

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7:00pm on **Monday 25th July 2011** in the Town Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
 Cllr. H. Cadd
 Cllr. T. Chan
 Cllr. J. Harvey
 Cllr. P. Hirons
 Cllr. D. Isham
 Cllr. R. Lehmann
 Cllr. A. Mahi
 Cllr. Ms. R. Newell
 Cllr. L. O'Donoghue
 Cllr. M. Smith Mayor
 Cllr. R. Stuchbury

Also present: Mrs. K. McElligott Clerical Assistant
 Liz Campbell Committee Clerk
 8 other members of the public

218/11 **Apologies**

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr. P. Collins, Cllr. Mrs G. Collins, Cllr. Mordue, Cllr. Try, and Cllr. Whyte.

219/11 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Cadd declared a prejudicial interest in minute 221/11 as a member of the Fire Authority.

Members observed a minute's silence in memory of those who had recently lost their lives in Norway.

220/11 **HS2 Consultation**

Members discussed the information circulated with the agenda about the proposed High Speed Rail Link. Members expressed concerns about the environmental impact of the project on Buckinghamshire, and the lack of any direct benefit to the people of Buckingham. Cllr. Stuchbury expressed the view that the scheme would be of more benefit to the wealthiest in society than the least well-off. Cllr. Hirons expressed the view that the scheme would create jobs, although he accepted that these would not be jobs in Buckingham.

Cllr. Stuchbury proposed the following motion, seconded by Cllr. Cadd:

That the Town Council supports AVDC's objections; with the current scarcity of public funds, the money could be better spent, and benefit a broader section of the population. The motion was **AGREED** with 10 votes in favour, 1 vote against, and 1 abstention.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

221/11 Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority Public Safety Plan 2012-17 draft for consultation

Members discussed the Public Safety Plan, which was circulated with the agenda, and reiterated the concerns raised at the Council meeting held on 27th June. These were:

- i) That the plan represented a £31million budget cut.
- ii) That the loss of a shift of fire fighters from Buckingham Station could lead to the loss of life.
- iii) That much of the data used to support the plan is out-of-date or incorrect.
- iv) That no figures for future response times, should the cuts be implemented were supplied.

Cllr Stuchbury proposed the following motion, seconded by Cllr. Isham:

That the Town Council rejects the Fire Safety Plan on the grounds that the data is unsound and unproven.

The motion was **AGREED** with 10 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

222/11 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

223/11 Date of next Meetings:

Full Council	Monday 15 th August 2011
Interim Council	Monday 12 th September 2011

Meeting closed at 7.29 pm

Signed Date