets to continue this work where the evidence identified it was required.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Bell asked Councillor Townsend, if more funding was made available could it be publicised with parish councils and the Parks Trust and other organisations that were affected by the illegal encampments?

Councillor Townsend indicated that communication could be provided on where funding was being spent but the Council would not fund work on land the Council did not own.

Question from Councillor Andrew to Councillor Townsend (Cabinet member for Public Realm)

Councillor Andrew asked Councillor Townsend, would the Cabinet member work with her to secure swift action on the numerous outstanding highways issues in the Newport Pagnell North and Hanslope ward?

Councillor Townsend indicated that she had spoken with officers and apologised for some of the responses that had been received and offered to meet with Councillor Andrew and officers to discuss the outstanding issues.

Question from Councillor Hume to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Councillor Hume asked Councillor Marland, Eaton Leys was a new build estate which does not have a pedestrian or cycling path out it, could the Leader give an update on this matter?

Councillor Marland indicated that there were a number of issues including that work on the pathway over the scheduled ancient monument was waiting for authorisation from Historic England and the bridge the developer was responsible for was in process

but required sign off by the Environment Agency. Finally access to and from the front of the estate was not included in the original plans and officers were considering whether the Council may be able to fund a path within the current envelope although it might have to be funded from future tariff or future development.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Hume asked Councillor Marland, was there an update on when the path across the field might happen?

Councillor Marland indicated that the Council would only develop the plans for the path off the estate if budget was made available to fund it and he would ask that it was included in the next Local Infrastructure Plan for consideration.

Question from Councillor Taylor to Councillor Townsend (Cabinet member for Public Realm)

Councillor Taylor asked Councillor Townsend, could she advise the Council if there was enough resource provided to ensure that all bins were collected in a timely manner and would she investigate whether the instruction to ignore overfull bins was truly the standard operating policy or a misinterpretation by the crew members he had spoken to?

Councillor Townsend indicated that she would investigate the views of crews however evidence from the recent week showed that there were very few overruns now happening. In terms of overfull bins this was correct in the long term as if the lids were open particularly in the paper and card bin the load would become contaminated and would mean that it could not be recycled. This message had been communicated to residents however there will be further ongoing education on this.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Taylor asked Councillor Townsend, could she confirm that she believed that there was enough resource provided to service the whole of Milton Keynes?

Councillor Townsend indicated that yes she did believe this was the case. The new contract had added additional rounds so while there were less houses in a round, emptying a wheelie bin took more time than sacks however this had all been calculated by Suez.

Question from Councillor A Carr to Councillor Townsend (Cabinet member for Public Realm)

Councillor A Carr asked Councillor Townsend, could the Cabinet member remind the Council of the policy and the associated enforcement with regard to estate agents attaching for sale boards to council property including lampposts, fencing and in some cases causing an obstruction on the highways?

Councillor Townsend indicated that this should not be occurring and advised that members should report any they see and a highways officers would be sent to remove them.

As a supplementary question, Councillor A Carr asked Councillor Townsend, would the Cabinet member be prepared to write to local estate agents to remind them of this policy and associated enforcement to ensure they are compliant?

Councillor Townsend indicated that she would be happy to write to estate agents with that information.

Question from Councillor Hearnshaw to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Councillor Hearnshaw asked Councillor Marland, could he give an update on plans for a footpath between Fairfields and the Watling Academy?

Councillor Marland indicated that there was a footpath planned between the estates however this required the plots between them to be sold and developed. As soon as there was a developer and they started work on the site the Council would be pushing to make sure the highway and the footpath was the first thing that was completed. The Leader was aware that parents of Watling Academy were concerned about safe walking and cycling routes and he noted that in the meantime the Cabinet member for Climate and Sustainability would be working with the school and parents to identify alternatives.

Question from Councillor McLean to Councillor Townsend (Cabinet member for Public Realm)

Councillor McLean asked Councillor Townsend, given the extra routes and new vehicles and new staff why did the Council not use the existing knowledge of the previous staff to ensure there was local knowledge of the new rounds?

