

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN CENTRE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD AT THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 26th APRIL 2004 in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS
following the Interim Council Meeting at 8 20 pm**

<u>PRESENT</u>	Councillors	H. Cadd Mrs. P. Desorgher D. Isham R. Lehmann H. Mordue Mrs. P. Stevens P. Strain-Clark (Chairman) R. Stuchbury (Mayor)
	Town Clerk	Ms. P. J. Heath

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. H. Saul

520 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr. D. Isham declared a prejudicial interest on item 8 on the agenda – Craft Fair. There were no other declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

521 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2004 and ratified on 29th March 2004 were agreed by Members.

522 TO RECEIVE ACTION REPORTS AND UPDATES

522.1 (519.1) Weekend in the Park

Members expressed concern that the arrangements for the weekend did not appear to be reaching several of the organisations; the Clerk would contact Mr Barham

ACTION THE CLERK

523 ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUCKINGHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Chairman reported that the arrangements for this year's spring festival to be held on Sunday 30th May were proceeding well. The Acoustic Club had finalised the programme of music for the day; there would also be demonstrations by the Ceroc dance group and a Tai-Chi Instructor. The Clerk had requested stacking chairs from the District Council; arrangements would have to be made to collect and return these. A refreshment van would be on site plus all local refreshment establishments would be told of the event. The Acoustic Club would be producing all the publicity material but this would be checked by the Chairman prior to its distribution.

Cllrs. were requested to inform the Chairman if they were available to help during the day and the times they would be available.

ACTION ALL COUNCILLORS

524 BUCKINGHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND ARRANGE A PRESENTATION

Members discussed the presentation of the Christmas Lights projects to Traders and Businesses of the town on Wednesday May 12th at 5.30 – 6pm; any Councillor able to attend was asked to notify the Chairman.

ACTION ALL COUNCILLORS

525 REPORTS ON BUCKINGHAM STREET, FLEA, AND FARMERS MARKETS

Cllr. Stevens reported that there had been a change of ownership on the Fruit and Veg stall. There had been no major problems but Members were asked to note that several of the stall holders were getting near to retirement and the Council may need to advertise the Markets.

Cllr. Lehmann expressed concern at the number of vehicles parking on the Yellow Lines adjacent to the Flea Market; He was assured that these did not belong to the traders. It was **AGREED** to re-issue the letter warning the traders that vehicles are not to be parked by the stalls and that to do so may revoke their agreement to trade.

ACTION THE CLERK

526 REPORT ON THE CRAFT FAIR

The Chairman reported that the next Craft Fair on the 12th June was fully booked, with all 22 tables taken. Members discussed the future management of the Craft Fairs, which are run on a break-even basis, with a view to the Community Centre taking over from 2005.

527 (510.1) THE REPRODUCING OF THE CHARTERS AS POSTCARDS

Copies of the letters from both the District Council and the County Council giving permission for the reproducing of the photographs as a postcard had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr. Mordue as the Director of Launton Press, a printing company, has offered to provide the postcards free of charge; these could then be used by the Council or sold with any profits going to a charity organisation specified by the Town Council. Cllr. Lehmann queried the financial viability of producing the postcards as it could involve taxpayers' money.

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **RECOMMENDED** by a vote of 6 to 0 that the Town Council pays the £25 licence to Buckinghamshire County Council to enable the reproducing of the Charter photographs as postcards.

528 (516.2) UPDATE ON THE ACCIDENT IN THE MARKET

The Clerk reported that the Insurance Company had been informed of the accident and required photographs of the wire.

ACTION THE CLERK

529 REQUEST FROM BUCKINGHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Members discussed at length the request from Buckingham Twinning Association for the Town Council to provide the cover for their Boules match on 14th July on the Old Cattle Market and sign the County Council’s indemnity form; the Twinning Association were unable to fulfil the conditions of the indemnity form. Although sympathetic with the problems of the Twinning Association, Members did not feel they could take over the event which had already been organised without setting a precedent which could be used by other organisations. The Clerk informed Members that the Council would have to be responsible for all aspects of the event in order to sign the Indemnity and that there were concerns over the Health and Safety issues of the event. The Boules match would have to be open to all members of the public not just members of the Twinning Association. The Committee discussed the possibility of the Twinning Association staging the event in Chandos Park; the Clerk explained that the Town Council has an indemnity form which would be required for the Park which is similar to the requirements of the County Council for the Old Cattle Market.

It was agreed to write to the Twinning Association and ask: How much had been organised? What were the Health and Safety issues they had identified and how were these to be controlled? What were their long term plan re events and therefore the insurance requirements of those events?

ACTION THE CLERK

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and AGREED that the Committee move to the next item of business

530 UPDATE ON THE “WELCOME TO BUCKINGHAM SIGNS”

The Clerk explained this had not had a high priority within the office and therefore had not been chased. A letter had been sent to Mr. T. Walton at BCC in respect of authorisation of the wording of the signs. Due to the internal reorganisation of the County Council both in staff and office areas the request had been lost in the system. It was agreed that the Clerk would chase the request and report back to the next meeting.

ACTION THE CLERK

Closed at 9.15 pm

CHAIRMAN DATE