



**MINUTES OF  
WHITEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Held on THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024 at 8.20pm  
at The Library, Watling Academy, Barossa Way,  
Whitehouse, MK8 1EP**

**Present:** Councillors Fola Akinsowon, Eileen Card, Varma Kanumuri, Jekaterina Kartasova and Julian Thomas.

**Officer:** Lesley Sung (Clerk)

**In Attendance:** Paul Van Geete (Tariff Manager, Milton Keynes City Council)

**Members of the Public: 1**

**C001 WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended that welcome to members of the public viewing the proceedings via Microsoft Teams.

**C002 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Godwin Michael. The apology was accepted.

**C003 ELECTION OF A CHAIR FOR 2024/2025**

It was moved by Councillor Fola Akinsowon, seconded by Councillor Jekaterina Kartasova, and

**Resolved Unanimously:** That Councillor Eileen Card be elected as Chair of the Council for 2024/2025.

**C004 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2024/2025**

It was moved by Councillor Fola Akinsowon, seconded by Councillor Eileen Card and

**Resolved Unanimously:** That Councillor Julian Thomas be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Council for 2024/2025.

**C005 THE COUNCIL STRUCTURE**

**Resolved Unanimously:**

1. That the Council meeting structure for 2024/2025 includes a fully constituted HR Committee.
2. That the Council staffing structure, for now, consists of a full-time Clerk.

**C006 APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES 2024/2025**

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the HR Committee membership for 2024/2025, be agreed as Councillor Fola Akinsowon, Eileen Card and Julian Thomas.

**Resolved Unanimously:** That, in accordance with the HR Committee's constitution, the membership of the Council's HR Committee consists of Councillor Fola Akinsowon, Eileen Card and Julian Thomas.



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**C007 APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING GROUPS**

**Resolved Unanimously:**

1. That Councillors be appointed to existing Working Groups as follows:

<b>WORKING GROUP</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>
Community Facilities Working Group	Councillors Eileen Card, Varma Kanumuri, Jekaterina Kartasova and Julian Thomas and Lesley Sung (Clerk)
IT Working Group	Councillors Fola Akinsowon and Julian Thomas and Lesley Sung (Clerk)

2. That Councillors be appointed to individual event Working Groups as follows:

<b>WORKING GROUP</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>
Summer Family Fun Day Working Group	Councillors Eileen Card, Varma Kanumuri and Jekaterina Kartasova and Lesley Sung (Clerk)
Diwali Working Group	Councillors Varma Kanumuri and Godwin Michael and Lesley Sung (Clerk)
Christmas Celebration Working Group	Councillor Fola Akinsowon, Jekaterina Kartasova and Julian Thomas.
Chinese New Year Working Group	Councillors Jekaterina Kartasova and Julian Thomas and Lesley Sung (Clerk)

3. That Councillor Godwin Michael be invited to join the IT Working Group.
4. That up to two residents be invited to join each of the event working groups.

**C008 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2024/2025**

**Resolved unanimously:** That the following Councillors and Officers be appointed to represent the Council on the following bodies:

<b>OUTSIDE ORGANISATION</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES</b>
Parishes Forum	Councillor Eileen Card and Lesley Sung (Clerk)
BMKALC (Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils)	Councillor Fola Akinsowon
Public Art Steering Group	Councillor Fola Akinsowon and Lesley Sung (Clerk)



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**C009 DRAFT STANDING ORDERS 2024/2025**  
**Resolved Unanimously:** That, the draft Standing Orders for 2024/2025, including an adopted scheme of delegated authority as submitted, be adopted.

**C010 DRAFT FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2024/2025**  
**Resolved Unanimously:** That consideration of the draft Financial Regulations for 2024/2025, be deferred to allow time for the Clerk to consider the changes in legislation and the many changes as recommended by NALC (National Association of Local Council) in their revised model financial regulations.

**C011 MEMBERSHIPS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS 2024/2025**  
**Resolved Unanimously:**

1. That for 2024/2025 the Council subscribes and becomes a member of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils (BALC).
2. That the Council pays for the Clerk’s membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC).
3. That the Council continues its membership of the ICO (Information Commissioner’s Office) and MK Play Association.

**C012 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2024/2025**  
**Resolved Unanimously:** That the 2024/2025 schedule of Ordinary meetings of Whitehouse Community Council be held on Thursday at 7pm on the following dates:

Thurs 30 May 24	Thurs 20 June 24	Thurs 18 July 24	Thurs 15 Aug 24	Thurs 30 May 24	Thurs 20 June 24
Thurs 19 Sept 24	Thurs 17 Oct 24	Thurs 21 Nov 24	Thurs 13 Dec 24	Thurs 19 Sept 24	Thurs 17 Oct 24

**C013 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2024**  
**Resolved Unanimously:** That the next Annual Council Meeting be held on a date to be arranged closer to the time.

**The meeting ended at 8.55pm**

**Signed as a true and correct record:**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**