

# **Annual Report 2022-2023**



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# Chair's Foreword

Welcome to our annual report, where we inform you, our local community, about what we have done to serve you since last year's report. I am proud of our council's achievements over the last two years and hope this document gives a flavour of our direction and our activities within the current four-year council term which ends in May 2025.

In 2022-23 the town council was determined to support the needs of our residents and so we continued our wellbeing initiatives such as free swimming and free face to face counselling. We provided essential food support through our funding of the Water Eaton Community Larder scheme and our work with MK Foodbank. We also responded to the cost-of-living crisis by working with partners to provide local warm spaces and advice surgeries. Our commitment to working with community partners and statutory authorities for the benefit of all our residents remains and we thank them for their co-operation and enthusiasm on numerous activities this year.

Your councillors did not want to cut any of our existing services and so youth work, provision of community buildings, allotments and community orchard, public toilets, grants and other activities and services also continued as usual. We remain conscious that residents pay for these services. We have worked on developing our longer-term financial plans so we can work more effectively. During the year we also took the decision to move our community survey to the autumn so that it is timed closer to our budget setting process. Residents will help us decide what our priorities are for 2024 by participating in our community survey in September 2023.

We saw some amazing events take place in our town centre last year. We supported several vegan markets, as well as organising regular food and craft markets. Plus we held community events large and small in Queensway over the year. This was because we wanted to invest in our town centre and bring more people into Bletchley more often. Of course, we also continued the day-to-day business of the council, with management of the assets we hold for the community, responses to planning applications and policy development which affects our area and advocating for residents as well as providing them with local information.

Finally, we introduced our inaugural PRIDE of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Awards in 2022. It was a privilege to congratulate some of the brilliant people who live here and work hard to make our community the very best it can be.

I encourage you to read our report and if you have any questions please approach me, your councillor or our clerk who will be happy to tell you more about our work and how to get involved with the council.

Best wishes



*E Kelly-Wilson*

Councillor Ethaniel Kelly-Wilson  
Chair of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council  
April 2023

# Planning and Development



Update from Gavin Bedford,  
Chair of the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

I am delighted to say that we have continued to make real progress with the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Neighbourhood Plan over the last year. When completed, the plan will be a document that will outline our community's shared vision for the development and growth of our local area.

The last twelve months have seen the steering group continue to build upon the public consultation from the year before. We held a series of workshops to expand upon the priorities identified in our online survey, helping to set the main focus of the future plan. These workshops were very successful and I would like to thank everyone who attended.

With the help of our newly appointed planning consultants, ONeill Homer, we have recently launched our two task forces. These are made up of local volunteers who will help gather evidence to support the policies in the plan. This is a very important part of the process and I am excited to see the teams' progress. We are very grateful to these volunteers for their time and efforts.

There are still plenty of opportunities to get involved, and the steering group would welcome the input of as many local people as possible in the development of the plan. If there is a local issue important to you, let us know on our interactive map that can be accessed at our website: <https://bfsnpfeedback.commonplace.is/>

We are also open to new members of our steering group. This is composed of local people and businesses set up to steer the preparation of the plan and to seek the views of local people.

For more information on joining the group or the neighbourhood plan in general, please visit [www.bfsnp.org.uk](http://www.bfsnp.org.uk), email [info@bfsnp.org.uk](mailto:info@bfsnp.org.uk), or call 01908 649 469.

The neighbourhood plan gives our community the once in a generation opportunity to have our say in how our local area should look and feel. I hope you can help in this by either taking part in future public consultations or joining the steering group.



# Community Grant Recipients

April 2022 - March 2023

A quote from Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on receiving a community grant:

'We are really pleased to announce that we have recently been awarded £1,000 from Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council as a contribution towards the refurbishment of the Family Room for the Neonatal Unit. We have been seeking funding to make the room more comfortable for those parents and relatives of very unwell new-born babies who are often, sadly, fighting for their lives. A comfortable, inviting space – although not essential – can make a huge difference for those processing difficult news, or needing to step away from the ward to rest and reset. Amy Sharp, Trust Fundraiser at Milton Keynes Hospital Charity said: "The aim of this project is to turn the space from a bland, uncomfortable room into somewhere that offers a space to reflect, a chance to have a much-needed rest, and a calming space to quietly process. We want to provide a home away from home, for those that spend hours in the ward. This donation, alongside a donation from the Stephen Searle Remembrance Fund, will enable us to support this very worthwhile development.'



