

**MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT  
BUCKINGHAM COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008 AT 7 PM.**

<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	Councillors	T. Bloomfield H. Cadd P. Collins Mrs. P. Desorgher P. Hirons D. Isham R. Lehmann A. Mahi H. Mordue (Mayor) Ms. R. Newell M. Smith Mrs. P. Stevens R. Stuchbury M. Try W. Whyte
	Town Clerk	Ms. P. J. Heath

The Mayor welcomed Cllr. Lehmann who had been elected on to the Council at the 27<sup>th</sup> March by-election. Cllr. Lehmann had previously served on the Council from May 1991 to May 2007.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. G. Collins and G. Loftus.

**3093 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

**3094 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED**: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008 and the Interim meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3095 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members were informed of the following items  
THE FOLLOWING BROCHURES AND NEWSLETTERS ARE IN THE OFFICE  
OPTIONS – MARCH 08, APRIL 08  
CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT – MARCH 2008  
INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD 2007 REVIEW  
BCC ADULT VISION CARE BECAUSE EVERY ADULT MATTERS  
BUCKS VOLUNTARY SECTOR – THE NEWS SPRING 2008

NALC – LCR MARCH 2008  
BUCKS FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN  
THE STANDARDS BOARD – MARCH 2008  
BUCKS COMMUNITY ACTION – IN FOCUS SPRING 2008  
AYLESBURY OWN COUNCIL – AYLESBURY TOWN MATTERS APRIL 2008

**DIS ISSUES NUMBER 677, 678, 679**

**DIARY DATES – DETAILS ALREADY CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS**

8TH APRIL – AIR AMBULANCE INTRODUCTION TO EC135  
18TH APRIL 2008 OXFORD & BUCKS MENTAL HEALTH TRUST – HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE  
23RD APRIL – LAA PARTNERSHIP (INVITATION AND REPORT)  
17TH APRIL – AV LOCAL COMMITTEE (CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING)

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Whyte and **AGREED** that Cllr. Smith should attend the LAA meeting on behalf of the Council.

**3096 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**3096.1 PLANNING – 03.03.08 & 25.03.08**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

*(5162.6 Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Hiron, and **RECOMMENDED** that the notes of the meeting [Buckingham Plan 18.02.08] form a basis for the Council's view)*

**AGREED**

*(5172.1 Proposed by Cllr. Stevens, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **RECOMMENDED** that the Terms of Reference as circulated be adopted by the Council)*

**AGREED**

*(5172.3 Proposed by Cllr. Stevens, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **RECOMMENDED** that the suggestion be made that the Local Strategic Partnership meetings be held in various places outside Aylesbury, and to offer the use of the Council Chamber as one venue)*

**AGREED**

**3096.2 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY – 10.03.08**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

In response to a question the Clerk informed Members that the Community Plan figures were still being reconciled.

**3096.3 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - 31.03.08**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed, subject to the replacement of the word "Member" in minute no 375 with "Trustee".

381 – It was explained why the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk were being paid for time in lieu for the benefit of the new Member.

379 – Members noted that although not shown in the minutes the spreadsheets had been issued late due to holiday and work commitments of the Deputy Town Clerk.

#### **3096.4 EVENTS – 17.03.08**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

#### **3096.5 INFORMAL MEETING - 25.02.08**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

#### **3096.6 PREMISES COMMITTEE - 25.03.08**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

#### **3096.7 NOTES ON MEETING WITH AVDC - 25.02.08**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above notes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

Members noted a letter that had been received on the 10<sup>th</sup> April concerning Parking Charges.

After a discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** that an item be placed on the Interim Council Meeting on 12th May to discuss the letter and the Council's response.

