

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 28th February 2011** in Room MB1 in the Masons Building, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

Present:

Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
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. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. M. Smith	Town Mayor
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	
Cllr. W. Whyte	

In attendance:

Mr. C. Wayman	Town Clerk
Cllr. T. Mills	AVDC
Ms. L. Hodges	University of Buckingham
Col. R. Litherland	University of Buckingham
Mr. J. Baker	University of Buckingham

785/10 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that there were apologies from Cllr. Mrs. P. Stevens.

786/10 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Loftus declared an interest in item 12 Buckingham University as an employee.

*Members **AGREED** to take agenda item 12 Buckingham University as the next item.*

787/10 Buckingham University

It was explained by the representatives of Buckingham University that a consultant had been commissioned to undertake a campus review, which will look at the best use of the university campus and what should be done with the Tingewick Road site. A report is due in June and workshops are being held to help formulate the development. The university is expanding and will continue to expand; currently the capacity to accommodate students is nearly full, which will mean that the university will be looking for further accommodation.

Following the presentation Members asked a number of questions to clarify the current and future situation with the university. It was pointed out that the Town Council would be undertaking a forward plan for the next 20 years, that there are issues over social drag, affordable housing and the Hunter Street area becoming a student quarter of the town.

Ms. L. Hodges, R. Litherland, J. Baker and Cllr. T. Mills left the meeting.

788/10 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 4th January 2011 (**BTC/09/10**).

789/10 Interim Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 7th February 2010 (**IM/06/10**).

790/10 Precept Minutes

Members discussed the process of the precept meeting.

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Precept Meeting held on Monday 17th January 2011 (**BTC/10/10**) subject to the Clerk's notes being checked for Cllr. G. Collins first vote as it had been recorded as 'against' when she had wished to vote 'for'.

Cllr. T. Mills returned to the meeting

791/10 Planning Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 10th January 2011 (**PL/11/10**).

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 7th February 2011 (**PL/12/10**).

792/10 Environment and Property Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 24th January 2011 (**EP/06/10**).

793/10 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 31st January 2010 (**TCE/07/10**).

This Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee that the Umbrella Code of Practice and the Recruitment of Ex Offenders Policy be approved and adopted by Buckingham Town Council. It is further recommended that the Town Clerk be authorised as an Approved Checker in order to comply with the conditions that AVDC require to be met in order to act as an Umbrella Body for the purpose of the processing of CRB checks on Councillors and Town Council Officers.

794/10 Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Extraordinary Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 17th January 2011 (**FAP/06/10**).

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2011 (**FAP/07/10**) subject to the dates in minute 767/10 being corrected from 1st November and 15th December 2010 to 20th December 2010 and 4th January 2011 respectively..

*Members **AGREED** to defer the next agenda item (Premises Committee) until after agenda item 15 (Buckingham Centre and Town Council Offices – Cllr. Mordue)*

795/10 Motion from Cllr. Stuchbury

Members discussed the issues surrounding the pavilion at Embleton Way, the land at Embleton Way, and the scout hut and land at Adams Close in depth. Members were especially concerned about possible maladministration by AVDC of the transfer of the land.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. P. Collins, and **AGREED** to amend the motion to:

That officers of Buckingham Town Council meet with AVDC to understand their intention relating to the land and building at Embleton Way.

This then became the substantive motion and was **AGREED** by 15 votes to 0.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

796/10 Moreton Road Toilets

The Town Clerk explained that there was outstanding information requested from AVDC regarding the future of Moreton Road toilets and that information when received would be brought back to the Council.

Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. P. Collins, and **AGREED** that the opening time remain the same.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

797/10 The Big Society in Bucks

Members were concerned that there were no Town or Parish Council direct representatives on the review membership and that BALC or AVALC should be included. There was further concern at the lack of money available to take on the extra services and that there were a number of last minute decisions being taken without consultation. Another point raised was that many of these processes are turning into tick box exercises and that what was needed was a discussion with Town and Parish Councils.