FRIENDS OF  
**BLETCHLEY**  
STATION

A quote from Friends of Bletchley Station on receiving a community grant:

'Thank you for all your advice and assistance in facilitating our recent bids for funds for our projects to help make Bletchley Station a more attractive, inviting and interesting place. As you can imagine, the group are delighted that our bid to your council for the projects on 'Greening the station' and our presence on Media Platforms (forgive the pun!) as adding value to the life and community of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford was successful.'

A quote from Milton Keynes Irish Welfare Support Group:

'We were delighted to have received funding from B&FS Town Council to help us put on an event for newly arrived Ukrainian refugee to welcome them into the local community. The event was a huge success with around 200 enjoying a fun day for these people who had gone through so much.'





# Community Grant Recipients



A quote from Anouar Kassim MBE, Founder-Director, Milton Keynes Islamic Arts and Culture:

'The funding from Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council Grant allowed Milton Keynes Art and Culture (MKIAC) to fund a set of art workshops for students that contributed to The City of Codes + Light festival and the MK City status celebration in October 2022. The workshops were led by renowned artists, Aphra Shemza and Maryam Smit, they recycled plastic into geometric-shaped tiles which were then fashioned into a light installation. It was displayed at MK Library for all to see. The workshops prompted conversations around environmental challenges and included art, science and technology. They allowed young people to play an active role in the solution towards the climate emergency and to raise awareness, using the festival audience as a platform. The grant helped MKIAC highlight and utilise young people's entrepreneurial, creative, and critical skills in this parish.'

The town council supports a range of initiatives and projects in our area through our community grants scheme. Below are grant recipients from the last year:

Fenny Festival Community Group - Fenny Poppers Festival	£5,500
Milton Keynes Islamic Arts and Culture	£4,000
Residents' Associations for Platinum Jubilee Bletchley Big Lunch	£4,000
Milton Keynes Irish Welfare Support Group	£500
Fenny Stratford Canal Festival	£343
Ride High	£1,800
Friends of Bletchley Station	£700
Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	£1,000
MK Bangladeshi Association	£940
St Joseph's Community Litter Pick Newton Leys	£463
Spectrum Community Arts	£2,383.50

# PRIDE of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Community Awards



In 2022, Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council launched a new community awards scheme. There were awards in the following categories:

- Culture Award – for those people who have made a contribution to artistic or cultural projects
- Sport Award – for those people who have made a significant contribution to sport
- Customer Service Award – for those people with businesses in Bletchley and Fenny Stratford who offer the best customer service
- Volunteer or Charity Award – for those people who work incredibly hard for the community with little recognition – nominations need not be for volunteering only
- Young Volunteer or Charity (under 21) – this is for young people who deserve recognition for volunteering regularly or have raised money for charity
- Lifetime Achievement Award – for those people who have gone that extra mile during their life
- Best Allotment Plot – An overall winner, and a winner per site

This was the first year of the PRIDE of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Community Awards. Over 30 nominations were received across all award categories. The judges were hugely impressed by the dedication and hard work of the nominees to our area and local community. This was a very competitive year and the judging panel's scores were very close. The awards were presented at the Bletchley Big Street Eat in July 2022 and at the Fenny Poppers Festival in August 2022.

Congratulations to all winners:

- Culture Award Winner: Lulu McCoy
- Sport Award Winner: Bletchley and District Swim Club and Highly Commended: Geoff Aldridge
- Lifetime Achievement Award Joint Winners: Alan Pearce and Ken Mott
- Customer Service Award Winner: Café Mediterraneo and Highly Commended: Emporium MK
- Volunteer or Charity Award Winner: Sarah Evans and Highly Commended: Bletchley Green Gym
- Young Volunteer Award Winner: Megan Webb and Highly Commended: Carrie's Clean Up Crew
- Best Allotment Awards Manor Fields: Mosiewicz Wojciech, Larch Grove: Michelle Logan, Newton Leys: Mark Fishwick, Orchardside: Natalie Forrest



# Highlights from 2022-2023

April 2022

## Community Litter Picks

Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in our Community Litter Picks. Please remember to take any rubbish back home with you or bin it. Tiny wrappers and bottle caps all add up to huge amounts of waste. Littering causes so much harm to our local environment and wildlife so we must all do what we can to look after our local area.



