

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 21st June 2010** in Room MB1 in the Masons Building, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. M. Smith Town Mayor
Cllr. Mrs. P. Stevens
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. M. Try
Cllr. W. Whyte

In attendance: Mr. C. P. Wayman Town Clerk

153/10 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that there were apologies from Cllrs. Mordue, Isham and Loftus.

154/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

155/10 Annual Statutory Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Annual Statutory Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2010 (**BTC/01/10**).

156/10 Full Council Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2010 (**BTC/02/10**).

157/10 Minutes Extraordinary Meeting

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 10th May 2010 (**BTC/03/10**).

158/10 Interim Council Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Tuesday 1st June 2010 (**IM/01/10**).

159/10 Planning Committee Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on Monday 10th May (**PL/01/10**) and Tuesday 1st June 2010 (**PL/02/10**).

Cllr. Newell arrived during the next item

160/10 Environment and Property Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 17th May 2010 (**EP/01/10**).

161/10 Town Centre and Events Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Town Centre & Events Committee meeting held on Monday 24th May 2010 (**TCE/01/10**).

Cllr. Try arrived during the next item

162/10 Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 7th June 2010 (**FAP/01/10**)

As the accounts go directly to the FAP Committee, Members discussed whether it might be appropriate for Councillors who are not on that Committee to have the opportunity to comment on them. However, all Councillors receive the agendas and back-up papers for all the Committees, regardless of whether or not they are a Member of that Committee, and they are entitled to speak at any meeting even if they are not a Member of that Committee. It was also noted that Members could raise points under this agenda item at the Full Council and that if there were major concerns they could be taken to the Chairman of the Committee or the Clerk.

163/10 Motion from Cllr. Stuchbury

Following the announcement to Buckingham Youth Centre that Buckinghamshire County Council are going to tender the provision of work at the Youth Centre, I propose that the Town Council obtain the tender documentation. Further that the Town Council investigate submitting a tender so as to preserve Youth Services in the town.

Members noted that the Town Council had been excluded from the consultation and agreed to contact BCC to ascertain why.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. P. Collins, and **AGREED** that the Town Council obtain the tender documentation and investigate submitting a tender so as to preserve Youth Services in the town.

Members felt that it was important to obtain all of the information to ensure that the Town Council is aware of the proposed changes for the town.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

164/10 Consultation on Local Governance

Members had been asked, in light of the acceptance of Cllr. Stuchbury's motion at the last Full Council Meeting, to:

- (a) define the consultation group (if beyond the AVDC boundary, neighbouring district council performance should be considered, etc)
- (b) establish concerns about AVDC and what changes might be achievable
- (c) work-up a list of viable alternatives

Members discussed the form that this consultation should take place and how restrictive the questions should be.

Members **AGREED** that all Towns and Parishes in Aylesbury Vale be invited to submit, by the end of October, their responses to the questions:

- 1) Are you happy with the services that Aylesbury Vale District Council is/should be providing?
- 2) Would you like to see a change in the District Council system?

The responses would be collated and anonymity maintained. A copy of the consultation invitation would also be sent to AVALC for information.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

165/10 Consultation on Adult Social Care

Members discussed the proposals and were informed that at the consultation event it had been confirmed that BCC wished to sell off all 22 sites in the County. Buckingham would house a new-build satellite facility at a site yet to be determined; however, it was not clear which services would be provided at the facility. Members noted that at the consultation event BCC admitted that they had not taken future housing growth into consideration when deciding where facilities were going to be placed. A further consultation meeting in Buckingham had been promised.

Councillors discussed the reasoning for the changes, the apparent lack of co-ordination with the PCT - who are currently carrying out a service review - and the poor choice of venue and time for the consultation event.

Members **AGREED** that a letter be sent to BCC requesting that the Town Council be considered a consultee; to insist that an appropriate consultation meeting is held in Buckingham; and to enquire how the consultation is linked to the PCT review.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

Members further **AGREED** that the Planning Committee should investigate whether the Well Street Centre and the Hospital should become Listed buildings.

ACTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

166/10 Moreton Road Development

Members **AGREED** to hold a naming ceremony for the main road in the development to be named Whitehead Way.

ACTION THE CLERK

167/10 Representation on Outside Bodies and Organisations

Members **AGREED** that Cllr. Bloomfield could represent the Town Council at the Twinning Association.

168/10 Buckingham Plan

The Town Clerk gave a progress report on the actions from the Plan. Members **AGREED** that where no responses had been received these be followed up, that the Stakeholder Group meet to discuss progress, and that copies of the report be sent to all District and County Councillors for the town.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

169/10 S106 Monies – Fir Cottage, Chandos Road

Members noted the amount of money set aside for Sport and Leisure.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Whyte, and **AGREED** that the Town Council contact the developer to discuss their proposals for the land adjacent to Chandos Park.

Proposed by Cllr. Whyte, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **AGREED** that a letter be sent to AVDC enquiring why the Town Council had not been included in the negotiations given the commitment to do so by AVDC at their December meeting with the Town Council.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

170/10 Other Correspondence

Members noted various items of correspondence concerning road closures and **AGREED** to write to BCC to highlight that Castle Hill is not a through road and is not named Church Hill. Members also further **AGREED** to write to Buckingham & Gawcott Charitable Trust to accept their terms for providing minutes of their meetings to the Town Council.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

171/10 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members noted the reports from representatives on outside bodies. Members **AGREED** that the annex to the NAGS minutes be discussed at the next E&P Meeting. Members further **AGREED** that Cllr. Whyte attend the Parish Liaison Committee Working Group at County Hall.

172/10 Mayoral Engagements

Members thanked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for attending the various functions listed.

173/10 Chairman's Announcements

The Mayor informed Members that there will be an Extraordinary Meeting before the next Planning Committee, in order to agree and sign the Annual Return.

174/10 Dates of next meetings

Extraordinary Meeting – Monday 28th June 2010

Interim Council – Monday 19th July 2010

Full Council – Monday 9th August 2010

175/10 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 Date

Town Mayor