Members **AGREED** that a response should be sent based on these comments.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

798/10 Buckingham Centre and Town Council Offices – Cllr. Mordue

Cllr. Mordue informed Members that the ownership of the right of access had changed again. Following agreement by all parties on the Deed of Easement, the way was now clear to proceed with the building of the office extension, community room, public toilets and storage space at the Community Centre.

The Town Clerk informed Members that a further meeting on the Buckingham Centre had taken place and that a 10 year agreement with a rolling 6 month break clause after 2 years was now being offered by BCC. It is hoped that the draft lease will be available for the Interim Council and that a move might be possible before the end of April. It was highlighted that once the office moved into the Buckingham Centre it would not be open to members of the public on a Monday, that staff were going to be undertaking training on the evacuation system and that the remaining technical problems revolved around telephone supply.

799/10 Premises Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Premises Committee meeting held on Monday 10th January 2011 (**PC/04/10**).

Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Whyte, and **AGREED** by 6 votes to 0 to **RECOMMEND** that negotiations continue only on the office area and to include a five year lease with a break clause.

Proposed by Cllr. Whyte, seconded by Cllr. Mordue, that the **RECOMMENDATION** be **AMENDED** to "...negotiations continue only on the office area and to include a ten year lease with a break clause after 18-24 months."

This was **AGREED** by 13 votes to 0 and became the substantive motion which was then **AGREED** by 15 votes to 0.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Whyte, and **AGREED** by 6 votes to 0 to **RECOMMEND** that following the potential move to the Buckingham Centre that the Chamber Table is brought out of storage and replaced in the Old Council Chamber and meetings be held there.

Members **AGREED** the above **RECOMMENDATION**

800/10 Transfer/adoption of land

Members noted the correspondence.

801/10 Amendments to Statutory Main River Map

Members were concerned that a section to be enmained was across solid land not a river channel and that this could affect the footpaths in the area.

802/10 Buckingham and Gawcott Charitable Trust

Members noted the information received.

803/10 Correspondence

803.1 Area7: Works to the A5

803.2 AVDC: News for the parishes

803.3 BCC: Flood Management Act 2010.

Proposed by Cllr. Hirons and **AGREED** that Mr D. Laird be invited to a meeting later in the year.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

803.4 Boundary Commission: Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire

803.5 John Bercow MP: Flood Management Act

Members **AGREED** to write again to John Bercow MP and request that he contact the Environment Agency to make more money available.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

803.6 Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce: Youth Chamber

Members **AGREED** that the Town Clerk reply to say that the Town Council has no objection to the Chamber of Commerce contacting the schools but to point out that normally Buckingham is covered by North Bucks. and Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

803.7 Thames Valley Police: Superintendant leaving

803.8 CPRE branch meeting and information

Members noted the correspondence.

804/10 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Buckingham Community Centre Minutes 27th Jan 2011

Buckingham & Maids Moreton NAG Minutes 19th Jan 2011

Buckingham Partnership Minutes 30th Sept 2010

Buckingham Twinning Association Minutes 23rd Nov, 1st Dec 2010, 5th Jan 2011 & 9th Feb 2011

Members noted the reports and expressed their thanks that NAGS have been progressing the issue of lorries in the town centre.

Members noted that the following were available in the office:

- Adults & Family Wellbeing Newsletter 2010
- Buckingham Society Newsletter Jan 2011
- Buckingham Twinning Association Winter 2011
- BALC Matters Arising Winter 2010/11

805/10 Mayoral Engagements

Members noted the information listed on the agenda.

806/10 Chairman's Announcements

The Mayor reminded Members that the charity football match between the Buckingham Hoodies (Police and local youth) and Buckingham Athletic FC is due to take place on Sunday the 6th March.

807/10 Dates of next meetings

- Annual Town Meeting Wednesday 23rd March
- Interim Council - Monday 28th March 2011
- Full Council (Annual Statutory) - Monday 9th May 2011

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed Date
Town Mayor