## Easter Egg Hunt in Queensway

The town council held its first Queensway Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 16 April. This fun free to attend event for children included a Easter egg trail along the high street.



## MKPA Easter Play Sessions

Funded by the town council, MKPA Easter Play sessions returned to our area on the Lakes Estate, Leon Rec and Newton Leys. 159 children in total attended the six MKPA Easter Play sessions.



# May 2022

## Local Elections

Elections for two additional councillors for Newton Leys and an additional councillor for the new Manor North and Eaton Leys ward took place on 5 May 2022.

Cllr Stuart Clark was elected a councillor for Manor North and Eaton Leys Ward. No candidates were nominated for the two vacancies on Newton Leys ward and were later filled by way of co-option.



## Make a Difference Become a Councillor

Elections will take place on  
Thursday 5th May 2022

## Annual Meeting of Electors

The Annual Meeting of Electors took place on Thursday 12 May at Fenny Stratford Community Centre. The meeting included the presentation of the Annual Report, accounts and reports from Milton Keynes City Council ward members, Thames Valley Police and Community Grant Recipients.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Thursday 12th May 2022 from 7.30pm  
at Fenny Stratford Community Centre, MK2 2NR

Come along and hear about the work of the town council over the last year. You will hear from a range of people, including councillors and community grant recipients.

If you have questions or proposals for discussion at the meeting, then please send them in to us by email: [info@bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk), by no later than noon on Monday 9th May 2022.

Check our website for updates:  
[www.bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk](http://www.bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk)

# June 2022

## Platinum Jubilee Bletchley Big Lunch

Everyone had a fantastic time at the Bletchley Big Lunch to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. A big thank you and well done to everyone involved, especially to the local Residents Associations of Leon and Central Bletchley, Locals of the Lakes, Water Eaton and Fenny Stratford Community Association who worked together to organise this great event. The Residents Associations received grants from Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council and Milton Keynes City Council for this event. Officers also attended to help support the event and provide resources on the day.







## Bletchley Food and Craft Market

The town council have been organising this quarterly market since March 2022 and are now welcoming over 40 stalls of local artisan makers and crafters alongside delicious bakers and food stalls.

The market fills Stanier Square, bringing wares from all over Milton Keynes and beyond. The town council is committed to bringing more public events to the area and have been growing a catalogue of local events for the local community to enjoy. Hosting these markets, alongside our events programme, is part of our larger initiative to help promote and support our town centre going forward.

## July 2022

### Public Art Legacy Commission Inspired by UEFA Women's Euros 2022



Working in partnership with Milton Keynes City Council and in association with West Bletchley Parish Council, we began the tender process looking to appoint an innovative creative practice to create and deliver a new public art commission. This project would build upon the aims, objectives and vision of the UEFA Women's Euros 2022 Cultural Programme and deliver to Ground-breaking Bletchley and Fenny – the Bletchley and Fenny Town Deal.

Local artist Ciara Callaghan was appointed to deliver the Legacy Public Art Commission which went live in March 2023 (read more about the opening on page 18). Ciara developed a creative programme based in Queensway with opportunities for everyone to get involved.

July continued to be a busy month with the one year anniversary of Electra. The town council contributed to the set-up costs for the Electra project and this grant has also supported further development of the Community Boat, including its activity and events programme which continues to benefit groups and communities within our area. The town council also continued its ongoing partnership with the Waterway Trust.



Photo credit: Gill Prince Photography



# July 2022

## Bletchley Big Street Eat

Free to attend, the town council's first Bletchley Big Street Eat brought the carnival vibe to Queensway on Saturday 30 July. It was a huge celebration of art, culture, music, food and entertainment that everyone fully immersed themselves in. The event's highlights video can be watched on our Facebook Page and on our YouTube Channel.



## New councillor

Councillor Shay Elhasoglu joined the town council in July 2022 representing Queensway and Denbigh North ward.

## Summer MKPA Play Sessions

Funded by the town council, MKPA Summer Play Sessions returned across our area over the summer holidays.



# August 2022

## Fenny Poppers

Fenny Poppers Festival returned on 14 August in Aylesbury Street organised by the Fenny Festival Community Group.

The town council supported the Fenny Poppers Festival 2022 with a community grant and by attending the festival with a stall on the day.



## Fenny Stratford Canal Festival

Organised by the IWA MK, the annual Fenny Stratford Canal Festival was held on 6-7 August. This event received a community grant from the town council. The Canal Festival featured a range of stalls and a visit from Electra Community Boat.



