

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 15th November 2010** in Room ADRB1 in the Anthony De Rothschild's Building, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham, at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr. H. Cadd
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. D. Isham
Cllr. R. Lehmann
Cllr. G. Loftus
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. H. Mordue
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
Dr. T. Siddique Verney Close Surgery
Ms. M. Lynch Buckingham University
Cllr. Edmonds Aylesbury Vale District Council

539/10 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that there were apologies from Cllr. Bloomfield.

540/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

*Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, second by Cllr. Mordue, and **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders in order to take agenda item 10 next.*

Cllrs. Ms. Newell, Lehmann, P. Collins and Try arrived during the next item

Cllr. Cadd declared a personal interest in the following item

541/10 Buckingham Project

Dr. Siddique and Ms. Lynch delivered a presentation on the Buckingham Project, its aims and objectives; and asked Councillors to tell people about the project. A series of questions were asked and answered.

Dr. Siddique and Ms Lynch left the meeting

*Members **AGREED** to resume Standing Orders.*

542/10 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 27th September 2010 (**BTC/07/10**).

543/10 Interim Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 25th October 2010 (**IM/04/10**).

544/10 Planning Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on Monday 4th October (**PL/07/10**) and Monday 25th October 2010 (**PL/08/10**).

545/10 Environment and Property Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 11th October 2010 (**EP/04/10**).

Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. Whyte, and **RECOMMENDED** that BTC increase the funding of the allotments up to the sum of £1500 until their current lease expires in 2017 following negotiation with the Allotment Association

Members **AGREED** the recommendation

546/10 Town Centre and Events Committee

Members observed that others had declared an interest but nevertheless taken part in those aspects of the meeting covered by the declaration, in contravention of the Council's Standing Orders.

Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. Cadd, that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Cllr. Whyte felt that there were some inaccuracies in the minutes and that they should be sent back to the Committee; however this received no support.

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Town Centre & Events Committee meeting held on Monday 18th October 2010 (**TCE/05/10**).

547/10 Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee

Cllrs. P & G Collins, Isham and Try declared an interest in the recommendation

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 1st November 2010 (**FAP/04/10**).

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and **AGREED** that the Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the Council agree in principle to support the Community Centre to the tune of £13,000 on the condition that the accounts are viewed by the Council and that a forecast is provided. The Council will give due consideration to other organisations.

548/10 Motion from Cllr. Stuchbury

Propose to write to the Cabinet Member for Safeguarding Children & Young People to ascertain the future of the Buckingham Youth Centre both in terms of service and the building. The motion was seconded by Cllr. Isham.

Members discussed the motion and noted that a full-time member of staff would be leaving at the end of March 2011; and also that the Youth Centre had stopped taking bookings.

The motion was **AGREED** by 16 votes to 0.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

549/10 Buckingham General Charities

Cllr. Hirons' term of office had ended; he indicated that he would like to continue in the role.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** that Cllr. Hirons continue as a Town Council representative on Buckingham General Charities, although this would be reviewed in May after the Town Council elections.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

550/10 Local Governance Consultation

Members discussed the method and outcome of the consultation, and **AGREED** to share it with the towns and parishes consulted, as well as with Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

551/10 Results of the Day Services Consultation

Members discussed the results of the Consultation and voiced disquiet about the outcome.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. G. Collins, that the Mayor and the Town Clerk compose a letter to Buckinghamshire County Council asking if they intended to go forward with their proposals following the spending review.

ACTION TOWN CLERK & MAYOR

552/10 Draft 2011/12 budget

Some Members raised concerns that this item had been placed upon the agenda, although others found the information useful.

Discussion took place over the need to urgently review staff numbers, and a staffing issue that had arisen after the agenda had been issued was alluded to. Not all Members had been aware of the growing problem.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. P. Collins, that discussion at this meeting be halted and that the Mayor call an Extraordinary Council Meeting after standing committees had met.

Cllr. Newell proposed an amendment, seconded by Cllr. Hirons, that the Personnel Sub-committee meet next week to discuss the personnel issues and report to the Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee.

The amendment was **AGREED** by 9 votes to 6; this then became the **SUBSTANTIVE** motion and was then **AGREED** by 10 votes to 5.

ACTION PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE

553/10 Other Correspondence

553.1/10 AVDC: transfer of Public Open Space – Portfields

Members discussed problems that have occurred over the last few months at the area around the skate park, the traffic problems, and that the grass was being destroyed by cars parking. Members **AGREED** to write to Aylesbury Vale District Council and inform them of the problems in the area.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

553.2/10 BCC: Household Waste Recycling Centres

Members noted the information.

553.3/10 BCC: Temporary prohibition of through traffic – Bridge Street

Members noted the information.

553.4/10 Boundary Commission: Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire

Members discussed the need for increased representation in the north of the county: with an increase in population already and a further increase due it was felt that this should be drawn to the Boundary Commission's attention. There was also a discussion on possible boundary alterations.

Members **AGREED** that the change in Buckingham's population should be highlighted to the Boundary Commission and that there was a case for a third ward to encompass part of Buckingham.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

553.5/10 CPRE: Information from the Chairman

Members noted the information.

554/10 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members noted the reports.

555/10 Mayoral Engagements

Members noted the information.

556/10 Chairman's Announcements

Arrangements for the Councillors' Christmas meal were confirmed. A further announcement was made about the Mayor's Charity football match between Buckingham "Hoodies" and Buckingham Athletic on Sunday 28th November, which would be followed in the evening by a Charity Quiz. Councillors were also reminded about the "Buckingham Big Day" MK Dons v Plymouth Argyle Football match on December 4th which was the culmination of a month of events in Buckingham. Block booking of seats could be made for those Councillors wishing to attend.

557/10 Dates of next meetings

Interim Council – Monday 13th December 2010

Full Council – Tuesday 4th January 2010

Cllr. Edmonds left the meeting

558/10 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.

559/10 Confidential Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 27th September 2010

RESOLVED to receive the confidential minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 27th September 2010 (**BTC/07/10**).

The meeting finished at 9:05pm

Signed Date

Town Mayor