

Minutes of the meeting of MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 18 / WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2015 at 7.40 pm

Present: Councillor Eastman (Mayor) (18 February 2015 only)
Councillors Alexander, Bald, Bint, Brackenbury, Bramall, Brunning, M Burke, S Burke, Cannon, Clancy, Clifton, Coventry, Crooks, Dransfield (18 February 2015 only), Exon, Ferrans, A Geary, P Geary, E Gifford, R Gifford, Gowans, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, Khan, Legg, Lewis, Long, Marland, D McCall, I McCall, McDonald, McKenzie, McLean (Deputy Mayor in the Chair 25 February 2015), McPake (25 February 2015 only), Middleton, Miles, Morla, Morris, Nolan, O'Neill, Pallett, Patey-Smith, Petchey, Priestley, Small (25 February 2015 only), Wallis, Webb, White, C Williams (18 February 2015 only), P Williams and Wilson

Apologies: Councillors Betteley, Dransfield (25 February 2015 only), Eastman (25 February 2015 only), McPake (18 February 2015 only), Nash and Small (18 February 2015 only) and Alderpersons Beeley, I Henderson, E Henderson, Howell, Irons, Lloyd and Saunders

Also Present: circa 100 members of the public on both 18 and 25 February 2015

CL90

MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 14 January 2015, be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to:

(a) the penultimate paragraph of Minute CL69(b) being amended to read:

“Councillor Clifton also indicated that the Council was continuing to talk to bus operators and local business and that he had noted the points made about a lack of information, which had also been raised by the Budget Review Group; and stated that he hoped to be able to report detailed proposals to the Environment and Transport Select Committee on 19 January 2015.”; and

(b) the record of the vote at Minute CL79, recording the fact that 34 councillors voted in favour, 0 councillors voted against and 18 councillors abstained from voting.

CL91

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Dransfield declared personal interests as a Member of Loughton Parish Council, Vice-Chair of the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, a Trustee of Loughton Leisure Centre Trust, a Trustee of the MK Dons Sport and Education School Trust, a Trustee of the Sport MK Trust and a Trustee of Denbigh School.

Councillor Exon declared a personal interest as Scout Leader.

Councillor C Williams declared personal interests as the Council's representative to the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Chair of the Watling Way Surgery Patient Participation Group, Chair of the Sunshine Children's Centre and a Member of Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish Council.

Councillor Wilson declared a potential pecuniary interest as his wife was an employee of the Citizen's Advice Bureau (should it be discussed) and a personal interest as Chair of Woughton Community Council.

CL92

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) New Year Honours

The Mayor announced that Dr Alice Maynard, Professor Susan Hallam and Councillor Joan Walker, who had received awards in the New Year Honours List, were able to join him in the Parlour earlier this evening and were also in attendance at the meeting tonight.

The Council congratulated Dr Maynard, Professor Hallam and Councillor Walker on their Honours

(b) Councillor Alice Bramall

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, congratulated Councillor Bramall on her recent engagement.

(c) Murdoch Mackenzie

The Mayor announced the death of Murdoch Mackenzie former Ecumenical Moderator of the Mission Partnership in Milton Keynes, who passed away on Tuesday, 3 February 2015 in hospital in Edinburgh.

The Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.

CL93

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(a) Question from Mr Allsopp to Councillor Marland (Leader of the Council)

Mr Allsopp asked Councillor Marland if he could instruct the legal department to clarify the boundaries between the Council's land and that which is in the ownership of each property on Galley Hill."

Councillor Marland indicated that the issue over land ownership had arisen when land had been transferred to the Council by the former Commission for the New Towns which the Council maintained, but formed the gardens of a number of private properties, resulting in the situation where householders did not own their gardens. The Council had started an exercise in 1997 looking at the possible disposal of

the land by the Council, but this had not progressed, mainly due to a lack of resources and the high costs of the necessary legal work.

Councillor Marland outlined potential options which included the Council retaining the land, or the transferring of the land to householders at either a nominal fee, or at the market price.

Councillor Marland undertook to request officers to at least identify the ownership of the various areas of land concerned.

Mr Allsopp, as a supplementary question, asked Councillor Marland, if at any time the Council undertook a full review, if he would visit the estate and meet some of the house owners concerned.

Councillor Marland indicated that he would be willing to visit the estate, and look into the matter

- (b) Question from Mr P Ballantyne to Councillor Clifton (Cabinet member for Economic Growth and Inward Investment)

Mr P Ballantyne asked Councillor Clifton why, in his view, there had been a lack of a proper public consultation process over the proposed large cuts to bus services and concessionary fares, with little effort by the Council to conduct an effective publicity campaign to raise awareness of the cuts, or to make information more accessible to those who needed buses most, particularly as it affected so many citizens.