## Storytelling Session at Bletchley Library

At the end of August, the town council funded a Summer Storytelling session at Bletchley Library which was run by Theatre of Widdershins and featured two tales: 'The Hare and the Hedgehog' and 'The Three Wishes'.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES			
All activities are free to attend but some require booking online in advance.			
Wednesday 31 August 10.30-11.10am - Free Book online in advance	Bletchley	Storytelling by the Theatre of Widdershins 'Whizzing and Wishing' - Two tales: 'The Hare and the Hedgehog' and 'The Three Wishes'. Funded by Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council	4+



# September 2022

## Bletchley Food and Craft Market

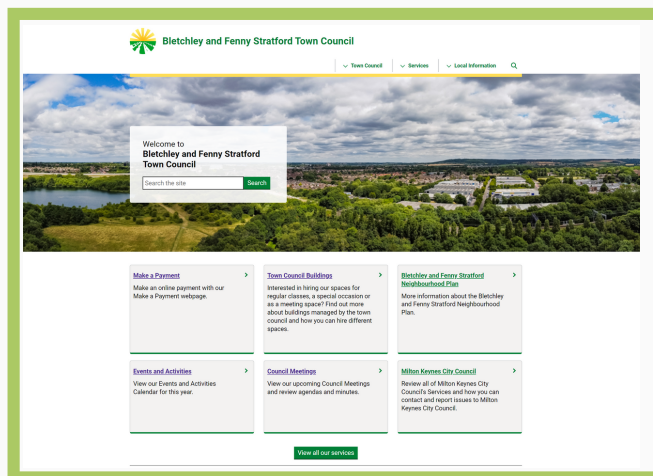


## New councillor

Councillor Ismail Hussein joined the town council in September 2022 representing Newton Leys ward.

## October 2022

## New website



The town council's new website, which is more user friendly, accessible and easier to navigate on mobile devices, went live in October 2022.

## Halloween Trick or Treat Trail



Our popular free trails returned on Saturday 29 October, with shops along Queensway displaying a clue. Once the children had collected all the clues, they won a Halloween themed prize.

## Remembrance Sunday Wreath Laying Ceremony



Organised by the town council working with Bletchley Freemasons and Queensway Methodist Church, this year's Remembrance wreath laying ceremony took place on 13 November 2022. Starting at 9am, there was Silent Community Walk from Elizabeth Square in Queensway. On arrival at Queensway War Memorial, the wreath laying ceremony was led by Revd. Edson Dube. As took place last year, the ceremony was livestreamed and available to watch on our Facebook Page.

## White Ribbon Torchlit Vigil and the 16 Days of Action

White Ribbon is a global campaign that encourages people, and especially men and boys, to individually and collectively take action and change the behaviour and culture that leads to abuse and violence. The town council gained White Ribbon Accreditation in early 2022. A Torchlit Vigil was held at MK Rose on White Ribbon Day (25 November), organised by the Voices of Women MK Network, Community Action:MK, Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council and Milton Keynes City Council. This Vigil included a range of powerful speeches and readings by the following speakers: Nana Oguntola, Cllr Emily Darlington, Det Supt Kelly Gardner, our Chair Ethaniel Kelly-Wilson, Lisa Lovell, MK Youth Cabinet Members, Halimet Sharifat, Cllr Shery Delfan and Frozan Marofi. You can watch the full video of the Vigil on the town council's YouTube channel.

The town council also arranged for White Ribbon Ambassadors and Champions to speak at Water Eaton Community Larder's Soup for the Soul Café as well as lighting up the outside of our main office with to mark White Ribbon Day.



## Cost of Living Survey

We launched a cost of living survey on 15 November, where 242 responses were received. Residents' responses informed the action taken and support provided by the town council with the Money Saving Surgeries and Warm Space events in early 2023. Read more on page 17.





## Plans for Sycamore House and Sycamore Hall

The town council was excited to share plans for the renovation of Sycamore Hall. We are working towards Sycamore Hall being renovated and reopened as a community hub, delivering services and facilities for our local community. Two drop-in sessions were held in November where the public could view the plans, speak to the architects and learn more about our vision for Sycamore House and Sycamore Hall.