Members requested that a breakdown of Option 1 costs be obtained for the meeting.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

### **3097 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

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| 6.1 | AVDC   | News for the Parishes          |
| 6.2 | NATS   | proposed changes to airspace   |
| 6.3 | BCC  | Faulty Street Lights           |
| 6.4 | BCC  | Mobile Library Stopping Places |
| 6.5 | BCC  | Transportation's budget        |
| 6.6 | AVDC   | C N & E Act – dog laws         |
| 6.7 | Radclive cum Chackmore Parish Council – Public Meeting |                                |

### **3098 REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

#### **3098.1 Buckingham Partnership minutes 06.03.08**

Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting; Members noted their contents.

#### **3098.2 Buckingham Twinning Association minutes**

Copies of the minutes had been circulated to Members who noted their contents.

The Chairman reported on the successful visit to Buckingham of Mouvaux.

Members expressed their thanks and appreciation to the office staff especially the Deputy Town Clerk.

3098.3 Buckingham & Maids Moreton Neighbourhood Action Group  
Copies of the minutes had been circulated to Members who noted their contents.  
Members noted the comments concerning CCTV in the draft minutes and asked that the need for the system be established before going to external funders.

### **3099 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the invoices per attached list be approved.  
The Town Clerk as RFO responded to questions asked by email prior to the meeting.

### **3100 ACCOUNTS FOR RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENT**

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the list of retrospective payments per attached list be approved.  
The Town Clerk as RFO responded to questions asked by email prior to the meeting.

### **3101 TO RECEIVE BUCKINGHAM ONE-WAY FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT FROM BUCKS. COUNTY COUNCIL AND NOTE THEIR DECISION.**

Members discussed the report and information produced by the Town Clerk on the one-way feasibility study. The feasibility study had originated from the Community Plan Transport Committee; Buckinghamshire County Council had carried out the desk top assessment which showed that the one-way system would increase the traffic along Castle Street and School Lane, neither road being suitable for heavy goods vehicles and also the turnings in Castle Street at School Lane and West Street were difficult to impossible for any large vehicle. Members requested that Buckinghamshire County Council be asked to publicise the results of the study. Members also requested that the current weight restrictions be enforced.

**ACTION THE TOWN CLERK**

### **3102 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS "BUCKINGHAMSHIRE & MILTON KEYNES DRAFT RURAL STRATEGY CONSULTATION 2008"**

Cllr. Smith reported on the consultation which ends on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and highlighted areas of concern within the document.  
Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Whyte, and **AGREED** that Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Hirons and Cllr. Mordue be given designated authority to draw up a response on behalf of Buckingham Town Council.

**ACTION CLLR. SMITH, HIRONS, MORDUE**

**3103 TO RECEIVE DRAFT HOUSING STRATEGY CONSULTATION, TO AGREE A RESPONSE – CONSULTATION END DATE 16TH APRIL 2008.**

Cllr. Whyte presented a report on the draft housing strategy consultation highlighting several areas of concern. There appeared to be a very strong emphasis on Aylesbury and work within Aylesbury Town Centre with little mention of Buckingham and its needs, in fact the document ignores the Buckingham University and the profound effect that has on Buckingham housing needs and requirements.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Mordue, and **AGREED** that the Town Clerk with Cllr. Whyte should be given designated authority to draw up a response based on the report circulated.

**ACTION CLLR. WHYTE, TOWN CLERK**

**3104 TO CONSIDER RESPONSE, IF ANY, TO BCC PROPOSALS FOR LOCAL AREA FORUMS**

Members discussed at length the proposals for the Local Area Forums which will replace the AV Local Committees and other cross-Council meetings. Members expressed concern that the new forums would be too large to be effective. Members were also concerned that this appeared to have already been decided despite the title of consultation as the Buckingham area forum with 35 – 38 Parish/Town Councils was taking place on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

It was **AGREED** that Buckingham Town Council would respond to the document; the Town Clerk and the Mayor being given designated authority. Members were reminded they could respond as individuals.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK, CLLR. MORDUE**

**3105 TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT STANDING ORDERS AS RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Cllr. P. Collins proposed the recommendation made by the Finance and Administration Committee and stated that as under the standing order no. 29 the subject now stands adjourned till the next Council meeting.