Councillor Clifton indicated that the Council had engaged with the Milton Keynes Bus Users Group on a number of occasions and the Group had advertised the proposed reductions within its regular newsletter, which was targeted at the people who had the greatest stake in the use of buses. Details of the suggested reductions had also been provided to the local newspapers that had covered the issues in recent editions.

Councillor Clifton also indicated that the Milton Keynes Bus Users Group contributed to the deliberations at the Environment and Transport Select Committee and to the Cabinet's meeting on 9 February 2015, all of which was in addition to the main budget consultation.

Councillor Clifton undertook to continue to work with the Bus Users Group on the proposals for future bus services in line with the likely budget constraints.

CL94

PROCEDURAL MOTION / ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor moved the following Procedural Motion in respect of the forthcoming debate on the budget, which was seconded by the Deputy Mayor:

“That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.1, Council Procedure Rule 13.6(e) [Ownership of motion to pass with a successful amendment] be suspended in respect of Item 4 [Budget Report 2013/14].”

On being put to the vote the procedural motion was declared carried unanimously.

RESOLVED -

That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.1, Council Procedure Rule 13.6(e) [Ownership of motion to pass with a successful amendment] be suspended in respect of Item 4 [Council Tax and Business Rate Baseline / Budget 2015/16].

The Mayor announced, that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.4, he would allow the speech from the Leader of the Council to exceed the limit of 4 minutes, and then allow each of the Leaders of the Opposition Groups to speak for a similar time.

CL95

COUNCIL TAX AND BUSINESS RATE BASELINE / BUDGET 2015/16

Councillor Marland moved the following recommendations from the meetings of the Cabinet held on 14 December 2014 and 9 February, which were seconded by Councillor Middleton:

Council Tax and Business Rate Baseline 2015/16

“That the proposed 2015/16 funding contribution to parish and town councils of £595,000, be agreed.”

Budget Report 2015/16

1. That the Revenue Budget 2015/16 and Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2019/20 to be approved, including the change resulting from the Cabinet’s decision to set aside its decision to change the Housing Options and Allocations Scheme.
2. That a Council Tax at Band D of £1,138.04, for the Milton Keynes element of the Council Tax, be approved.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 [the “Act”]:
 - (a) £559.250m Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by parish and town councils.
 - (b) £464.550m Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3).

- (c) £94.700m As its Council Tax requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4).
- (d) £1,206.48 As the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts), being the amount at (c) above, divided by the Council Tax Base agreed on 8 December 2014
- (e) £5,372,331 Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f). £1,138.04 Being the amount at (d) less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the Council Tax Base agreed on the 8 December 2014, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for Milton Keynes Council, excluding Parish and Major Precepting Authorities.

4. That the following amounts be calculated for Milton Keynes Council Tax:

VALUATION BANDS							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
758.69	885.14	1,011.59	1,138.04	1,390.94	1,643.84	1,896.73	2,276.08

- 5. That the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (f) in recommendation 3 above, by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to all dwellings listed in each particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act Council be noted
- 6. That it be noted that for the year 2015/16, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

VALUATION BANDS							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
109.13	127.32	145.51	163.70	200.08	236.46	272.83	327.40

7. That it be noted that for the year 2015/16, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

VALUATION BANDS							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
39.03	45.53	52.04	58.54	71.55	84.56	97.57	117.08

8. That as a result of the above, the amounts of Council Tax be set in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown in the Schedule.
9. That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2015/16 to 2019/20 and the Treasury Policy Statement, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy be approved.
10. That the prudential indicators for Capital Expenditure and the Capital Financing Requirement, the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for External Debt, the Affordability Prudential Indicators and the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators for the years 2015/16 to 2019/20, be approved.
11. That the Authorised Limit for external debt of £591m for 2015/16 to be the statutory limit determined under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 be approved.
12. That the resource allocation for the 2015/16 Tariff programme be approved.
13. That the equalities impact assessment to inform its Budget Resolution be noted.
14. That in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, it be noted that the Corporate Director Resources is of the view that this Budget is robust and the forecast reserves are adequate.
15. That the fees and charges for 2015/16 (including those fees and charges which are exceptions to the Income and Collection Policy) be approved.”

During consideration of this item, the Council heard from 18 members of public.

