

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7pm.
on **Monday 12th April 2010** in Room MB1 in the Masons Building, University of
Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
Cllr. H. Cadd (Mayor)
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. D. Isham
Cllr. R. Lehmann
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. H. Mordue
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. M. Smith
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. W. Whyte

For the Town Clerk: Mrs. K. McElligott

1018/09 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. R. Newell and Mrs P. Stevens.

1019/09 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. Bloomfield, Mrs. G. Collins, P. Collins and Isham declared an interest in agenda item 3, Buckingham Community Centre.

1020/09 Buckingham Community Centre

The Community Centre sought the agreed 50% funding for the replacement of the kitchen serving hatch shutter and had provided several quotations for the work. Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Mordue, and **AGREED** to provide the funds requested.

1021/09 Thames Valley Community Policing Awards

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Smith, and **AGREED** to nominate PCSO Steve Staley for the award in recognition of his outstanding service to the town.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

1022/09 Aylesbury Vale Draft Community Cohesion Strategy

Members debated whether to make response on the Strategy, expressing the view that it would have little resulting effect on the town. However, not making response might exclude the town from receiving any funding to promote community activities. Little mention had been made in the document of existing events in the town, although several in Aylesbury were listed. Response to Priorities 1 (Building cohesion within and between new and existing communities to address projected population and housing growth) and 3 (Activities and facilities for young people also addressing any intergenerational tensions) were particularly important.

Members agreed that the TC&E Committee should be approached to review the document with respect to its particular remit and present a report to Full Council with suggested responses (consultation ends 18th May).

ACTION CLERK/TC&E CTTEE

1023/09 Air Quality Monitoring

Air quality monitoring equipment had been installed without permission outside the Town Hall and had been removed after complaints from the Town Council and the owners.

AVDC now sought to consult the Council on where the equipment might be better situated.

Members noted that the equipment could not be placed where it would obstruct the installation of Charter Fair rides, and suggested the West Street side of Lloyds Bank, where the level of pollution was likely to be similar to that outside the Town Hall, provided it did not obstruct pedestrian activity or access to the telephone box and cashpoint.

It was noted that the barrier on Bridge Street was now so bent that it was impossible to get past without stepping into the road.

ACTION THE CLERK

1024/09 Car Parking

Members were informed that the public notice of charging had appeared in the Bucks. Herald of 17th March 2010; it had not been placed in the Buckingham & Winslow Advertiser.

Concern was expressed that the charges were being brought in

- without legal advertisement in a journal read by local residents
- without proposed additional spaces yet available
- without any justification of how the charges were arrived at
- before the AVA parking study was completed and the BCC Parking Strategy agreed
- with no consideration of the effect on residential areas of drivers seeking to avoid the charges
- with no indication of reduced parking charges for Western Avenue and Stratford Fields (when available) given the distance from the town centre and consequent insecurity of both these
- with apparently no consideration for the workforce in the town many of whom would find the daily charge burdensome

Members deplored the likely effect on the economic viability of the town after the Council's efforts over many years to keep parking free, and commented on the

complete lack of response from officers at AVDC on the proposals for market trader permits and other matters discussed.

Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Hirons, and **AGREED** unanimously that a meeting be sought urgently with AVDC officers, pointing out that the Herald is not a paper read locally, and that proper notice should be served before charging is implemented; that Members have other concerns as listed above; and asking for some indication of when the additional spaces at Stratford Fields will become available.

ACTION THE CLERK

1025/09 Chairman's Announcements

The Mayor reported that he had attended the football tournament arranged by Moretonville JFC & the Twinning Association with teams from Mouvaux at the weekend, which had been a generally successful event. Members suggested that the Mayor write letters of thanks to the Club and the Association congratulating them.

ACTION THE MAYOR

1026/09 Date of next meeting

Annual Statutory Meeting	– Monday 4 th May 2010
Full Council	- Monday 4 th May 2010
Interim Council	- Monday 1 st June 2010

Meeting closed at 7.38 pm

Signed **Date**