



Minutes of the meeting of the PARISH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY held on THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2000 at 7.15 pm

<b>Present:</b>	Councillor K Wilson	-	Milton Keynes Council
	Councillor Tapp	-	Milton Keynes Council
	I Fraser	-	Campbell Park Parish Council
	D Pafford	-	Campbell Park Parish Council
	G Mann	-	Emberton Parish Council
	B Abbott	-	Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Neighbourhood Council
	J Marling	-	Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Neighbourhood Council
	D Scarland	-	Newport Pagnell Town Council
	A Francis	-	New Bradwell Neighbourhood Council
	R Newth	-	Filgrave and Tyringham Neighbourhood Council
	J Geary	-	Hanslope Parish Council
	C Vaughan	-	Haversham and Little Linford Parish Council
	R Gibbard	-	Woughton Parish Council
	A Dnes	-	Stony Stratford Parish Council
	D Balchin	-	Milton Keynes Village and Broughton Parish Council
	J Baxton	-	Stantonbury Parish Council
	R Bowker	-	Wolverton and Greenleys Neighbourhood Council
	M Bowker	-	Wolverton and Greenleys Neighbourhood Council

**Officers:** A Colyer (Assistant Treasurer (Corporate Finance)), A Hudson (Head of Infrastructure), A Prockter (Landscape and Countryside Manager) P Robinson (Senior Policy Officer), M Small and T Mabbott (Committee Manager)

**Apologies:** Councillors White and Bartlett

## **1.0 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 1999 were received.

## **2.0 LIBRARY SERVICE REVIEW**

The Assembly received a presentation by Bill Pearson, Chief Librarian, on the Library Services Review. It was noted that public libraries in the United Kingdom were 150 years old and that an extensive consultation had taken place in Milton Keynes to consider the future of the service. It was noted that any further views of Parish and Neighbourhood Councils would be welcomed.

Representatives of local Councils expressed concern that some of the community information contained in the Central Reference Library was inaccurate. It was agreed that any such queries should be reported directly to the Chief Librarian, who would address them.

It was also noted that, although the siting of the Central Records Office in Aylesbury was not ideal, at present it was the most cost-effective solution and would remain so for the foreseeable future.

## **3.0 NEW POLITICAL MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES**

The Assembly noted the new arrangements for political management structures being adopted by Milton Keynes Council from May. Some concerns were expressed that this would be unnecessarily bureaucratic and that the views of local councils would be marginalised. There was also some support for the new structure, and particularly the increased emphasis upon consultation.

The Assembly noted that local Councils were being consulted on various options for locality working which could involve local Councils.

## **4.0 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN – 2000/01**

The Assembly received a progress report on the production of the Council's Best Value Performance Plan 2000/01. It was noted that a summary copy of the Plan would be published in the Messenger in early April, and a full copy circulated at the same time to Parish and Neighbourhood Councils.

## **5.0 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PLAN – 2000/01**

The Assembly received a progress report on the production of the draft Community Partnership Plan 2000/01. This plan had been prepared by the Council in collaboration with its partners and was designed to identify which partnership organisations are tackling which issues that the people in Milton Keynes want tackled. It was also noted that the MK2020 Steering Group was holding a 'Democracy Week' in the final week of March which culminated in a Conference on 31 March 2000 to which Parish and Neighbourhood Councils had been invited.

## **6.0 PARISH PARTNERSHIP FUND**

The Assembly noted that the revised criteria for the Parish Partnership Fund had been agreed which would be implemented for 2001/2002 applications. Application forms for 2000/2001 would be circulated to Parish and Neighbourhood Councils shortly.

## **7.0 REVIEW OF PARISH ARRANGEMENTS**

It was noted that Milton Keynes Council's submission was now with Secretary of State. It was hoped that the proposed new arrangements would be approved and put in place by the year 2001.

## **8.0 ITEMS RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILS**

### Funding of Maintenance Costs

The Assembly noted that Woughton Parish Council had raised the issue of who was responsible for the ongoing costs of Milton Keynes Council facilities enhanced as a result of a grant from the local council. It was noted that this was not currently clear and that different approaches currently applied to different types of facility or grant. It was agreed that a clarification of Milton Keynes Council's policy on such grants should be sought and reported to a future meeting of the Assembly.

## **9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee noted that the date for the next meeting of the Consultative Assembly would be Thursday 22 June 2000 at 7.00pm at the Civic Offices

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.54 PM