The Hall requires significant updating and renovating and we aim to:

- improve disabled access
- install disabled toilets
- replace the defunct heating system
- replace the flat roof and add insulation
- join the Hall to Sycamore House

We have since withdrawn our application pending further ecological surveys of resident bats (possibly brown long eared bats). In May 2023, when the hibernation season, is over nocturnal observations will be taking place over several weeks. Once we know more, we will be able to plan bat mitigation measures and the planning application will be resubmitted as soon as possible.

**New plans for Sycamore House and Sycamore Hall**  
Come along to our drop-in sessions

**Thursday 17th November 2022**  
at Water Eaton Church Centre 11am-1pm and 5pm-7pm



## Firing of Fenny Poppers

The ancient practice of the firing of the Fenny Poppers, by St Martin's Church in Fenny Stratford, took place on Friday 11 November. The Fenny Poppers were fired at 12 noon, 2pm and 4pm in Leon Recreation Ground.

The Chair of the town council, Cllr Ethaniel Kelly-Wilson, was kindly invited to fire one of the Fenny Poppers as part of this year's celebrations.

## Planting of a tree as part of The Green Canopy for HM Queen Elizabeth II

Following the first firing of the Fenny Poppers, the town council planted a black alder tree in Leon Recreational Grounds in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as part of The Queen's Green Canopy. Videos of the firing of the Fenny Poppers and the planting of tree are available to view on our YouTube Channel.

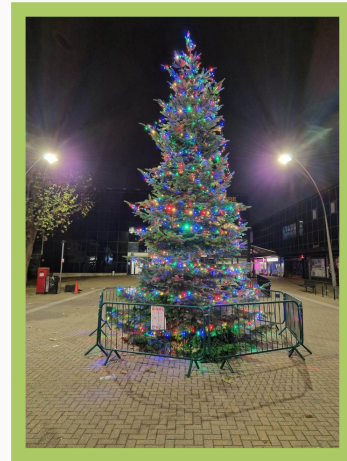




# December 2022

## Christmas Lights

Our magical Christmas lights were switched on ahead of our Christmas on Queensway event on 2 December 2022.



## Christmas on Queensway 2022

This magical event got everyone in the festive spirit with a day full of free to enjoy entertainment, brilliant live music and fun for all ages. There was the opportunity to meet Santa in his Grotto, enjoy fairground and train rides or to take part in some Christmas crafts alongside Christmas character visits and face painting.

Visitors also enjoyed delicious food and drink from local vendors as well as supporting local businesses as part of our Christmas market alongside the local high street. A highlights video of the day can be watched on our Facebook Page and on our YouTube Channel.



## New councillor

Councillor Uche Osumili joined the town council in December 2022 representing Newton Leys ward.



# January 2023

## Money Saving Surgeries and Warm Space Sessions

Following residents' responses in our cost of living survey and receiving funding from Milton Keynes City Council, the town council launched a range of Money Saving Surgeries and warm spaces activities in our area in the new year open to all our residents.

The town council, Milton Keynes City Council and a range of local organisations offering money saving support and advice attended Money Saving Surgeries in different locations across our area. All attendees received a free winter warm pack on arrival put together by the town council team.

Also organised by the town council with Cllr Mariee Wymer, Spotlight Community Centre hosted a weekly family-friendly Movie Monday Night where board games were played and free hot refreshments served. There was also a weekly Brunch held at Spotlight on Wednesday mornings.

Finally, the town council and Cllr Mariee Wymer, working with Water Eaton Church Centre, organised a weekly Family Bingo and Games Night where bingo and board games were played and free refreshments served. These sessions ended in March 2023.



**Do you want to save on your bills  
or get help with your finances  
this winter?**

**Come to our Money Saving Surgeries  
and receive a free winter warm pack.**





**MOVIES  
POPCORN  
GAMES  
FULL OF FUN**

you are invited to  
**MOVIE  
MONDAYS**  
& board games



5pm to 7pm @spotlight free  
refreshments & warm space





## February 2023

### Royal visit for MK Food Bank Staff and Volunteers by HM King Charles III



Volunteers and staff were delighted to meet His Majesty King Charles III for a royal visit at the MK Food Bank Distribution Centre in February. During his visit, The King met with and spoke to MK Food Bank trustees, staff, volunteers, partners and supermarkets. This included the town council's Support Services Manager, John, who spoke with His Majesty about the town council's own Food Bank Collection Point based at Spotlight Community Centre.

