

**MINUTES OF THE INTERIM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2009 AT ROOM MB1 MASONS BUILDING,  
HUNTER STREET, BUCKINGHAM**

Present: Councillors T. Bloomfield  
Mrs P. Desorgher  
P. Hirons  
D. Isham  
R. Lehmann  
A. Mahi  
H. Mordue (Mayor)  
Ms. R. Newell  
M. Smith  
R. Stuchbury  
M. Try  
W. Whyte

In Attendance: Town Clerk Mrs A. Wilson  
Deputy Town Clerk Mr C. Wayman  
Clerical Assistant Mrs K. McElligott  
Cllr. P. Martin Chairman BALC  
Kathy Hathway Buckingham and Winslow Advertiser

**3264/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

**RESOLVED** to note apologies were received from Councillors G. Loftus, Mrs G. Collins, P. Collins and P. Stevens. Cllr. A. Mahi apologised for being late.

The Town Mayor informed members that at late notice the Town Council were going to be presented with the certificate of re-accreditation for Quality Council Status.

**3265/08 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**RESOLVED** to note that Cllrs. Isham, Bloomfield, Desorgher and Try declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 7 as members of the Community Association management board.

***FURTHER RESOLVED*** to suspend Standing Orders to allow Cllr. P. Martin, the Chairman of BALC to address the meeting

### **3266/08 TO RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALITY PARISH STATUS**

Cllr. Patrick Martin, Chairman of the Buckingham Association of Local Councils congratulated the Town Council on their re-accreditation of the Quality Council Status and stated that Buckingham should be proud as they were the first Council in Buckinghamshire to be re-accredited.

The Town Mayor thanked the previous Town Clerk and the current office staff for their hard work in preparing the portfolio. Thanks were also noted to former Town Mayor Cllr. Mrs. Strain-Clark who was Town Mayor when Quality Status was awarded originally. The Council would inform ex-Councillor Cllr. Mrs Strain-Clark that the Quality Council mark had been re-accredited to the Town Council.

**RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be re-instated.

### **3267/08 TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT AND AGREE FINAL LAYOUT**

Members made small adjustments to the wording of the report and agreed to include precept percentage increases for this and the preceding year. The Town Clerk would make any alterations needed.

**RESOLVED** to accept the document with the above additions and change the formatting to A5

### **3268/08 TO RECEIVE COSTS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND AGREE DISTRIBUTION COMPANY FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT**

**RESOLVED** subject to references, to ask Front Door Marketing to distribute the report at a cost of £172.50 incl. VAT

### **3269/08 TO AGREE THE ADDITIONS TO THE BUCKINGHAM PLAN DOCUMENT**

Cllr. Whyte presented the Buckingham Plan to the Council, outlining changes that had taken place since last being reviewed by the Council. Cllr. Stuchbury raised an issue regarding the copyright of the layout and graphics of the document as it was currently copyrighted to a company owned by a Councillor, although it was acknowledged the text was copyrighted to the Town Council.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Mayor, Cllr. Whyte and the Clerk would agree the wording with regard to the credits and copyright in the plan.

**3270/08 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON BOURTON ROAD ALLOTMENTS  
– THE TOWN MAYOR**

The Deputy Town Clerk gave background information on the allotments and the current situation. The expected letter from the Allotment Association had not been received and therefore discussion was deferred.

**3271/08 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM BUCKINGHAM COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION WITH REFERENCE TO THEIR EXTENSION AND  
HOLDING OVER BUDGET MONEY FOR NEXT YEAR**

The Town Mayor showed plans for the extension of the community centre (not the Town Council extension plans) to the Members.

**RESOLVED** to agree in principal to holding over the money to next year pending a confirmation from the Community Association on why they had asked for money to be held over and on what it will be spent.

***RESOLVED** that members agree to accept the late agenda item – To agree a response to the Buckinghamshire Green Infrastructure Strategy*

**3272/08 TO AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE GREEN  
INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY**

**RESOLVED** that as this item had been tabled at the meeting that no decision could be made as to the content of the response. However members agreed to send the report circulated as the response of the Town Council.

**3273/08 TOWN MAYOR'S ITEMS**

**RESOLVED** to note that there were no items from the Town Mayor.

**3274/08 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RECOMMENDED** In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

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