The Town Clerk advised that it had been the custom and practice of the Council to read the standing order as that the recommendation from the Committee is the first hearing and it then stands adjourned until it is heard by the Council. The Town Clerk confirmed that the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders had been circulated with the agenda. Members discussed the established practice of the Council and noted the information given by the Town Clerk.

The Chairman ruled that the item should stand adjourned to the next Council meeting.

**3106 TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF AN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE TOWN – THE MAYOR**

The Mayor showed members a proof copy of the photograph presented to the twin town of Mouvaux.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **AGREED** to purchase a copy of the aerial photograph of Buckingham, and to give the Mayor designated authority to discuss the acquiring of the copyright to the photograph.

**ACTION CLLR. MORDUE**

**3107 TO DISCUSS THE EMAIL FROM MR. DAWSON RE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO A BUCKINGHAM SPECIFIC FLOOD LEAFLET.**

Members discussed the relevancy of having a flood leaflet aimed solely at Buckingham as much of the information is available at various points. It was **AGREED** not to contribute to the leaflet.

Mention was made of the new web site set up by a Buckingham resident for flood issues. The Town Clerk informed Members that an agreement had been reached whereby the Town Clerk would act as moderator for items from the Town Council, District Council, County Council and the EA; it was **AGREED** this would be discussed by the Finance and Administration Committee.

**ACTION FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**3108 TO DISCUSS IF BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL WISHES TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR THE COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD**

Members discussed at length whether the Council should nominate anyone for the Community Police awards.

Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. Cadd and **AGREED** that Buckingham Town Council should nominate all of the Buckingham Community Police Team for the awards as they work as a team to improve life in Buckingham.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

**3109 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF THE TOWN CLERK'S APPOINTMENT TO THE INSTITUTE OF LOCAL COUNCIL MANAGEMENT AND TO AGREE THE USE OF THE LETTERS MILCM AFTER THE NAME.**

Members **AGREED** that the Town Clerk could use the letters of the Institute of Local Council Management after her name and that the Council stationery will be amended as and when it is re-printed.

**3110 RECEIVE, IF REQUIRED, COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Cadd as a County Council spoke about the additional budget being allocated to transportation for maintenance work.

## **3111 TOWN MAYOR'S ITEMS**

### **3111.1 Headmistress of The Buckingham School**

Members were informed that the Headmistress of The Buckingham School had left suddenly. It was agreed to place an item on the next Council agenda to send a letter of regret at her leaving and thanking her for her contribution.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

### **3111.2 Welcome Pack**

The Mayor requested the Events Committee to look at producing information for the Estate Agents to give to buyers listing all the Clubs, Societies and Organisations within the Town.

**ACTION EVENTS COMMITTEE**

### **3111.3 Cornwall's Meadow Car Park**

*Cllr. Whyte declared a personal interest as a family member works for Waitrose*

The Town Clerk informed Members that Waitrose had requested use of part of the car park as a building compound during the re-fit of the store; they want 12 bays for 3 weeks; AVDC would like the thoughts of Buckingham Town Council on this. Members discussed it and felt that the benefits of the store outweighed the inconvenience for 3 weeks.

### **3111.4 Mayor's Reception**

The Mayor reminded Members that his reception would be held on Friday 23rd May in the Community Centre; he was planning to invite the new manager of Waitrose to the event.

*The following items were heard under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960 which excludes Members of the Public due to the confidential and financial nature of the business to be discussed*

## **3112 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES/NOTES AND ADOPT ANY RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED THEREIN**

Town Council 25.02.08  
Interim Town Council 25.03.08

## **3113 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE VALE VOLUNTEER AWARD AND DECIDE IF THE TOWN COUNCIL WISHED TO MAKE A RESPONSE**

*Cllr. Mahi declared a personal interest as a friend of the nominee*

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

CHAIRMAN..... DATE.....

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**RATIFIED 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2008**