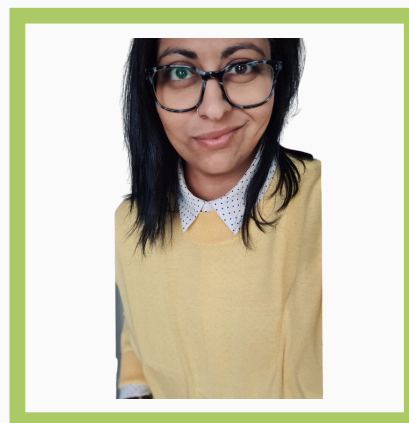
Photo credit: Alex Lawrence Photography

## March 2023

### New Community Events and Support Services Officer

The town council advertised for a new Community Events and Support Services Officer.

Davina Pancholi-Ifould joined the town council team in March 2023.



### Opening of Blecca-Lea

Saturday 25 March was the opening day for the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford WEURO 2022 Legacy Public Art Commission - 'Blecca-Lea – Home of' – by Ciara Callaghan in the Brunel Shopping Centre. Blecca-Lea is a free-year long programme of creative and sports related activities which will be delivered in collaboration with local community and sporting groups.





## March 2023

### **Volunteers needed - Thursday mornings MK Food Bank Top Up Shop at Sir Herbert Leon School Car Park**



### **New MK Food Bank Top Up Shop**

We have continued to support MK Food Bank with advertising volunteer opportunities and town council staff attending to support its new mobile top up shop at Sir Herbert Leon Academy car park every Thursday between 10am-11.30am.

We have continued working with MK Food Bank with Spotlight Community Centre as a designated Food Bank Collection Centre on weekday afternoons.

The town council also has an ongoing partnership with Water Eaton Community Larder, where there are now over 100 members registered.

### **Community Litter Pick**

Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in our most recent Community Litter Pick, especially to the volunteers from the local teams at John Lewis and McDonald's. We collected over 48 bags of rubbish and litter in total.



## Alongside these highlights and events in the past year, the Town Council continues to maintain our core services:

- Allotments
- Albert Street Toilets
- Christmas Lights
- Community Events
- Community Grants
- Community Orchard
- Community Well-being
- (Funding access to free counselling and free swimming for our residents)
- Dog Waste Bins
- Fenny Cemetery Chapel
- Fenny Stratford Community Centre
- Market Stalls
- Newton Leys Pavilion
- Play Schemes
- Queensway War Memorial
- Spotlight Community Centre
- Street Furniture
- Sycamore House and Sycamore Hall
- Youth Clubs

as well as acting as an advocate for the community

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# Overview of Council Work 2022-2023

## Council Governance

Town councillors are people who live or work in this area and have been elected by the community to decide how the council should carry out its activities. Their job is to represent everyone in their community so when they vote they must consider the best interests of everyone in the community. All councillors are responsible for the finances of the town council.

In early 2022, Milton Keynes City Council conducted a community governance review, with the outcome of this review meaning that the size of the town council increased from 18 councillors to 21 councillors. Town Council elections took place in May 2022. There are now two additional councillors for Newton Leys and an additional councillor for the new Manor North and Eaton Leys ward. Three further councillors were co-opted throughout the year.

Ward and committee information for all our councillors is available to view on page 21.

Meetings continue to be held in the Sports Hall at Newton Leys Pavilion. At the annual meeting, Cllr Ethaniel Kelly-Wilson was re-elected as Chair of the council and Cllr Richard Graham was re-elected as Vice Chair. A full list of councillors who have served during 2022-2023 is included at the end of this report together with their attendance records.

Agendas and minutes of meetings together with financial and other reports from the year are available to view on the town council website [www.bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk](http://www.bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk). The council's unaudited accounts are also included in this report.

This report can only give a flavour of these but all readers are welcome to contact the town council for more detailed information on any topic by email [info@bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk), phone 01908 649469 or by calling in to our offices at Sycamore House, Drayton Road, Water Eaton, MK2 3RR.



