

15 SEPTEMBER 1999**WARD MATTERS****CCTV CAMERAS - COFFEE HALL LOCAL CENTRE**

Councillors Coventry, Long and K Wilson have requested the Committee to consider the following proposals:

“Following detailed negotiations with various partners including Milton Keynes Council, the Arts Workshop, the local Church, the Meeting Place and the Police, Woughton Parish Council has agreed to a substantial purchase of CCTV cameras at Coffee Hall local centre, to improve local security and the safety of both users and residents.

Milton Keynes Council is asked to:

- (a) approve the installation of the cameras on its property and to adopt the ownership of them;
- (b) in accordance with current practice, arrange for the payment of the running costs and maintenance of the cameras. (This will be recovered through the service charge to the lessees of the local centre.); and
- (c) agree that in the event of any substantial costs being incurred, related to replacement or upgrading that Woughton Parish Council be approached to either fully or part-fund such costs.”

OFFICER’S BACKGROUND NOTE:

CCTV Cameras are provided in Milton Keynes in two principle ways:

- (i) via the Central Milton Keynes Network that is monitored at the Police Station; and
- (ii) via local schemes which are self financing and which may or may not involve monitoring but by private firms, not the Police. (There is currently one on Beanhill where retail tenants pay for the cost of maintenance and surveillance out of their charges.)

This scheme would fall within the second category and it is understood that discussions are well underway to achieve a self financing scheme on Coffee Hall. If self financing is achieved (i.e. the recovery of costs via the Parish Council and local tenant) the scheme can be implemented via officer delegated authority.

There is an issue about what part CCTV can play in helping the Crime and Community Safety Partnership achieve its strategy. CCTV is costly to install, monitor and police and although there are government grants to bid for, a strategy is required to target the development of CCTV across Milton Keynes to the best effect. This strategy is being developed by the Crime and Community Safety Partnership.

It is recommended that:

- (i) the Coffee Hall Local Centre Scheme is approved on a self financing basis; and
- (ii) the Committee notes that a CCTV strategy is being developed by the Partnership.

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