

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

16 SEPTEMBER 2020

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEM 3[b])

Ethan Wilkinson to the Leader

Question

The Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Deal Board is currently asking local residents for ideas on how the £25 million government investment money could be spent. Given that the promotional YouTube video has just a little over 250 views, can I ask how many responses have been received from local residents?

Supplementary

People that I have spoken to have told me that they haven't heard anything about the online survey. In the promotional video John Cove says that "there will be lots of other ways" that the Board will be engaging with local people. Can I ask what "other ways" you will be using to raise awareness of this opportunity and make it more accessible to local residents?

Paul Bartlett to Cllr Darlington

Question

To advise on the number of reviews, the frequency and results of consultation with businesses, visitors, employees, ex employees, and the research undertaken by MKC on the social distancing road narrowing scheme at High Street, Stony Stratford, before, since and during the implementation of the initial scheme and the second scheme, the nature of the scientific analysis of the schemes undertaken by MKC and their consultants, the results of each weekly review, what the purpose of the reviews is and if they met her wish that such reviews would show a 'positive benefit' (minutes of Full Council page 11 17th June 2020) and in so answering the final point, explain what is meant by 'positive benefit' to each of residents, businesses, employees, ex employees, visitors and the level of positive benefit if such has occurred, been recorded and if so, how recorded and how this will be communicated to visitors, residents, businesses, employees, ex employees?"

Chris Taylor to Cllr Townsend

Question

The bund installed to stop illegal encampments on Chaffron Way by Furzton was welcomed by residents, however it remains as a muddy eye soar, that makes the area look messy. Does the cabinet member have an update as to when it will be grassed over?

Supplementary

There have been a number of illegal encampments on Furzton Football pitch, off Lynmouth Crescent, may residents have reassurance that barriers are going to be installed in suitable places so it doesn't continue to occur?

Sue Malleson to the Leader

Question

At the recent planning inquiry concerning warehouses at South Caldecotte the Council knowingly agreed to a non-compliant S106 for South Caldecotte in the parish of Bow Brickhill. It allocated £250,000 of landowners' money to Hazard Alley, located over eight miles away and having no discernible connection to South Caldecotte or Bow Brickhill. It also refused to allocate funds to mitigate the effects the development will have on the village of Bow Brickhill. Both matters are in contravention of the regulations. Why has this been allowed to happen?

Norman Tooke to the Leader

Question

National planning policy states that "Effective enforcement is important to maintain public confidence in the planning system". In view of the long-standing criticism that has been levelled at this Council's ability to enforce by both residents and Councillors, do you believe this fundamental part of the planning system is performing satisfactorily in Milton Keynes and should residents have confidence in it?

Manish Verma to Cllr Townsend

Question

Residents of Oxley park & Kingsmead are experiencing significant problems with dangerous parking. Often Cars are parked on pavements and blocking driveways. With local schools, residents often have to walk around the cars with kids , pushchairs and worst with wheel chairs.

As a member of residents group, we continue to press for action. Would it be possible for the cabinet member to ask highways to take a more proactive approach and help find a long term solutions to this persistent issue?

Edward Hume to the Leader

Question

Given the recent decision by DCC regarding Bletchley Landfill. will MKC ensure full enforcement action will be taking should FCC fail to comply with planning condition to restore the land?

At DCC a Councillor provides FCC other options such as having a shorter term extensions. What provision is there to stop this so we don't have short extension after short extensions?