

# Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council

## Regeneration Committee Meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009 Minutes

Minute Ref	Narrative	Action
Present	Tony Keller (Chair), Robin Bowen-Williams, Samantha Browne, Keith Ely, Tim Haynes, Shirley Rolfe, Jane Forder (Regeneration Officer).	
Also present	Diane Webber – Senior Planning Officer MKC – agenda item 9 Trevor Dove – MKC – agenda item 8 Chris Parnham – MKC – agenda item 7 6 members of the public	
R122-09	<p><b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from: Angela Kennedy, Joan Thomas and Alan Webb</p> <p>Apologies were also received from Reg Edwards, Mick Klein, Jan Lloyd and Jan Phillips</p> <p>No apologies were received from: E’Amonn O’Rourke</p>	
R123-09	<p><b>Notification of any other business</b> Tony Keller – Meetings with Peter Smettem (MKC), Pete Winkelman and Sam Brooks (MKC)</p>	
R124-09	<p><b>Declarations of interest</b> None declared</p>	
R125-09	<p><b>Minutes of the Regeneration Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009</b> These were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
R126-09	<p><b>Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting</b> There were none</p>	
R127-09	<p><b>Planning Matters</b> Planning application 09/01662/REM – Bletchley Leisure Centre Members of the public were in attendance for this application. The concerns of the members of public in attendance was noted regarding the development and in particular its proximity to Baisley Gardens.</p> <p>Nicola Wheatcroft / Planning Officer confirmed that following concerns raised by local residents, a number of changes to the above planning application have already been made and the architect is in the process of re-drawing the plans.</p>	

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	<p>It was agreed to write to Milton Keynes Council with the Town Councils concerns (copy Rita Venn):</p> <p>(a) Will the number of dwellings be reduced to incorporate the changes as outlined by Nicola? or  (b) Will the outline to the existing plans be altered to maintain the same number of dwellings?  (c) The Town Council is concerned about the existing trees and the materials of the finished proposal.</p> <p>It was further agreed to arrange a meeting on site with Nicola Wheatcroft, Town Council representatives and residents of Baisley Gardens.</p> <p>The members of the public advised that they would find it helpful to view a model of the development, the Regeneration Officer will investigate the possibility of obtaining one for display in the town council.</p>	<p>Regen Officer</p> <p>Regen Officer</p> <p>Regen Officer</p>
R128-09	<p><b>Bletchley Leisure Centre</b>  Chris Parnham / Milton Keynes Council gave a verbal report regarding Bletchley Leisure Centre and the equipment sale following the end of the current contract.</p> <p>It was noted that the old leisure centre is to be closed on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009 and the new leisure centre open on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010. There will be an official opening ceremony on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010.</p> <p>Milton Keynes Council is producing an inventory and items / equipment will be sold after a silent auction. The inventory is to be sent to various sports centres/ community buildings and it will be advertised in the MK Citizen (RBW advised Chris Parnham that list should also be sent to MK Museum).</p> <p>It was noted that the money raised from the auction will go towards the costs of the opening ceremony with the remainder put back into the new leisure centre.</p> <p>Chris Parnham advised that he is in the process of fixing a date in which the equipment can be viewed.</p>	
	<p>It was agreed at this point to proceed with agenda item 9 – Presentation from Diane Webber regarding the Salden Chase development.</p>	
R129-09	<p><b>South West Milton Keynes Strategic Development Meeting</b>  Diane Webber / MKC Senior Planning Officer gave a verbal presentation regarding the South West Milton Keynes Strategic Development known as Salden Chase.</p> <p>It was noted that Milton Keynes Councils final draft core strategy will go to cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009.</p>	

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	<p>Members raised concerns regarding the road infrastructure to support this new development. Diane Webber confirmed that a transport assessment will be carried out.</p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting regarding Salden Chase will be 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Bletchley Leisure Centre with other interested parish councils and Aylesbury Vale District Council.</p> <p>Diane Webber confirmed that she will provide the Town Council with MKC's objections to the Aylesbury Vale District Council's core strategy.</p>	
	<p>It was agreed at this point to return to agenda item 8 – Car Parking</p>	
R130-09	<p><b>Car Parking / Car Parks in Central Bletchley / Fenny Stratford</b></p> <p>Trevor Dove gave a verbal report regarding proposals to car parks and parking in the parish area.</p> <p>Trevor Dove advised that the report had been carried out following cabinet meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 'Plan for Bletchley'.</p> <p>It was noted that there is an identified shortage of parking in Fenny Stratford.</p> <p>Trevor Dove is looking into proposals for one way streets in Fenny Stratford and Bletchley and also for 20mph zones in some areas and will be carrying out a survey looking a traffic flows in these areas shortly.</p> <p>It is hoped that Milton Keynes Councils proposals if implemented could create more than 50 additional parking bays in Fenny Stratford.</p> <p>Within Bletchley town centre it is hoped to create more than 50 additional parking bays by creating more space and making changes to the parking restrictions for residents and short stay.</p> <p>Trevor Dove will look into the many options and will put final proposals to interested parties for consultation.</p> <p>Included within the proposals are the change of traffic orders for the Market Traders parking in Queensway and Findlay Way.</p> <p>Trevor Dove confirmed that the funding is in place for the work to be carried out following consultation.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the signage in Princes Way for parking will be installed this week.</p> <p>Regarding the car park in Princes Way – Trevor Dove confirmed that there is a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 to discuss the re-opening of this car park.</p>	

