

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7pm. on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010** in Room MB1 in the Masons Building, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham.

Present: Cllr. P. Collins  
 Cllr. D. Isham  
 Cllr. G. Loftus  
 Cllr. A. Mahi  
 Cllr. Mrs R. Newell  
 Cllr. M. Smith (Mayor)  
 Cllr. M. Try  
 Cllr. W. Whyte

For the Town Clerk: Mrs. K. McElligott

### **363/10 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors T. Bloomfield, H. Cadd, Mrs. G. Collins, P. Hirons, H. Mordue, Mrs P. Stevens and R. Stuchbury.

### **364/10 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

*Cllr. Ms. Newell arrived.*

### **365/10 Licence application**

Members supported the application, noting however that boxes a, c & d on p19 had not been completed.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

### **366/10 Licensing Act - Review**

As Cllrs. Smith and Isham had taken part in the previous Review, Members **AGREED** that the same Councillors should review the draft and respond appropriately.

**ACTION CLLRS. SMITH & ISHAM**

### **367/10 Local referendums to Veto Excessive Council Tax**

Members discussed the CLG document; SLCC and BALC responses had also been circulated for information.

Members felt that local referendums were a waste of time and money; local council elections were every four years, enabling residents to express their views, and the costs were out of proportion to any benefit, especially for smaller parish councils.

The point was also made that town and parish councils were expected to cover service deficiencies that higher level authorities decided on as cost-cutting exercises because they were capped, without recourse to any funding other than the precept..

Members agreed that the Mayor and the Clerk collaborate on answering the 22 questions asked in the document.

**ACTION THE MAYOR/THE CLERK**

**368/10 Councillor Workshop**

Cllrs. Mahi and Isham expressed a wish to attend; Cllr. O'Donoghue would also be asked if she wanted to take advantage of the workshop.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

**369/10 Chairman's Announcements**

The Mayor stated that the honorarium for the market toby was now resolved and the matter closed.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

**370/10 Dates of next meetings**

Full Council - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
Interim Council - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Meeting closed at 7.10 pm

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....