

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 5th October 2009** in Room MB1 in the Masons Building, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham at 7:30 pm.

Present: Cllr. H. Cadd - Town Mayor
Cllr. T. Bloomfield
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. Mrs P. Desorgher
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. D. Isham
Cllr. R. Lehmann
Cllr. G. Loftus
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. H. Mordue
Cllr. Ms. Newell
Cllr. M. Smith
Cllr. Mrs. Stevens
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. M. Try
Cllr. W. Whyte

In attendance: Anne Wilson Town Clerk
 Christopher Wayman Deputy Town Clerk

466/09 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that there were apologies from Cllr. Polhill (AVDC)

Cllr. Lehmann raised a point of order in regard to why there was not a copy of the Premises Committee Meeting Minutes on the agenda. Members were informed that the copy they had received was only a draft and had not been agreed by the Chairman of the Committee. As a result members **RESOLVED** that Agenda item 35 could not be discussed as it dealt with issues from the Premises Committee.

467/09 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED to note that there were no declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest.

468/09 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 17th August 2009 (**BTC/05/09**).

Cllr. Whyte raised a concern that the minutes had only recently been received.

469/09 Interim Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 14th September 2009 (**IM/03/09**).

470/09 Planning Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on Monday 24th August 2009 (**PL/05/09**) and Monday 14th September 2009 (**PL/06/09**).

Members **RESOLVED** to take agenda number 13 – Recommendation from the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 14th September 2009 next.

471/09 Recommendation from the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 14th September 2009

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council initiate a Buckingham & District Transport Users Group by calling a meeting, organising a room, and contacting all adjacent parishes.

472/09 Environment and Property Committee

Due to an omission on Minute 390/09 The Heartlands the following was added: "that such issues be conducted in accordance with the Town Council Acquisitions Policy, and" in between 'essential' and 'that'.

RESOLVED that the minutes be re-issued with the above included.

FURTHER RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2009. (**EP/03/09**).

473/09 Events Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Town Centre Events Committee meeting held on Monday 7th August 2009. **TCE/03/09**

Councillor Stuchbury enquired whether there were any objections to the mace being used for 417.2/09 Local Democracy Week; there were no objections.

474/09 Finance and Administration

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 3rd August 2009. **FAP/03/09** subject to Cllr. Desorgher being included in those present.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Collins, seconded by Cllr Smith to take Agenda Item 34 next: with 6 votes for and 6 votes against the proposal then was amended to

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **RESOLVED** to take Agenda Item 34 at 9:30 pm.

Councillors P. Collins, G. Collins and Isham declared an interest in the next agenda item and left the room.

475/09 Council and Committee Meetings

Members discussed approaching the Community Centre to see if it was available to host Council and Committee Meetings. The advantage and disadvantages of other meeting venues including Tumblers and other meeting days were debated.

Proposed by Cllr. Try, seconded by Cllr. Loftus and **RESOLVED** that:

The Council engages in meaningful discussions with the Management Committee of the Community Centre with a view to the possibility of renting its 'small hall' for Council and Committee meetings, and with managers of other suitable venues, accepting that those meetings would be held on a Monday for the term of this Council.

476/09 Extending the Office Accommodation

Members discussed the growth of the town in the future and whether the extension would be adequate considering that the number of Councillors and staff may increase due to the likely increase in population. Discussion took place on whether extending on to the flower bed in front of the office would eliminate problems with rights of way; however, the rights of way also cover the flower bed. Members also debated if enough information was being given to residents, and about possible unforeseen costs.

477/09 Aylesbury Vale Advantage

Cllr. Whyte presented the paper and highlighted that this would be £100,000 spent on Buckingham before April with the possibility of up to £1 million in the next financial year. Debate then took place over which of the three areas of work should be addressed.

Proposed by Cllr. Whyte, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **RESOLVED** that Buckingham Town Council commission a Car Parking Assessment, a Green Travel Plan and the updating of the Vision and Design Statement; also that the Town Council should not forget the problems with flooding.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **FURTHER RESOLVED** that to expedite the process due to the time constraints further decisions be devolved to the Planning Committee.

478/09 Recommendation from the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 27th July 2009

Members discussed the differing views on the ramifications of Aylesbury Vale's decision on the 25th February 2009.

479/09 Appointment and make up of Committees

Members noted the information.

480/09 Transport Symposium

Councillors Isham and Hiron expressed an interest in attending the evening session.

481/09 Aylesbury Vale District Council – Gambling Act – Licensing Policy

Members considered the consultation and noted its contents.

482/09 Consultation on Amendments to Statutory Main River Map: Buckingham Town

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Members raised concerns that the Environment Agency should treat Buckingham as a whole instead of approaching it piecemeal as appears to be the case so far. Councillors also requested that some of the terminology be clarified before entering a response.

483/09 Flood Prevention

While Buckingham Town Council takes a serious view on flooding and flood prevention, it was felt that unfortunately in this case the Town Council would be unable to help, as the Ford would be Buckinghamshire County Council's responsibility.

484/09 Town Council Newsletter

Members raised issues over some of the content, grammatical mistakes and the general lack of professionalism in the presentation. Councillors discussed re-organising the layout and correcting the mistakes; however, due to the time constraints for distribution it was **RESOLVED** that Councillors Isham and Hirons liaise with the Deputy Town Clerk to issue the newsletter.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Company B be used to print the newsletter. Members noted in future, if possible, the names of companies be given.

485/09 Town Council Photo

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Try and **RESOLVED** to have a new Town Council Photograph taken in 2010.

486/09 Purple Flag Launch

Proposed by Cllr. Whyte, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury and **RESOLVED** that this item is passed on to the Buckingham Partnership.

487/09 Coach Parking

Cllr. Stuchbury pointed out that this item should have been Car Parking. Members noted that Councillors. Smith, Cadd and Stuchbury and the Town Clerk had met with officers from Aylesbury Vale District Council; however, no response had been received.

488/09 Letter from Mr Weil

A letter was presented by the Town Clerk at the meeting for 6 Councillors to sign and send to Mr. Weil. However, it was agreed that the Councillor's personal responses were not the business of the Council. Members discussed the two points raised in Mr. Weil's letter and agreed to send a reply to address his concerns, namely that the discussion on the Town Council Offices extension would be discussed under a future Town Council Agenda and that we would be arranging a display in the library to discuss the plans for the extension to make sure that members of the public know what is happening.

Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield, and **RESOLVED** that a three minute break would take place before discussion on the next item.

At this point the Town Clerk and the Deputy Town Clerk left the room and it was agreed that Cllr.

Smith would take the notes of the meeting.

489/09 COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED 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, **RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

Signed(Town Mayor) Date