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	It was agreed to write to Trevor Dove / MKC with the Town Council's original concerns so that they can be incorporated in the future proposals.	Regen Officer
R131-09 R131-09.1  R131-09.2  R131-09.3  R131-09.4  R131-09.5  R131-09.6  R131-09.7	<b>Rail</b> It was noted that the next meeting of the East West Consortium Steering Group has been postponed until January 2010.  Tony Keller and Keith Ely gave a verbal report on the meeting with Marston Vale Rail Users on 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2009. It was agreed that London Midland should be contacted to discuss Bletchley station. It was agreed to take this agenda item to the next Community & Grants Committee to request funding for annual subscription of £500 to the Marston Vale Users Club, Stephen Sleight from the Marston Vale Rail Users Group is to supply full application details.  MK Transport Gateways - It was noted that there were no attendees to the meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2009. A report from the meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2009 was tabled.  Milton Keynes Transport Partnership Rail Group It was agreed to nominate Tony Keller to be the parish representative with Keith Ely as stand in to join the Milton Keynes Transport Partnership Rail Group.  The minutes from the External Scrutiny Panel following the meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2009 was noted.  The draft minutes in respect of Bletchley train station following Development Control Committee meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2009.  There were no other issues to be discussed regarding rail.	Regen Officer  Item to C & G Committee  Regen Officer
R132-09	<b>B &amp; Q Roundabout</b> It was noted that the exhibition will be held in the town council office and that the delay was due to technical issues arising regarding the layout.  <i>Post meeting note: date of exhibition confirmed as w/c 30.11.09</i>  It was further noted that Milton Keynes Council are to investigate the possibility of including an exit from the retail park onto Watling Street.	
R133-09 R133-09.1	<b>Lakes Estate Regeneration</b> Lakes Strategic Group – The Regeneration Officer gave a verbal report following meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2009. It was noted that this Group will be in suspension for one year and that the Lakes Neighbourhood Action Plan Steering Group will replace this group and its activities.  The copy minutes attached from the Lakes Steering Group meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2009 were noted.	

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R133-09.2	<p>The 'Health on the Lakes: Paper for LSG' attached was noted,</p> <p>Lakes Neighbourhood Action Plan Steering Group – The Regeneration Officer gave a verbal report following the first Lakes Neighbourhood Action Plan Steering Group meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009. A copy of the minutes from this meeting were tabled. It was noted that Alan Webb has been nominated as Chair of this Steering Group.</p>	
R133-09.3	<p>Neighbourhood Regeneration Performance Group</p> <p>The minutes attached from the Neighbourhood Regeneration Performance Group meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and the Portfolio High Level Highlight Report was noted.</p> <p>The Regeneration Officer gave a verbal report from the Neighbourhood Regeneration Performance Group meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009. It was reported that the Parish Partnership funding has now been agreed and that the proposals will be discussed at the next Performance Group meeting which is to held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009.</p>	
R133-09.4	<p>Parish Regeneration Fund</p> <p>The guidance notes and application form for this funding attached were noted.</p> <p>It was noted that the Parish Regeneration Fund has been divided equally between the 3 identified NAP areas and this amounts to £66,600 each. It was agreed that the Regeneration Officer is to provide a list of proposals and these should be discussed with interested parties including residents prior to agreement by November Full Council and then the Lakes NAP Steering Group for approval. It was agreed that the following proposals are to be included:</p> <p>Parish Ranger  Apprentice to Local Community Advisor  Hire of computers for residents on Steering Group  Funding for bonfire event  Funding for possible carnival event  Training / skills workshops by MK College / Bletchley Business Association</p> <p>It was agreed that the Regeneration Officer will provide the above list to all councillors for further input and to be agreed at November Full Council meeting.</p>	Regen Officer
R133-09.5	<p>Neighbourhood Sponsor Group Group</p> <p>The copy minutes from the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were noted.</p>	
R133-09.6	<p>It was noted that there will be a drop in event organised by MK Housing Services (with CAB) on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and that the</p>	