The voting on the recommendations was as follows:

FOR: Councillors M Burke, Clifton, Coventry, E Gifford, R Gifford, Gowans, Khan, Legg, Lewis, Long, Marland, McKenzie, Middleton, Miles, Nolan, O'Neill, Pallett, Petchey, Priestley, Wallis, Webb, White, P Williams and Wilson (24)

AGAINST: Councillors Alexander, Bald, Bint, Brackenbury, Bramall, Brunning, S Burke, Cannon, Clancy, Crooks, Dransfield, Eastman, Exon, Ferrans, A Geary, P Geary, Green, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, Hosking, I McCall, I McCall, McDonald, McLean, Morla, Morris, Patey-Smith and C Williams (28)

ABSTENTIONS: (0)

The recommendations were declared lost.

CL96 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded, that the meeting be adjourned until 7:30 pm on Wednesday 25 February 2015.

On being put to the vote the Procedural Motion was declared carried unanimously.

RESOLVED -

That the meeting be adjourned until 7:30 pm on Wednesday 25 February 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 25 February 2015.

Deputy Mayor in the Chair.

CL97 PROCEDURAL MOTION

The Deputy Mayor moved the following procedural motion, which was seconded by Councillor Marland:

“That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.1, the following Council Procedure Rules be suspended:

11.1 (To allow a motion to be moved)

13.5 (To allow a Councillor to speak more than once in the debate)

13.6(a) (To allow any amendments to be moved)

15.1 (To allow consideration of an item similar to one rejected in the previous 6 months).”

On being put to the vote the Procedural Motion was declared carried unanimously.

RESOLVED –

That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 21.1, the following Council Procedure Rules be suspended:

- 11.1 (To allow a motion to be moved)
- 13.5 (To allow a Councillor to speak more than once in the debate)
- 13.6(a) (To allow any amendments to be moved)
- 15.1 (To allow consideration of an item similar to one rejected in the previous 6 months).

The Deputy Mayor announced, that he would be using his discretion to allow those members of the public who spoke during the earlier part of the meeting to speak again.

CL98

COUNCIL TAX AND BUSINESS RATE BASELINE / BUDGET 2015/16

Councillor Marland moved the following recommendation from the meetings of the Cabinet held on 14 December 2014 and a motion in relation to the Budget 2015/16, which were seconded by Councillor Middleton:

Council Tax and Business Rate Baseline 2015/16

“That the proposed 2015/16 funding contribution to parish and town councils of £595,000, be agreed.”

Budget 2015/16

- “1. That the Revenue Budget 2015/16 and Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2019/20 to be approved.
2. That a Council Tax at Band D of £1,160.23, for the Milton Keynes element of the Council Tax, reflecting a 1.95% increase, be approved.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 [the “Act”] (note these will be confirmed once all precepts have been received):
 - (a) £559.976m Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by parish and town councils.
 - (b) £463.534m Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3).

- (c) £96.442m As its Council Tax requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4).
- (d) £1,228.67 As the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts), being the amount at (c) above, divided by the Council Tax Base agreed on 8 December 2014
- (e) £5,372,331 Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (f). £1,160.23 Being the amount at (d) less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the Council Tax Base agreed on the 8 December 2014, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for Milton Keynes Council, excluding Parish and Major Precepting Authorities.

4. That the following amounts be calculated for Milton Keynes Council Tax:

VALUATION BANDS							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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773.49	902.40	1,031.32	1,160.23	1,418.06	1,675.89	1,933.72	2,320.46

- 5. That the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (f) in recommendation 3 above, by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to all dwellings listed in each particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act Council be noted
- 6. That it be noted that for the year 2015/16, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

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7. That it be noted that for the year 2015/16, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

VALUATION BANDS (to be confirmed)							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
39.03	45.53	52.04	58.54	71.55	84.56	97.57	117.08

8. That as a result of the above, the amounts of Council Tax (shown in Annexes A and B) be set in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown in the Schedule.
9. That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2015/16 to 2019/20 and the Treasury Policy Statement, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy be approved.
10. That the prudential indicators for Capital Expenditure; the Capital Financing Requirement; the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for External Debt; the Affordability Prudential Indicators and the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators for the years 2015/16 to 2019/20, be approved.
11. That the Authorised Limit for external debt of £591m for 2015/16 (to be the statutory limit determined under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003) be approved.
12. That the resource allocation for the 2015/16 Tariff programme be approved.
13. That the equalities impact assessment is used to inform the final Budget Resolution and is therefore noted.
14. That in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, it be noted that the Corporate Director Resources is of the view that this Budget is robust and the forecast reserves are adequate.
15. That the fees and charges for 2015/16 (including those fees and charges which are exceptions to the Income and Collection Policy) be approved.”

Councillor D McCall moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor McPake and accepted by the mover of the motion:

“That the Revenue Budget 2015/16 and Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2019/20 be approved, subject to:

- ‘the 50p concession for disabled people being retained, rather than moving to the half-fare rate as proposed (savings reference S89 [Reduction in the senior peak time concession]), with the annual cost of retaining this concession of £10k being met from one-off resources for 2015/16 to allow a change in policy to be implemented and so becoming a base budget pressure in the 2016/17 budget.’”