Residents and councillors at a town council meeting



# Councillor Wards and Committees

Councillor	Ward	Committees
Cllr Richard Graham	Central Bletchley	Appeals Committee Climate Change Subcommittee Community Committee Community Events Subcommittee Environment and Planning Committee Finance and Governance Committee Full Council (Vice Chair)
Cllr Samantha Browne	Eaton North	Appeals Committee Community Committee Finance and Governance Committee Full Council
Cllr Ed Hume	Eaton North	Clerk's Performance Management Subcommittee Climate Change Subcommittee Employment Policy Committee (Chair) Full Council
Cllr Andrew Palmer	Eaton North	Community Committee Environment and Planning Committee Full Council
Cllr Gavin Bedford	Eaton South	Employment Policy Committee (Vice-Chair) Full Council
Cllr Michael McDonald	Eaton South	Appeals Committee Finance and Governance Committee Full Council
Cllr Mariee Wymer	Eaton South	Community Committee (Vice-Chair) Community Events Subcommittee (Chair) Finance and Governance Committee Full Council
Cllr E'Amonn O'Rourke	Fenny Stratford	Environment and Planning Committee Finance and Governance Committee Full Council
Cllr Sean Porter	Fenny Stratford	Environment and Planning Committee (Chair) Full Council
Cllr Axel Segebrecht	Fenny Stratford	Appeals Committee Climate Change Subcommittee (Chair) Community Events Subcommittee Environment and Planning Committee (Vice-Chair) Finance and Governance Committee Full Council
Cllr Mohammad Imran	Granby	Clerk's Performance Management Subcommittee Employment Policy Committee Full Council
Cllr Stuart Clark	Manor North & Eaton Leys	Climate Change Subcommittee (Vice-Chair) Community Committee Community Events Subcommittee Environment and Planning Committee Full Council
Cllr Liz Campbell	Manor North	Community Committee Environment and Planning Committee Full Council
Cllr Keith Ely	Manor South	Employment Policy Committee Finance and Governance Committee Full Council
Cllr Ayesha Khanom	Manor South	Appeals Committee Community Committee Full Council
Cllr Terry Stephens	Manor South	Community Committee (Chair) Community Events Subcommittee Full Council
Cllr Ismail Hussein	Newton Leys	Environment and Planning Committee Full Council
Cllr Ethaniel Kelly-Wilson	Newton Leys	Clerk's Performance Management Subcommittee Climate Change Subcommittee Community Committee Employment Policy Committee Environment and Planning Committee Finance and Governance Committee Full Council (Chair)
Cllr Uche Osumili	Newton Leys	Full Council
Cllr Shay Elhasoglu	Queensway & Denbigh North	Community Committee Full Council
Cllr Ron Haine	Queensway & Denbigh North	Environment and Planning Committee Finance and Governance Committee Full Council

# Strategic Priorities and Policies

## Cleaner & greener

- We want our neighbourhoods and towns to be pleasant and attractive places to live and work
- We will contract with people who support our vision
- We will seek to be carbon neutral before 2030

## Proud of our past and our future

- We will seek to protect the history of our neighbourhoods and towns
- We will work with the community to plan for the development and regeneration of our neighbourhoods and towns
- We will do our best to leverage both residential and transport infrastructure investments coming into our community for the benefit of residents

## Robust with resources

- Our goal is to allocate money to things that improve our residents lives
- We will build a long-term financial plan
- We will look to deliver services in the most efficient way, through partners or joint working with other bodies
- We will invest in digital service provision to make us more efficient
- We will use local service providers wherever we can

## Closer to our community

- We will consult on major decisions affecting our community and our decision making will reflect what is important to our community
- We will support the development of local community groups/social enterprises and initiatives which promote community resilience
- We will listen before we act, and we will explain our decisions

## Supporting wellbeing and safety

- We will work with partners and other statutory services to increase community safety
- We invest in services which allow our residents to feel healthy and safe on both an emotional and physical level
- We encourage our community to treat each other with kindness and respect

## We will make things happen

- We will be open to working in different ways and adopting new services, even if they are currently provided by another authority
- We will work in active partnership with other bodies but as the democratically elected body closest to voters we want to be the lead for our community
- We are here to make a difference for now and for the future

## Council Finances 2022/2023

Draft annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 are included in this report to provide a comparison with last year's accounts. These accounts will be subject to internal audit during April 2023 and subsequently to external audit. Full details of the audit process and all our audit reports are available on our website [www.bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk](http://www.bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk) and any questions about the accounts should be addressed to the Finance Manager at [finance@bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk](mailto:finance@bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk).