Councillor Townsend indicated that some of the team leaders were supervising routes they had experience with and that the initial teething problems would hopefully be resolved.

As a supplementary question, Councillor McLean asked Councillor Townsend, in hindsight there could have been more work done at the local level with ward members and that this should be considered for other large scale projects?

Councillor Townsend indicated that this was the single biggest service change the Council had undertaken in many years and was being well supported by members of the public.

Question from Councillor Adewale to Councillor J Carr (Cabinet member for Social Inequalities)

Councillor Adewale asked Councillor J Carr, could she provide an update on the knife crime reduction pilot that was launched earlier in the year?

Councillor J Carr indicated that this was a project that was worked on over the summer holidays and included a range of activities that were delivered which addressed the needs of young people at risk of engaging further in crime.

As a supplementary question, Councillor Adewale asked Councillor J Carr, going forward was there any plans to replicate this programme?

Councillor J Carr indicated that the Council was in the process of bidding for additional grants and funding to expand this project.

Question from Councillor Fuller to Councillor Middleton (Cabinet member for Resources)

Councillor Fuller asked Councillor Middleton, could the Cabinet member provide an update on the challenges facing the Council during these difficult financial times for local government?

Councillor Middleton indicated that unlike other authorities the Council was in a strong stable financial position. However, there were challenging times ahead because of increasing pressures in adult social care, temporary accommodation and children's social care. The Council was facing a £21 million four year deficit and this financial outlook would mean that difficult decisions would need to be made to help balance the books.

ACTIONS:

1. Councillor Townsend agreed to meet with Councillor Andrew and officers to discuss outstanding highways issues in the Newport Pagnell North and Hanslope Ward.
2. Councillor Townsend agreed to write to estate agents to remind them of the policy and associated enforcement action with regard to attaching signage to Council infrastructure.

CL41 Motion 1 - Save Bletchley and Wolverton Ticket Offices

Councillor Trendall moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Wilson-Marklew:

- "1. That this Council notes that:
- a) in July this year, the Rail Delivery Group that represents train operators across the UK announced that it was moving ahead with plans to close up to 1000 rail ticket offices across England over the next 3 years;
 - b) not all residents are able to use station ticket machines or have the means to book a ticket in advance such as the elderly, disabled, visually impaired, and those with poor literacy and IT skills;
 - c) according to Age UK, 3 million elderly people in the UK do not have access to the internet, and data from data the Royal National Institute for Blind People shows that only 3% of those with partial or full sight loss feel able to use ticket machines; and
 - d) plans to close ticket offices could lead up to 2,000 job losses.
2. That this Council believes that:
- a) ticket offices provide a vital service to residents across Milton Keynes travelling from Wolverton and Bletchley train stations, Bletchley especially is

likely to see an increase in footfall once East West Rail works are complete linking communities from Oxford and Bletchley;

- b) having a sign posted ticket office to help people with enquiries provides certainty and confidence to customers who may otherwise struggle to locate staff to help;
- c) the closure of ticket offices will disproportionately affect vulnerable customers, including the elderly, disabled, and visually impaired, as well as those with poor literacy and IT skills;
- d) those customers without easy access to the internet will struggle to get the best possible price for their journey;
- e) customers who are travelling on long distance trips that have multiple changes can find these journeys confusing and stressful, these customers would benefit from speaking to a member of ticket office staff who can explain the journey and ensure they don't incur fines or pay more than is necessary for their trip; and
- f) current ticket office staff will be affected, and it is concerning that there will be redundancies – given that there will be no regulations for minimum staffing levels at stations and on platforms.

3. That this Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive of the City Council to write to the Secretary of State for Transport, the Chief Executive of the Rail Delivery Group, and London Northwestern Railway to express the City Council's opposition to plans to close staffed rail ticket offices at Bletchley and Wolverton."

The motion was carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

1. That this Council notes that:
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Note:

The consultation period has been extended and will now run until 1 September 2023.

