



**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
held on 9 July 2026 at 7.00 pm in
Wavendon Parish Office
Walton Road, Wavendon MK17 8LH**

Present: Councillors: Nabeel Kasmani (Chair), Joseph Sweeney (Vice-Chair) and Njideka Ike.

Officer: Dan Preston (Deputy Council Clerk)

CEC001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors David Hopkins and Jan Flawn.

Resolved: That the apologies be accepted.

CEC002 ELECTION OF A CHAIR

Resolved: That Cllr Nabeel Kasmani is elected Chair of the Community Engagement Committee for 2026-27.

CEC003 APPOINTMENT OF A VICE-CHAIR

Resolved: That Cllr Joseph Sweeney is appointed Vice-Chair of the Community Engagement Committee for 2026-27.

CEC004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

CEC005 WAVENDON YOUTH CAFÉ

The Committee considered a draft Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the Pulse Youth Wavendon Youth Café. The café was due to open in September 2026 at St Mary's School in Eagle Farm. The Committee expressed concerns about the venue and spoke about using Council owned facilities for the café. The Committee received requested changes from Pulse Youth.

Resolved: That the SLA is agreed with the following changes;

1. The final bullet point of Section 3 be changed to 'adhere to the principles of', replacing 'promote'.
2. Paragraph 3 of Clause 7 be changed to read 'In the event of a session being cancelled within 24 hours of the scheduled timings, payment will be due in full to the Provider'.
3. Paragraph 18 notice period be set at 2 months.

CEC006 WAVENDON YOUTH CAFÉ – POLICY DOCUMENTS

The Committee received and reviewed policy documents from Pulse Youth. The documents were noted.

CEC007 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORWARD PLAN

The Committee discussed potential future plans for community engagement. Suggestions included –

Children's holiday activities, which could be looked at by the Youth Council, when started.

Skills exchange events, where older residents share skills with younger residents, who, in turn share tech skills.



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Christmas event in new areas.

Joining other faith groups to partner / co-host in other faith celebrations.

Annual Community Day.

'In bloom' events.

It was suggested to put out social media posts asking residents for ideas for future events and engagement, and for the Council to partner with existing groups to promote activities taking place in the area.

The Meeting ended at 8:30pm

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