

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of **Olney Town Council** held at The Olney Centre on
Monday 5th February 2024 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Whitworth (Chair), Bethune, Brock, Cooper, Diamandopoulos, R. Hall, Prosser, Rowland and Tyler

In attendance: Jane Brushwood, Town Clerk, Rob Mungham, Deputy Town Clerk and 3 members of the public

Open forum: No members of the public wished to speak

OTC24/2/01: Apologies for absence

Resolved: Cllrs D. Hall, Rodden, Stokes and Tennant

OTC24/2/02: Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

Resolved: None

OTC24/2/03: To approve the minutes of the OTC meeting held 8th January 2024 and the EGM on 22nd January 2024

Resolved: Cllr Bethune proposed, Cllr Prosser seconded that the minutes of the OTC meeting held 8th January 2024 be approved. All in favour. Cllr Rowland noted a required amendment of the time the EGM started. Cllr Prosser proposed, Cllr Cooper seconded that the minutes of the EGM, subject to the amendment, be approved. All in favour.

OTC24/2/04: To receive a Ward Councillor's report

WCllr Geary reported that the New City Plan continues to be developed, with an MKCC presentation meeting to be held at The Olney Centre on Tuesday 13th February, where other parish and town council representatives are invited to attend.

MKCC are finalising the 2024/25 financial year budget, with a current projection of an estimated rise in council tax of 4.99%.

Decisions due on the future of the MK:Connect service in the coming weeks.

New schedule of parking charges in Central Milton Keynes came into effect on 1st February.

Consultation period regarding the introduction of a 20mph zone in Olney is due to start this week, meaning it can be concluded before the pre-election purdah period commences.

MKCC remain aware of issues in Oakdown Crescent and continue to work to resolve these.

Cllr Rowland asked WCllr Geary had any recent updates been received on the pedestrian crossing near to the One Stop shop. WCllr Geary reported no further updates had been received in approximately 6 months, and that MKCC currently deemed the crossing as safe.

Resolved: Noted

Signed: Cllr D Whitworth

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OTC24/2/05: To receive a PCSO's report

PCSO Arlene Ormston sent a report of 2 counts of anti-social behaviour, 1 assault with injury, 1 attempted residential burglary, 8 counts of shoplifting and 3 reports of suspicious vehicles or persons on different days.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/2/06: To receive an expenditure report and budget to date

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/2/07: To receive reports from Councillors who represent at external meetings

Cllr Prosser reported that the committee of the Ann Hopkins Almshouses had recently met. They continue to work through a programme of scheduled maintenance, most recently moving electrical sockets higher up the walls to make them more accessible for residents, some of whom have limited mobility. A monthly coffee morning is helping committee and residents to open up lines of dialogue, as well as a social occasion for residents, some of whom don't go out as often in the winter months.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/2/08: To receive updates on S106 spending

Clerk reported that there is S106 funding available from funds related to emergency services and is currently looking into securing funds for a defibrillator and locked throw lines, accessible by calling 999. Cllr Bethune reported that Cobbs Garden Surgery had recommended that river throw lines would be a good investment.

Clerk reported that talks regarding a town lido had reached a standstill.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/2/09: To receive an update from the river water pollution working group

Cllr Whitworth reported that MKCC were supportive of the work being done by the working group and had requested discharge data from Anglian Water. MKCC representative has been invited to February's working group meeting.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/2/10: To receive an update on the ex football club

Clerk reported nothing to update council on regarding this agenda item this month

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/2/11: To consider adopting the Biodiversity Policy as recommended by R&S Committee

Resolved: Cllr Bethune proposed, Cllr Diamandopoulos seconded that the policy be adopted. All voted in favour.

The meeting closed at 7.17pm

Next meeting: Monday 4th March 2024