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R133-09.7	<p>town council will be involved in terms of promoting the Lakes NAP with Milton Keynes Council.</p> <p>The newsletter 'Regeneration MK' issued by Milton Keynes Council was noted. It was further noted that the Regeneration Officer is a member of the communication team for the Lakes regeneration and that members were pleased to note that the town council was acknowledged and produced articles for this publication. The Regeneration Officer advised that the Milton Keynes Council Regeneration Team is to submit an article for our next edition of the Neighbour.</p>	
R134-09 R134-09.1  R134-09.2	<p><b>Spotlight on Bletchley</b>  Tony Keller gave a verbal report following the opening ceremony for both the Spotlight office and UK Online sessions held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009.</p> <p>There were no further issues regarding Spotlight office</p>	
R135-09	<p><b>MK Stadium – World Cup Bid</b>  Tony Keller gave a verbal report following meeting with Pete Winkelman.</p>	
R136-09 R136-09.1  R136-09.2  R136-09.3  R136-09.4  R136-09.5	<p><b>Milton Keynes Council</b>  Tony Keller gave a verbal report following meeting with Pete Smettem /Milton Keynes Council on 7<sup>th</sup> October regarding a move to Bletchley. It was noted that in Jan/Feb 2010 MKC will be issuing a Property strategy and a report from cabinet will be issued and that this may be a further opportunity for the town council to renew its discussions with Milton Keynes Council regarding a possible move to Bletchley and the options available.</p> <p>Milton Keynes Wider Team Meeting – The Regeneration Officer gave a verbal report on the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 regarding Connect MK and the service they provide. It was noted that there were no attendees for the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009.</p> <p>It is noted that details are awaited from Milton Keynes Council regarding a new Select Committee with responsibility for Partnerships and Growth.</p> <p>It was noted that an update following West Bletchley Councils meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 is awaited. It was agreed that a further meeting with West Bletchley Council is to be arranged to discuss Section 106 monies with regard to regeneration.</p> <p>Meeting of Milton Keynes Council – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009  The minutes from the council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were noted. The tabled minutes from meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009 by Consortium of Bletchley Residents Associations (COBRA) were also noted.</p>	          Regen Officer

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R136-09.6  R136-09.7	<p>It was agreed to hold a Working Group meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 to look at the regeneration issues and how we can work with other partnerships and agencies to help achieve this. It was further agreed to confirm our interest in the regeneration of Bletchley in response to the Cabinet Decision 'A Plan for Bletchley' and to respond to the cabinet papers for the next meeting to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009</p> <p>It was noted that Milton Keynes Council has produced a 'Social Atlas', a copy of which was attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Employment &amp; Training Advice Road Show – The event on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Bletchley Library was noted.</p>	Regen Officer
R137-09 R137-09.1	<p><b>Regeneration Funding / Opportunities</b></p> <p>It was noted that the Town council has now subscribed to the Government funding website and that a central record of funding opportunities is held at the Town Council offices.</p> <p>It was agreed to arrange a further meeting with Jonathan Robinson regarding the use of Section 106 monies and that the Regeneration Officer is to put together an agenda for items to be discussed and this will be circulated to all members prior to the meeting.</p>	Regen Officer
R138-09	<p><b>Citizen Advice Bureau</b></p> <p>The Regeneration Officer gave a verbal update following meeting with Wendy Lehman / Milton Keynes Citizen Advice Bureau on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009. It was noted that CAB will provide the town council with a private telephone number that can be used in an emergency to get through to a counsellor direct (the telephone number can also be used by Paula Collinson /Spotlight office).</p> <p>It was further noted that Wendy Lehman advised that CAB are interested in running a surgery on the Lakes Estate and that she is to contact the Local Community Advisor to discuss the possibility of holding sessions at the Spotlight office.</p>	
R139-09	<p><b>Local Development Framework (LDF) Advisory Group</b></p> <p>The minutes from the Milton Keynes Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were noted.</p>	
R140-09	<p><b>Co-Op</b></p> <p>It was noted that Alan Webb has contacted various commercial organisations to look into the possibility of taking over the old Co-op site. It was discussed whether the Town Council should also be contacting commercial organisations regarding this site. It was agreed that prior to any contact being made that the Regeneration Officer should look into the Standing Orders of the town council to ascertain whether this is a viable exercise.</p>	Regen Officer
R141-09	<p><b>Milton Keynes Partnership</b></p> <p>The press release from Milton Keynes Partnership on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 was noted.</p>	

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R142-09	<p><b>Milton Keynes Community Foundation</b>  It was noted that The Milton Keynes Community Foundation and MK Community Property are currently developing a new strategy for their Community Reserve Sites and to raise awareness of the sites and their use. It was agreed that the Regeneration Officer it to attend a session hosted by Milton Keynes Community Foundation to introduce community reserve sites, where they are located and how they can be developed and if this is something the town Council should or wants to be involved with..</p>	Regen Officer
R143-09	<p><b>HCA Academy</b>  It was noted that the Regeneration Officer is undertaking the 'In a Nutshell' HCA training course which is focused around community development and sustainability. The chair thanked the Regeneration Officer for all her work and recognised that much of the work and training was done in her own time.</p>	
R144-09	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  Noted as per the agenda</p>	
FC145-09	<p><b>Any other Business</b>  None</p>	
FC146-09	<p><b>Questions from the Public</b>  None although these had already been addressed in minute reference R128-09 and R129-09</p>	
FC147-09	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b>  Agreed as Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009 at 7.30pm at the Town Council offices</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 10.35pm