

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 9th August 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. D. Isham
Cllr. R. Lehmann
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. H. Mordue
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. M. Smith Town Mayor
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. W. Whyte

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

281/10 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that there were apologies from Cllrs. Stevens, Try, Cadd and Loftus.

282/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

283/10 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2010 (**BTC/04/10**).

284/10 Minutes Extraordinary Meeting

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 28th June 2010 (**BTC/05/10**).

285/10 Interim Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 19th July 2010 (**IM/02/10**).

Cllr. Newell arrived during the next item

286/10 Planning Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on Monday 28th June (**PL/03/10**) and Monday 19th July 2010 (subject to the amendment below)(**PL/04/10**).

Recommendation from the Planning Meeting held on Monday 28th June 2010:

Proposed by Cllr. Hirons, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury and **RECOMMENDED** that a special single topic meeting of the Full Council be called inviting Mr. Ruston and representatives from Halcrow if available.

Members **AGREED** the recommendation.

Members **AGREED** to amend the minutes of the meeting of 19th July 2010 to reflect that Cllr. Lehmann left the meeting after the presentation from Bellway Homes and before any discussion took place.

287/10 Environment and Property Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 5th July 2010 (**EP/02/10**) subject to Cllr. Whyte's apologies being noted for the meeting.

288/10 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 12th July 2010 (**TCE/02/10**). Subject to Minute 228.3 para being altered to read:

"Members heard that the Town Council had not yet taken over, as AVDC still had a Partnership Service Agreement until the end of September. Trustees were also waiting to hear whether AVDC would relinquish the lease to Buckingham Heritage Trust, given that they were paying £5000pa in respect of Keepers Cottage (which houses the TIC) and only receiving £3000pa rent from Thames Valley Police in respect of the Police Office. To retain the lease would therefore cost them £2000pa for premises in which they no longer had an interest."

The following recommendation was **AGREED**:

"Recommendation to split the budget for the Circular Walk into three sections to be referred to the Full Council agenda"

A question was raised over permits for the market traders using Cornwall's Meadow Car Park for parking. A telephone call had been received in the Town Council Office that day to confirm that the market traders would be receiving a permit and that the charges are due to come in on the 23rd August 2010.

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Centre & Events Committee held on Monday 26th July 2010 (**TCE/03/10**)

289/10 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 26th July 2010 (**FAP/02/10**). Subject to Minute 270/10 being amended to read as follows:

RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 7th June 2010 and ratified by Full Council on 21st June 2010. **FAP/01/10

Members **AGREED** the following **RECOMMENDATION**:

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. P. Collins, and **AGREED** that the Town Clerk's recommendation as per report **TC/19/10** to confirm the decision to change internet provider to BT be carried out.

Councillors discussed the possibility of a reimbursement scheme for staff using their personal mobile phones for work. This option had problems such as the possible damage of handsets during the working day and the issue of liability in such events. Members heard that it would be prudent to have a further two handsets, providing BT would have a package to suit, so that the maintenance staff could have one each and the Deputy Town Clerk could have one when she was collecting market rent or at events. This would be at the discretion of the Town Clerk to look at the deals that are available from BT.

Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **AGREED** that an amendment to the recommendation be made to obtain two further handsets, to a total of 4 handsets. This then became the Recommendation.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Collins seconded by Cllr. Hiron and **AGREED** that the Council obtain 4 handsets for staff use.

290/10 Red Cross Day Centre

Members discussed the foundation and the history of the Red Cross Day Centre. A long discussion then took place regarding the poor consultation done by BCC via their document "Having a Good Day" and the subsequent meeting.

Concern was raised about a number of items, namely that Buckingham would lose one of its existing adult social care centres, that £1.7m worth of maintenance had been allowed to accumulate on the buildings and that BCC had admitted in a public meeting that they cannot guarantee an upkeep of service during the building of new centres and the transfer to new premises in the town. Further questions were raised about risk assessments on vulnerable people and the increase in transport for vulnerable and possible knock-on effects to their health.

The continuing use of the two public buildings – the Well Street Centre and the Red Cross Day Centre - was also discussed and that their closure would lead to a further loss of public buildings in the town.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Isham and **AGREED** by 13 votes to 0 that the Town Council write to Buckinghamshire County Council (including appropriate County Councillors) in strong terms about the poor consultation, the need to maintain the existing breadth of service provision in the town and the future usage of the buildings. It was further agreed that Buckingham Town Council organise a petition against the proposed reduction in day care service provision in Buckingham.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

291/10 Traffic Orders for information

Members noted the information. Cllr. Whyte declared an interest as a member of the Buckingham Heritage Trust and informed Members that they hoped the road closure would be lifted before Sunday 15th August.

292/10 Lottery System for allocating Grammar School Places

Members noted the response and agreed that due to central government changes and BCC budgetary adjustments, no further action would be taken at this time.

293/10 Storage Unit

Members discussed the report on the proposed new storage area. A number of areas were highlighted for further investigation including possible damp problems, insurance, rates and asbestos.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and **AGREED** that subject to the Town Clerk applying due diligence to the arrangements, that the Town Council lease the new storage unit on a 3 year term with a 12 month break clause.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

294/10 Other Correspondence

14.1, AVDC: Adoption of Public Open Space at Verney Park, 14.2 BCC/Transport: Buckingham Ford & 14.4 Thames Valley Police: notice of the Open Day on 4th September, were noted
14.3 Members **AGEED** that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor could represent the Town Council at the Bucks Debate.

295/10 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members noted the reports, including that, as there is no representative from the Town Council on the Buckingham Hospital & North Bucks Action Group, this properly belonged in "other correspondence".
Members noted that the Buckingham Centre for the Arts was in discussion with the University with regard to the Radcliffe Centre. It was **AGREED** that this be included on the next Environment and Property Committee Agenda for consideration in respect of S106 monies.
Further to the minutes of the Buckingham Partnership meeting, it was proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **REJECTED** by 4 votes to 7 to ask the University if they would provide car parking on the former Hartridge site on Tingewick Road.

296/10 Mayoral Engagements

Members noted the information

297/10 Chairman's Announcements

There were no announcements.

298/10 Dates of next meetings

Interim Council – Monday 6th September 2010
Full Council – Monday 27th September 2010

299/10 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