

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN CENTRE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2004 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors	H. Cadd	
	Mrs. P. Desorgher	
	D. Isham	
	R. Lehmann	
	H. Mordue	
	Mrs. H. Saul	
	Mrs. C. Strain-Clark	
	P. Strain-Clark	(Chairman)
	R. Stuchbury	(Mayor)
Town Clerk	Ms. P. J. Heath	

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs. P. Stevens.

**495 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

The only declaration of interest for items on the agenda was from Cllr. C. Strain-Clark and P. Strain-Clark who declared a prejudicial interest due to the family connection on item 7.

**496 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Members accepted the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2003 which will be placed before Council on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2004

*Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. D. Isham, and AGREED to move item 7 "to discuss the Charter Fair contracts for 2005 – 2007" to be heard next.*

**497 TO DISCUSS THE CHARTER FAIR CONTRACT FOR 2005 – 2007**

Members discussed the excess of income over expenditure in respect of the Charter Fair rent; this is due to a smaller than estimated increase in expenses cost..

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Lehmann, and AGREED that as from 2005/2006 budget a small income of £300 should be shown against the Charter Fair budget.

The Town Clerk informed members of the anticipated expenses for the period of 2005 – 2007; if following current trends this should allow for a small increase in the rent amount

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Lehmann, and AGREED to increase the Charter Fair rent for the period of 2005 - 2007 by £100 to £2600 per annum.

*Cllr. P. Strain-Clark, having declared a prejudicial interest, vacated the chair and took no part in the following item. Cllr. R. Lehmann as Vice Chairman took the Chair.*

Members discussed the letter from a resident who had an accident during the setting up of the fair on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2003 (see minute no 479). The Clerk reported that a letter and a copy of the accident report had been sent to Messrs. Nichols Brothers asking for information on the ride's owner/operator; they had also been sent a copy of the report to

pass on. There had been no response received from either the brothers or the owner/operator.

Members were concerned and asked that a response be sought from the Nichols Brothers at the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. A letter and a copy of the report had also been sent to the Council's Insurers - their response indicated there was no liability on the Town Council.

It was **AGREED** that the Mayor should write to the resident expressing the Council's concern and explaining the measures undertaken by the Council to obtain information, and that the Council sends a bouquet of flowers.

*Cllr. P. Strain-Clark returned to the Chair.*

*Cllr. H. Mordue left the meeting.*

#### **498 REPORTS & UPDATES ON ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

##### 498.1 (484.1) Bonfire Night

Cllr. Lehmann was concerned that the Committee had accepted a quotation for a commercial clean up after the bonfire night when he felt that local groups could have assisted at a reduced cost.

##### 498.2 (477) Music Festival

Cllr. Lehmann queried the costs associated with the Music Festival and the amounts paid to Buckingham Acoustic Club; these were explained by the Chairman and the Mayor.

##### 498.3 (484.3) North Bucks Show

The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by Mr. Shaw who was interested in holding the North Bucks Show in Chandos Park, possibly as an add-on to the Weekend in the Park. It was agreed the Chairman would discuss this with Mr Shaw and Mr Barham of AVDC to establish the feasibility of the event.

##### 498.4 (484.2) Charters

The Clerk reported that the photographer had indicated that the cost of photographing and printing the two parchments of the 1557 charter would be in excess of £200 and indicated it could possibly be around £500; he was currently seeking printing costs.

#### **499 ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUCKINGHAM PANCAKE RACE**

It was **AGREED** to run the same races at last year on the same format; a working group would organise the event but all Councillors were requested to be available to assist on the day. Working group will be Cllr. P. Strain-Clark and Cllr. R Stuchbury.

**ACTION ALL COUNCILLORS**

#### **500 ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUCKINGHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL**

It was agreed this should revert to its original name of "The Spring Festival". The Chairman reported that he would be meeting with Buckingham Acoustic Club.

**ACTION THE CHAIRMAN**

## **501 THE RESPONSE FROM MR DODD RE THE CHRISTMAS PARADE**

The Clerk informed Members of the response received from Mr Dodd in respect of the inability of the pharmaceutical company to deliver an order because of the Christmas Parade. The lorry had been turned back at the A422 roundabout; when this was queried by the Clerk with TV Police the officer said that drivers were being advised as to a route and that they had had problems with Boots deliveries in the past. Cllr. Lehmann explained that he also had received complaints from traders and market stall holders who say their business drops when the Christmas Parade was held. It was **AGREED** that a questionnaire compiled by Cllr. Lehmann would be given to all the High Street traders and to the market stall holders asking for their opinion on the timing of the event; possibilities discussed being Saturday Afternoon or on the Sunday.

**ACTION CLLR. LEHMANN**

*Cllr H Cadd arrived*

## **502 A REQUEST FROM BUCKINGHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Members discussed the request from Buckingham Twinning Association to hold a Boules match on the Old Cattle Market area on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2004.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **AGREED** to allow Buckingham Twinning Association to hold a Boules match on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2004 on the Old Cattle Market area.

## **503 COMMENTS FROM BUCKINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB RE THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

A copy of the letter from the Chairman of Buckingham Business Club had been circulated with the agenda in respect of the Christmas Lights switch-on. Members thought the Business Club connection had been advertised by the Mayor in the pre-switch on publicity; it was agreed to do a press release and photo opportunity at the time of the cheque hand over.

Members were keen to support a Christmas market at the time of the switch-on in 2004 and it was **AGREED** that the Chairman liaise with Mr Riches and report back to the Committee.

**ACTION THE CHAIRMAN**

## **504 THE COMMUNITY FAIR REFRESHMENTS AND DONATION TO THE WINE CIRCLE FOLLOWING THE QUESTION AT THE COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in respect of the Mayor's Charity Fund. Cllr. C. Strain-Clark, Cllr. Lehmann and Cllr. Isham declared a personal interest in respect of CAB. Cllr. Lehmann explained the anomaly that had arisen in respect of the Wine Circle donation and payment to the Mayor's Charity Fund: in the early days of the Community Fund-raising Fair, Buckingham Wine Circle had been asked to provide mulled wine in return for a £50 donation as part of their fund-raising activities. At later events at the request of the public a dish for donations had been placed on the bar; this was then given to the Mayor at the end of the event. In respect of the refreshments Cllr. Lehmann explained that CAB had agreed to do this in the absence of other offers and now includes it as part of their annual fund-raising programme.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Strain-Clark, seconded by Cllr. Desorgher, and **AGREED** to continue to provide a donation to Buckingham Wine Circle of £50.

**505 REPORTS ON BUCKINGHAM STREET, FLEA, AND FARMERS' MARKETS**

In the absence of Cllr. Stevens members were informed that no complaints had been received in respect of the markets.

**506 REPORT ON THE CRAFT FAIR**

Cllr Isham declared a prejudicial interest in respect of family connection.

The Chairman reported that the fairs were already being booked up for the year, the first one being on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2004. Members thanked the Chairman for all his hard work in getting the Craft Fairs up and running.

**507 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

507.1 Youth Projects

The Chairman informed Members that an approach had been received by Mr. B. Stocker, the youth worker involved with Project Street Life. The current premises for PSL were too small and they would like to build a unit on the Skate Park; he asked if there was any grant money available. The Chairman had explained that this was AVDC land and they had control. Members asked if a report could be obtained from the Police as to any evidence of drug abuse or dealing in or around the Skate Park.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

**CHAIRMAN..... DATE.....**