During the last financial year income generated from bookings at the council's community properties has exceeded pre-Covid levels and the original budget. The council has also benefitted from increased revenue in respect of interest on reserves held. However, the council has not been sheltered from the inflationary pressures in costs in respect of energy supplies and consumables; costs that were never anticipated in the original budget. The council took a decision to not recruit for an additional post, identified in the original budget, to mitigate potential increases in costs.

The overall outcome of the year's finances was an underspend of £27,243 against the original budget, which will be transferred to the general reserve.

# Draft Unaudited Accounts for 2022/2023

## Income and Expenditure account for the Year Ended 31/03/23

2021/22	Operating Income	2022/23
135,000	Community Grants	868
3,894	Spotlight	9,536
800,629	Precept/Grant	1,027,883
20,000	Christmas Event	20,777
1,000	Albert Street Toilets	12,950
9,479	Allotments & Community Orchard	9,358
14,714	Fenny Stratford Community Centre	41,430
0	Town Council Vehicles	250
0	Neighbourhood Plan	4,200
10,035	74/76 Queensway/Library	13,333
863	Council Support Services	35,720
460	Sycamore Hall	330
59,206	Newton Leys Pavilion	74,230
2,323	Market	1,845
<b>1,057,603</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,252,710</b>
2021/22	Running Costs	2022/23
28,122	Community Grants	26,780
10,415	Democratic Services	22,402
465	Planters	1,792
10,428	Youth Work	12,240
10,143	Dog Bins	13,724
17,795	Senior Youth Club	26,057
9,441	Spotlight	14,817
527	Bandstand	432
22,273	Community Engagement	38,370
16,168	Christmas Lights	31,065
14,688	Christmas Event	14,809
25,076	Albert Street Toilets	33,418
11,364	Allotments and Community Orchard	19,432
793	The Chapel	1,200
0	Manor Road Lockup	482
110,532	Fenny Stratford Community Centre	50,218
423,664	Professional Fees	50,729
4,417	Community Infrastructure Fund	6,760
26,255	Community Projects/Services	27,092
33,226	Well-Being	38,084
341,109	Staff Costs	449,637
0	Landscaping	8,680
28,325	Sycamore House	49,617
2,355	Sycamore Hall	31,940
83,722	74/76 Queensway/Library	109,220
90,980	Council Support Services	67,051
5,149	Town Council Vehicle	20,413
7,661	Neighbourhood Plan	13,426
57,630	Newton Leys Pavilion	101,862
3,366	Market	3,647
<b>1,396,089</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,285,396</b>

# Councillor Attendance

(April 2022- March 2023)

Councillor	Expected	Present (% of expected)	Absent (of expected)	Apologies (of absences)
Councillor Ethaniel Kelly-Wilson (Chair)	29	25 (86%)	4 (14%)	4 (100%)
Councillor Richard Graham (Vice Chair)	26	18 (69%)	8 (31%)	6 (75%)
Councillor Axel Segebrecht	21	14 (67%)	7 (33%)	7 (100%)
Councillor Mariee Wymer	21	18 (86%)	3 (14%)	3 (100%)
Councillor Sam Browne	20	19 (95%)	1 (5%)	1 (100%)
Councillor Terry Stephens	20	18 (90%)	2 (10%)	2 (100%)
Councillor Keith Ely	19	14 (74%)	5 (26%)	5 (100%)
Councillor Ron Haine	19	17 (89%)	2 (11%)	2 (100%)
Councillor E'Amonn O'Rourke	19	17 (89%)	2 (11%)	1 (50%)
Councillor Andrew Palmer	19	16 (84%)	3 (16%)	3 (100%)
Councillor Liz Campbell	18	6 (33%)	12 (67%)	0
Councillor Stuart Clark	18	9 (50%)	9 (50%)	5 (56%)
Councillor Michael McDonald	16	10 (62%)	6 (38%)	6 (100%)
Councillor Ed Hume	15	15 (100%)	0	0
Councillor Ayesha Khanom	15	5 (33%)	10 (67%)	4 (40%)
Councillor Gavin Bedford	14	11 (79%)	3 (21%)	3 (100%)
Councillor Sean Porter	14	5 (36%)	9 (64%)	6 (67%)
Councillor Mohammad Imran	13	4 (31%)	9 (69%)	2 (22%)
Councillor Shay Elhasoglu	7	2 (29%)	5 (71%)	4 (80%)
Councillor Ismail Hussein	6	6 (100%)	0	0
Councillor Uche Osumili	3	3 (100%)	0	0

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