CL42 Motion 2 - Pet Food Banks

Councillor J Carr moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Ferrans:

"1. That this Council notes that:

- e) the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact residents across Milton Keynes;
- f) the City Council's £3.3million Winter Plan which included £100,000 to local food charities;
- g) in July 2023, MK Food Bank revealed that 1 in 25 households across the city cannot afford to buy enough food, and every week about 50 people are contacting them for the very first time, and for those who care for much-loved family pets the crisis is also affecting their ability to care and look after their animals;

- h) research from the RSPCA shows that 7 in 10 pet owners are worried about the cost of caring for their animals and a fifth are concerned about how they'll feed them;
- i) the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) revealed that 770,000 owners are going without necessities, including skipping meals to keep money aside to afford the costs associated with looking after their pets, and around 140,000 pets have been given up for rehoming due to the cost of looking after them;
- j) despite the hard work of MK Food Bank who currently collect pet food which is distributed to local animal charities, animal abandonments have increased by a quarter this year alone, whilst reports of animal neglect have increased by 13%;
- k) an estimated 2.7 million animals enter UK animal shelters each year, whilst rehoming rates are falling with animals finding new homes falling by 8%; and
- l) most animal shelters do not have the funding to help all animals that come into their care.

2. That this Council believes that:

- a) for many, owning pets is a lifeline during the cost-of-living crisis;
- b) pets help reduce their owner's isolation and combat loneliness, providing companionship and health / mental health benefits (stroking pets helps to reduce blood pressure and can make their owners more active);
- c) facing the toughest financial crisis in a generation, many residents have been forced out of their homes and as a result have had to give up their much-loved family pet, which causes emotional distress and a damaging effect on mental health;
- d) no one should have to choose between feeding themselves or feeding their pets; and
- e) supporting residents by ensuring they have access to food for their pets will reduce the pressure on already stretched shelters and ensure pets can stay with their owners.

3. That this Council resolves to encourage food organisations such as MK Food Bank and SOFEA to work with animal charities to source pet food and provide it at human food banks as well as community larders to help struggling pet owners to feed their animals.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

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CL43 Limited Scope Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the following recommendations:

- “1. The Council agree to undertake a limited scope Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (PDR), for the current Polling District of Wavendon (HC).
2. The Council agree a 6-week consultation on the draft recommendations.”

The recommendations were agreed by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

1. The Council agreed to undertake a limited scope Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (PDR), for the current Polling District of Wavendon (HC).
2. The Council agreed a 6-week consultation on the draft recommendations.

CL44 Terms of Reference - Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the following recommendations:

- “1. The Council agree the Terms of Reference for the Committee.
2. The Council agree that authority be delegated to the Director of Law and Governance to approve any variations to the Terms of Reference following further discussion with the other constituent authorities, subject to consultation with Group Leaders in respect of any proposed significant variations.
3. The Council agree to waive the requirement of the Joint Committee to be politically proportionate across the constituent authorities.
4. The Council agree the appointments of Councillors Adewale (substitute), Hall, Hearnshaw (substitute), D Hopkins (substitute), Long and Oguntola to the Committee.”

The recommendations were agreed by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

3. The Council agreed the Terms of Reference for the Committee.
4. The Council agreed that authority be delegated to the Director of Law and Governance to approve any variations to the Terms of Reference following further discussion with the other constituent authorities, subject to consultation with Group Leaders in respect of any proposed significant variations.
5. The Council agreed to waive the requirement of the Joint Committee to be politically proportionate across the constituent authorities.

6. The Council agreed the appointments of Councillors Adewale (substitute), Hall, Hearnshaw (substitute), D Hopkins (substitute), Long and Oguntola to the Committee.

CL45 Quarterly Report on Special Urgency Decisions

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the following recommendation:

“That the report be noted”.

The recommendation was agreed by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

CL46 Ward Based Budgets 2023/24

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the following recommendation:

“That the report be noted”.

The recommendation was carried by acclamation.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.