

Minutes of the meeting of the CMK REVIEW STEERING GROUP held on THURSDAY 17 JUNE 1999 at 6.15 pm

Present:

Robert de Grey	-	Milton Keynes Theatre and Gallery Company
Councillor Bartlett	-	Milton Keynes Council
Councillor Bristow	-	Milton Keynes Council
Councillor Morsley	-	Milton Keynes Council
Andrew Armes	-	Milton Keynes Council
John Best	-	Milton Keynes Council
Chris Murray	-	Milton Keynes Council
Jon Shaw	-	Milton Keynes Council
Robert Nix	-	CMK Neighbourhood Council
Margaret Antalopoulos	-	MK Forum
Mike Geddes	-	MKEP
Mike Davidson	-	SMC
Daniel Morgason	-	Land Lease Europe
David Moore	-	MK Christian Council
Isabella Fraser	-	Campbell Park Parish Council
Jane Hamilton	-	English Partnerships

Apologies: Peter Hilton, Tim Hill, Pauline Scott-Garrett, Tony Gray, Ron Caldwell, John King and Councillor O'Sullivan

1.0 ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was agreed that Robert de Grey Chair the Steering Group.

2.0 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 1999

The Steering Group received the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 1999.

3.0 PROPOSED CMK PARTNERSHIP

The Steering Group received a report from Mike Geddes of Milton Keynes Economic Partnership on the proposed next steps for the development of a partnership body. The Steering Group noted that the range of partners had made a number of comments following consideration of the partnership proposals by their own organisations. Mike Geddes and John Best had attempted to produce an alternative "constitution" for the CMK Partnership following the comments made.

The Steering Group discussed at length the responses to the consultation and the process for moving towards the Partnership.

The Steering Group gave consideration to the proposed amended partnership constitution and agreed that the amended constitution should be resubmitted to the partner organisations for approval.

The Steering Group also noted an opportunity for European funding for research into the role of culture in developing town centres.

The Steering Group agreed paragraphs A, B, D, E, F, G and H of the revised constitution. The Steering Group agreed to defer consideration of Paragraph I. The following amendments were made to Paragraph C:

- (a) It was agreed that the full Partnership should meet at least twice a year.
- (b) The Town Centre Management Group should be convened by Peter Hilton.
- (c) Cultural Planning Group should be convened by Pauline Scott-Garrett (Milton Keynes Council).
- (d) Ad hoc projects groups (established to consider specific development projects), or such other mechanism that will be agreed.

4.0 CMK TRANSPORT AND PARKING CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED STRATEGY FOR PERIOD TO 2011

The Steering Group received a consultation document produced by the Central Milton Keynes Transport Group which comprised representatives of the Council, English Partnerships, the Chamber of Commerce and the Local Community meeting under the Chairmanship of the Milton Keynes Economic Partnership. The Steering Group noted that the starting point was to set out proposed targets for the modal split between the various forms of transport. The Steering Group also noted the range of targets that were suggested for the peak hour modal split and the proposed measures to deliver the strategy.

The Steering Group noted that the estimated cost of this project (ie capital plus running costs) were estimated to be about £20 million over the period to 2006 of which around 50% would be funded from parking revenues.

5.0 TRANSPORT AND PARKING SUB-GROUP

The Steering Group received the Minutes of the Transport and Parking Sub-Group meeting held on 3 June 1999.

6.0 MIDSUMMER BOULEVARD SUB-GROUP

John Best reported that a range of seminars had been held on cultural planning and transport with a further seminar comprising commercial analysis led by Amanda Balson from DTZ ending with a design seminar with the other 3 feeding in, sometime in September.

John Best circulated the Midsummer Boulevard study from April 1999.

The Steering Group noted that the Sub-Group had yet to agree a consistent way forward.

7.0 CAMPBELL PARK SUB-GROUP

Jane Hamilton reported that the Group had invited tenders for architectural urban consultants. The interviews would take place tomorrow in order to move the project forward quickly. It was hoped that the master plan could be agreed by English Partnerships and the Council by Christmas.

The brief was available to the rest of the group and the consultants appointed would involve the Members of the Steering Group in the consultation process.

8.0 REPORT FROM MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

John Best reported the following information:

(a) Update Report

The Steering Group agreed to publish the document as soon as possible.

(b) City Status

The Steering Group noted that Milton Keynes had applied for City Status for 2000. Any suggestions as to the publicity for the campaign should be referred to Peter Heaton, Marketing and Public Relations Manager at the Council.

(c) Sponsorship

The Steering Group noted that this issue was progressing with pedestrian advertising and other schemes throughout CMK.

(d) Conference

The Steering Group noted that a conference entitled Regenerating New Towns Generating Excellence to be held on 30 June run by Milton Keynes Council and others.

9.0 REPORT FROM ENGLISH PARTNERSHIPS

Jane Hamilton reported that the official merger with English Partnerships had taken place on 15 May. There was now a new agenda that would secure sustainable regeneration and new development. There was now a more holistic approach to the land portfolio.

10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Margaret Antalopoulos stated that any new Members of the Sub-Group or main group should be given a pack of base material, for example the update report or the Midsummer Boulevard report.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.30 PM