



**Minutes of Bow Brickhill Parish Council Meeting held on
1 October 2024 at 7.00pm at the Pavilion, Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill,
MK17 9JB**

PRESENT:	CLRs:	Cllr J Price (Chairman) Cllr P Ball (Vice Chair) Cllr C Evans Cllr S Pangala
	Officer:	J Godden
	Members of Public (MoP):	Eight
	Apologies:	Cllr M Ferguson-Ford

99 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A welcome was extended to Jeremy Pyatt who is assisting with the MK City Plan consultation document on Bow Brickhill Parish Council's behalf. The Chairman reported that it had not been possible to produce a joint document in conjunction with Little Brickhill. It will be submitted to Milton Keynes Council, and be made publicly available on the Parish Council Facebook page and website.

There was a discussion regarding memorialising Peter and Jane Lousada, who were involved in the village for over 60 years, it was agreed to investigate the possibility of doing this with a Poplar tree in the playing field.

100 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Price declared a non-pecuniary interest due to his membership of the Bow Brickhill Community Hall Management Committee.

Councillor Ball declared a non-pecuniary interest as trustee of the board of Willen Hospice.

Councillor Ball declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chair and Secretary of Friends of Bow Brickhill Station.

101 MINUTES

To consider the approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 September 2024.

Resolved: all members confirmed their approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 September 2024 and these were signed by the Chairman.

102 POLICING REPORT (if officers are available)

Representatives from Thames Valley Police were not in attendance

103 MK CITY PLAN 2050

Jeremy provided a report reflecting BBPC's objections to Policy GS17 – South of Bow Brickhill Strategic City Extension and the draft allocation pertaining to a mixed-use development to include in the region of 1,500 dwellings .

- Clarification was sought on certain aspects, such as water efficiency measures.
- An additional point was raised about traffic impacts from the South Caldecotte development and southeast urban extension.

The report will be revised with this feedback and submitted to Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC).

104 UNITARY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Ward Cllr Hopkins attended, and his report is as attached and below:

He informed members that the X4 bus service is no longer stopping at Caldecotte Business Park and is looking as to why as some residents of Bow Brickhill did use it.

He has ongoing inquiries regarding planning applications and regional government devolution discussions.

Ward Cllr Baily attended:

She has had discussions with Bedford Estates about waste management and dog waste bins and is awaiting further feedback from the estate.

Updates were given from Milton Keynes Council on topics re: pothole repairs, a new school for special educational needs, and fuel vouchers for pensioners.

105 FINANCE

- To note the income, budget & expenditure reports – the Income and expenditure reports were reviewed, showing healthy figures, concerns were raised about the potential financial impact of losing a key tenant at the Pavilion. A new hirer has been found but they have not signed the contract yet and the Clerk has been trying to get in touch with them.
- To note the balance in Unity Trust Accounts as of 30/09/24 = £46,027.94- noted
- To review Bow Brickhill Parish Council's Risk Management, this was sent to Cllrs but is deferred to the next meeting as not all Councillors had completed their assigned reviews.
- To Note the External Auditors report – The external auditor's report was noted, confirming governance and accountability and the report has been placed on BBPC's website

106 PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

There were limited updates due to maintenance on Milton Keynes City Council's website, but no new major planning applications were received that required attention.

107 MARSTON VALE TRAIN SERVICE

The has been some disruption to train services due to weather, but the £1 fare offer is still ongoing.

108 SOUTH EAST MILTON KEYNES/NEIGHBOURHOOD FUTURES GROUP

There is a meeting on October 3rd focusing on developers' plans for the area that will go before committee in November, this gives the opportunity to bring up any issue for that meeting. Cllr Price will attend and keep members updated.

109 EAST WEST RAIL CONSULTATION

EWR are working with new Ministers to agree the next steps for the project following the election and will provide an update as soon as they are able to do so.

110 NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Ball has been in discussion with the Wheatsheaf Pub, and they are interested in having it sited on the outside wall to the side near the car park as there are some electrics in the men's toilet that can

be utilised. A cupboard will need to be purchased at an approximate cost of £500 and the pubs maintenance team are happy to install it. The Budget will need to be looked at along with any other funding streams that are available i.e. MKCC before a decision is agreed upon.

111 PAVILION

- a. Pre School/action plan - Concerns were raised about the delay in getting the new hirer to sign the hire agreement and reference was made to previous experience with them. It was noted that an Ofsted certification was reported to have been applied for, though verification was pending. A 14-day follow-up period by the Clerk was set to try and confirm the preschools commitment before the next meeting.
- b. Pavilion upgrade - A costed plan is underway with design consultants. The next steps involve approaching MKCC for funding once the costed plan is finalised.
- c. Archiving status - Additional bags are needed for ongoing archiving tasks with continued work on this project to be done.

112 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. National Highways: A5 Thorn Roundabout to Flying Fox Roundabout – essential maintenance including drainage work on the A5 between Thorn Roundabout and the Flying Fox Roundabout over five nights between Monday 7 October and Saturday 12 October between 8pm and 6am, weather permitting. Full details have been placed on Facebook – information only
- b. Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils - Get Involved in the MK City Plan 2050 – on BBPC Facebook & Website
- c. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - MK Ices, KC19 KPP, Ref 167347 – information only
- d. X4 Bus – Ward Cllr Hopkins informing BBPC this is no longer stopping at Caldecotte Business Park and he is looking into why as some residents used the service

113 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Cllr Price asked if members were happy for the Pavilion carpark to be used for the Romanian Easter Service at the Church, citing past congestion issues on Church Road.
Resolved: Members agreed to permit car park use, emphasising the need for communication to residents regarding potential noise and parking impacts.
- Cllr Price informed members that the local community management committee proposed a donation toward the school clock repairs. This contribution was positively received by members.

114 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Bow Brickhill Parish Council has been scheduled as **Tuesday 12 November 2024** at 7.00pm.

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