



# Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council

## Minutes of a meeting of the Community Committee of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council held at Sports Hall at Newton Leys Pavilion, Furzey Way, Newton Leys on Tuesday, 10th October, 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs T Stephens, M Wymer, S Browne, R Graham, E Kelly-Wilson and A Palmer

**Absent:** Cllrs L Campbell and A Khanom

**Apologies:** None

**In attendance:** John Fairclough (Deputy Town Clerk) (Clerk), Delia Shephard (Town Clerk) (Clerk) and Davina Pancholi (Community Events Officer).

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- CC23/24-24 **To note councillors' apologies for absence**  
It was RESOLVED to note the apologies as listed above
- CC23/24-25 **To note councillors' declarations of interest in matters on the agenda**  
No declarations of interest were made.
- CC23/24-26 **To approve minutes from the community committee held on 27 June 2023 and to note that the meeting of the Community Committee due to take place on 8 august was cancelled due to anticipated lack of a quorum**  
It was RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the last meeting be approved as a correct record of proceedings.
- CC23/24-27 **Public Speaking Time**  
There were no representations from members of the public.
- CC23/24-28 **To consider a grant application from Read Easy Milton Keynes South in the sum of £1,169.80 to fund literacy coaching for those who have left the school system unable to read**  
A representative from Read Easy MK addressed the Council to share plans for the project and answered questions from members.  
  
It was RESOLVED that a sum of £1,169.80 be awarded to fund literacy courses for those who have left the school system unable to read.
- CC23/24-29 **To consider any planning or licensing applications due for determination by Milton Keynes Council**
- CC23/24-29i **23/02133/HOU - 25 Stoke Road Bletchley Milton Keynes MK2 3AB - Erection of single storey side/rear extension**  
It was RESOLVED that no comment be made on the proposed application.
- CC23/24-29ii **23/02101/FUL - 139 Queensway Bletchley Milton Keynes MK2 2DY - Installation of canopy extract to the rear and new shopfront**  
It was RESOLVED that no comment be made on the proposed application.
- CC23/24-30 **To note a report from Youth Network Mk - Summer Project 2023**  
The report was noted and it was RESOLVED to gather extra postcode data on attendees.



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- CC23/24-31 **To receive a report on the remaining community events for 2023-2024**  
It was RESOLVED to note and support the remaining calendar of events for 2023-2024. Further consideration would be given to decide on the location for Street Iftar in March 2024.
- CC23/24-32 **To review the draft 2024-2025 events calendar and to consider any proposals for budgetary increases or decreases for community events**  
The community events officer presented a report regarding the events schedule for 2024-2025. After discussion, it was RESOLVED to support the event calendar and RECOMMEND a budget of £55,000 to the finance and governance committee to allow them to go ahead.
- CC23/24-33 **To receive a report on newsletter production and distribution and consider member's feedback on the council's digital and printed engagement**  
It was RESOLVED to note the report on newsletter production and distribution.
- CC23/24-34 **To review the town council's provision of CCTV to combat anti social behaviour and to make recommendations of future expenditure**  
It was RESOLVED to renew the CCTV contract and keep the four cameras on a 36-month contract to qualify for the discounted rate per resource.
- CC23/24-35 **To approve the purchase and donation of canned food items for the MK Can World Record Attempt with Foodbank**  
It was RESOLVED to approve the purchase and donation of canned food items for the MK Can world record attempt.
- CC23/24-36 **To receive an update on White Ribbon activities and to consider funding printing of 'Help's at hand' materials**  
The update on White Ribbon activities was noted and it was RESOLVED to approve the funding to print the 'Help's at Hand' materials. The Town Clerk recommended that White Ribbon should be considered when discussing items to include in the 2024-2025 budget.
- CC23/24-37 **To note a report showing income and expenditure against budget which falls within the remit of the committee and to consider any recommendations for inclusion in the 2024-25 budget**  
It was RESOLVED that the income and expenditure against budget report be noted and no other recommendations were made.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm