

ITEM 4

Minutes of the meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES PARTNERSHIP held on WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2000 at 6.00PM

Present:	Robert de Grey (Chair) -	Milton Keynes Theatre and Gallery Company
	Mike Davidson -	Shopping Management Company
	Isabella Fraser -	Campbell Park Parish Council
	Jane Hamilton -	English Partnerships
	Councillor Lloyd -	Milton Keynes Council
	John Best -	Milton Keynes Council
	Andrew Armes -	Milton Keynes Council
	Jane Marshall -	Milton Keynes Council
Apologies:	Councillor Bristow -	Milton Keynes Council
	Mike Page -	Thames Valley Police
	Pauline Scott-Garrett -	Milton Keynes Council

ACTION

1.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Partnership Executive received the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2000. **JM**

2.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2000

Matters outstanding from 2 February 2000:

Submission of two year work programmes from each sub-group;

The Transport sub-group to make proposals concerning its brief and membership;

Chair's discussions with the Milton Keynes' Community Foundation regarding the Partnership's concern over its resignation from the Partnership; and

A report on resourcing the Partnership, including administrative support.

3.0 DRAFT LOCAL PLAN POLICIES

The Executive considered details of the draft local plan. Officers reported that the deposit plan should be agreed by mid April by the Local Plan Sub-Committee under delegated powers. This would then go on deposit at the end of May or beginning of June, after which the statutory consultation period would take place. At the completion of this period the local plan would be reconsidered by the Council which could lead to further revision.

Some Partners expressed the view that the Central Milton Keynes Partnership should aim to ensure that the local plan included reaffirmation that Milton Keynes continued to be the regional centre, with higher density plans for Campbell Park and Midsummer Boulevard contained in Supplementary Planning Guidance. The demand for additional retail was said to be unclear but work on this was being commissioned.

The Executive noted that within the Campbell Park working group there were apparently at least three Partners who were opposed to high density development.

The Executive confirmed that Partners could raise issues of concern at any stage of the process, although the main window of opportunity would be during the statutory consultation period.

The Executive discussed the way in which the development of Campbell Park would fit into the local plan process given that work by consultants was still under way. The Executive expressed the view that the work being undertaken by the Terry Farrell Partnership on proposed development in Campbell Park must keep pace with the evolving local plan process. However it was noted that the work would be covered under Supplementary Planning Guidance rather than being contained in the initial local plan document.

AGREED –

That the work programme of the Partnership should include critical dates for the new Local Plan

**JB/
RdeG**

4.0 MILTON KEYNES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - MEMBERSHIP

This Item was deferred to a future meeting of the Executive.

JM

5.0 TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP – BRIEF AND MEMBERSHIP

The Executive discussed the future of the Transport working group. The Executive expressed the view that this should be a Central Milton Keynes Partnership sub-group to deal with wide transport issues and should have a broad membership. However it was felt that the current group focused more heavily on parking issues, particularly the current parking review.

The Executive expressed the view that concerns about the involvement of members with potential business interests in transport were unnecessary. However it was proposed that in future there could be two parts to the agenda of the transport working group, so that any partners who may have conflicting interests could be excluded from the relevant items, essentially creating a two-tier sub-group.

AGREED –

That the proposal to introduce a two tier system within the Transport sub-group be raised at its next meeting.

JB/MD

6.0 MIDSUMMER BOULEVARD TRANSPORT PROPOSALS

The Executive considered a report on the Transport Seminar held by the Midsummer Boulevard Steering Group on 17 June 1999.

I Fraser expressed concern about the Partnership focussing too heavily on Central Milton Keynes. She felt that the Partnership needed to look at the wider context of integrating the centre with the rest of the city, the approach which appeared to be taken by the Crime and Community Safety Partnership.

The Executive discussed the opposing views with regard to how easy Milton Keynes would be to police if it were to become a '24 hour city'.

AGREED –

That a presentation with the Crime and Community Safety Partnership be considered, in order that their work could be integrated with that of the Central Milton Keynes Partnership.

**JB/
RdeG**

7.0 WORKING GROUPS – PROGRAMME OF WORK

The Executive discussed the need for each sub-group to revisit its terms of reference, to look at current and future priorities.

AGREED –

1. That each working-group meet before the next meeting of the Executive. **ALL**
 2. That each sub-group agree a programme of work for their group, in order that these can be synthesised into a coherent programme to be presented to the Executive. **JB/
RdeG**
- (a) Campbell Park

It was reported that the work of the Terry Farrell Partnership consultants was progressing well. The Executive was reassured that, although the work was owned by English Partnerships, the organisation was very keen to produce a solution with which the Central Milton Keynes Partnership was satisfied. Therefore if the consultants produced unsatisfactory plans they would be asked to alter these.

AGREED –

That J Hamilton produce a document on the progress and future direction of the Campbell Park sub-group. **JH**

- (b) Midsummer Boulevard

It was reported that more money would be put into the Midsummer project which would give it a wider scope. It was further reported that English Partnerships had advertised in European journals. Shortlisting would take place in April with finalists to be interviewed in May, with a view to appointing in June. Officers offered the Council's support in the shortlisting process.

AGREED –

1. That J Hamilton discuss with R Jameson the possibility of producing a document on the progress and future direction of the Midsummer Boulevard working-group; and **JH**

2. That A Armes discuss further the involvement of the Council in the shortlisting of consultants. **AA**

(c) Town Centre Management and Promotion

With regard to the appointment of a Town Centre Manager it was reported that it was premature to put together a meaningful programme of work for this new position.

It was reported that there were some outstanding visits which should be made to explore different roles which Town Centre Managers fulfil. It was estimated that the group would have a series of proposals to bring before the Partnership in mid May.

AGREED –

That M Davidson produce a document on the progress and future direction of the Town Centre Management sub-group, with a view to having the new arrangements in place before the Christmas 2000 season. **MD**

(d) Transport

The Executive considered a summary of the programme of work for the Transport sub-group.

(e) Cultural Planning

The Executive considered the current activities of the Cultural Planning sub-group.

AGREED –

That the Partnership's overall work programme would reflect the important impact which the work of the Cultural Planning sub-group had on the Partnership as a whole. **JB/
RdeG**

8.0 WORKING GROUPS – OTHER ISSUES

The Executive considered any further information on the working-groups.

(a) Campbell Park

It was reported that there was a need to look beyond the consultants work in Campbell Park, as this was nearing completion.

It was noted that some criticisms had been made about the fact that possibilities for public art in Campbell Park had not been considered in the consultant's work to date.

AGREED –

That the Cultural Planning group consider the place of public art in the Campbell Park development in its planned discussions concerning public art.

JL

(b) Midsummer Boulevard

The Executive discussed the need to incorporate the work in Midsummer Boulevard into the wider development of Central Milton Keynes. The Executive agreed that the impact of Central Milton Keynes on adjacent areas and on other town centres was integral to the Partnership's role.

9.0 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

AGREED –

1. That the next meeting be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 18 April 2000.
2. That dates for future meetings be arranged at six weekly intervals, in advance.

ALL

10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that at its meeting held on 3 February 2000 the Environment Committee deferred full consideration of an item on the Terry Farrell proposals to its meeting to be held at 5.30pm on 17 March 2000. This was in order that firm decisions could be taken on the matter at the meeting of the Environment Committee to be held on 21 March 2000.

ALL

It was reported that the input of English Partnerships and the Town Centre Management sub-group would be welcomed to assist in the understanding of the strategic implications of the various development proposals. It was further reported that all Members of the Partnership were welcome to attend.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.40 PM