Councillor Bald moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Brakenbury and accepted by the mover of the motion:

“That the Revenue Budget 2015/16 and Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2019/20 be approved, subject to:

- The Capital Programme which currently proposes:
‘Investment in Parking - £1,000,000 in 2015/16’, funded from the parking reserve and New Homes Bonus’
Being amended to:
‘Investment in short-term temporary parking and longer-term parking provision (e.g. Decking or alternative solutions) - £1,000,000 in 2015/16.’
To be funded from the parking reserve and New Homes Bonus.
Pressure 31 ‘Investment in parking charges and facilities - £1.079m’ which provides the funding for the Investment in parking infrastructure in the Capital Programme proposal above, being amended to:
Pressure 31 ‘Investment in short and long-term parking provision and facilities, which may be used to fund prudential borrowing if an appropriate scheme is identified’.”

Councillor A Geary moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor S Burke and accepted by the mover of the motion:

“That the Revenue Budget 2015/16 and Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2019/20 be approved, subject to noting the following requirements:

- ‘(a) That it is considered unacceptable for front line services to be cut without this Council at least attempting to reform its structures in order to exhaust all possible management savings. This Council therefore requests the Chief Executive

to undertake a review of staffing structures across the Council to assess their “fitness for purpose” in meeting the Councils needs for future service provision. This review should also encompass alternative methods of service delivery. The findings of this review should be submitted to the Scrutiny Management Committee for appropriate scrutiny by July 2015 at the latest.

- (b) That before any future reductions in Bus Subsidies are proposed in any public documents, that all negotiations with service providers are conducted and concluded, and that the results of these discussions are made clear at the time of the draft proposals for the 2016/17 budget. Furthermore that any proposed reductions in routes or services are also made clear at the same time.
- (c) Notwithstanding any additional temporary parking provision coming forward, in the event that insufficient progress is achieved in developing, agreeing and implementing a new Parking Strategy providing at least 1000 more spaces in agreed locations, it is agreed that the one-off funding provided in the 2015/16 budget is restored into the base budget for 2016/17.
- (d) That the resources provided for hostel provision (currently delivered by St Mungo’s and Orbit), ensures that no existing client will be made homeless as a result of this change, and that the re-commissioning of services will maintain the current level of service provision, exploring all options for joint funding with e.g. probation service.
- (e) That all future reductions to Wider Use Grants should be at no more than the level of reductions of Government Funding to this Council.
- (f) That a policy surrounding the funding of Lunch Clubs be drawn up and agreed by Council prior to any budget proposals being published for 2016/17.”

During consideration of this motion the Council heard from 10 members of public.

The voting was as follows:

FOR: Councillors M Burke, Clifton, Coventry, E Gifford, R Gifford, Gowans, Khan, Legg, Lewis, Long, Marland, McKenzie, Middleton, Miles, Nolan, O’Neill, Pallett, Petchey, Priestley, Wallis, Webb, White, P Williams and Wilson (24)

AGAINST: Councillors Bint, Clancy, P Geary, Green, Hosking, McDonald, McLean, Morla, Morris, Patey-Smith and Small (11)

ABSTENTIONS: Alexander, Bald, Brackenbury, Bramall, Brunning, S Burke, Cannon, Crooks, Exon, Ferrans, A Geary, D Hopkins, V Hopkins, D McCall, I McCall, and McPake (16)

The recommendation and motion were declared carried.

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposed 2015/16 funding contribution to parish and town councils of £595,000, be agreed.
2. That the Revenue Budget 2015/16 and Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2019/20 to be approved, subject to:
 - (a) the 50p concession for disabled people being retained, rather than moving to the half-fare rate as proposed (savings reference S89 [Reduction in the senior peak time concession]), with the annual cost of retaining this concession of £10k being met from one-off resources for 2015/16 to allow a change in policy to be implemented and so becoming a base budget pressure in the 2016/17 budget;
 - (b) The Capital Programme which currently proposes:

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purpose” in meeting the Councils needs for future service provision. This review should also encompass alternative methods of service delivery. The findings of this review should be submitted to the Scrutiny Management Committee for appropriate scrutiny by July 2015 at the latest;

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by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act Council be noted

7. That it be noted that for the year 2015/16, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1992, has stated the following precepts to the Council for each of the categories of dwellings:

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16. That the fees and charges for 2015/16 (including those fees and charges which are exceptions to the Income and Collection Policy) be approved.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9:25 PM ON
WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2015