

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 3rd October 2011** in the Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham, at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
 Cllr. H. Cadd
 Cllr. T. Chan (until item 400/11)
 Cllr. P. Collins
 Cllr. J. Harvey
 Cllr. P. Hirons
 Cllr. D. Isham
 Cllr. Lehmann (from item 393/11)
 Cllr. A. Mahi
 Cllr. H. Mordue
 Cllr. Ms. R. Newell
 Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
 Cllr. M. Smith Town Mayor
 Cllr. R. Stuchbury

Guests: Mr. R. Cutler Bloombridge
 Ms. J. Lock-Smith Cube Design

In attendance: Mrs. K. McElligott for the Town Clerk
 Liz Campbell Committee Clerk

391/11 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that there were apologies from Cllr. Mrs G. Collins, Cllr. Try and Cllr. Whyte. These apologies were **AGREED**.

392/11 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. O'Donoghue declared a prejudicial interest in item 402/11 as an employee at the Youth Centre. Cllr. Mordue declared a prejudicial interest in item 398/11 as a member of the Town Twinning Association Committee. Cllr. Smith declared a personal interest in item 288/11 as a member of Buckingham General Charities.

*Cllr. Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **AGREED** that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the guests to be heard.*

393/11 Silverstone Circuit Masterplan

Mr. Richard Cutler from Bloombridge (development managers) and Ms. Jane Lock-Smith from Cube Design (architects and planners) outlined the design parameters and layout of the proposed further development of Silverstone. They had noted the Council's response to the application, particularly the lack of access from Buckingham, and pointed out that BCC had been contacted in June but had not replied on transport issues until late September. Mr. Cutler stated that there was spare capacity in the traffic network and traffic movements would be monitored; a series of trigger points would be set, and mitigation measures adopted accordingly. These could include installation of footways or reduction of speed limits but not village

bypasses. Employees would be told not to use the Dadford Road south of the circuit and this would be enforced by the use of ANPR cameras.

He stated that the new hotels would complement rather than compete with hotels in Buckingham – one would be related to the business park and used for conferences, one was a roadside hotel for use of travellers on the A43, and one was adjacent to The Wing and used for major events and clients of the Leisure Experience areas.

Cllr. Lehmann entered the meeting.

Cllr. Hiron raised concerns about the potential loss of the 'ordinary' industrial units currently operating at Silverstone. Mr. Cutler assured him that these could transfer to the new development. Cllr. Stuchbury and Cllr. Harvey were concerned that all the benefits seemed to be directed at S. Northants and asked for assurances regarding transport links and the provision of public transport to North Bucks. Mr. Cutler stated that, whilst there would be no new bypass, traffic along the Dadford Road would be monitored. He suggested that initially public transport might be served by Dial-a-Ride. He asked that any further questions be emailed to him directly at richard@bloombridge.eu .

The guests left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

394/11

Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council meeting held on 15th August 2011 (**BTC/06/11**).

395/11

Interim Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 12th September 2011(**IM/03/11**).

396/11

Planning Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 22nd August 2011 and 12th September 2011 (**PL/05/11** and **PL/06/11**). These minutes were **AGREED**.

(357/11:11/01785/AOP) Cllr. Stuchbury proposed, seconded by Cllr. Harvey, the following recommendation from the Planning Meeting of 12th September 2011:

“That this Council opposes the Silverstone Circuit Masterplan application on the grounds of:

- lack of road improvements and sustainable transport systems in the Buckingham direction;
- the economic impact on Buckingham and north Bucks;
- the B8 warehousing and related HGV traffic;
- the unlikelihood of any further economic development sites in Buckingham being promoted”;

This recommendation was **AGREED**, with 8 votes in favour and 6 abstentions.

397/11

Environment and Property Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 19th September 2011 (**EP/03/11**), subject to the addition of a copy of Cllr. Harvey's motion on renewable energy to the minutes. **ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK**

Members discussed the recommendation to Full Council not to purchase the mobile CCTV system and **AGREED** to refer the decision back to the next meeting of Environment and Property Committee.

398/11

Town Centre and Events Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Town Centre & Events Committee meeting held on Monday 30th August 2011 (**TCE/03/11**).

(313.1) Cllr. Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr. Cadd, the recommendation that:

This Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that an amount of money be allocated to the budget head 303/4260 in this fiscal year for the 10 year Twinning Anniversary lunch and that the Buckingham Twinning Association should provide matched funding with the Town Council for next year's event, the arrangements for which would become the Twinning Association's responsibility.

Members asked why the Full Council needed to be involved. Cllr. Stuchbury pointed out that the costs of Civic Twinning events were borne by the Full Council, although the events themselves were organised by the TC&E Committee. Furthermore there had already been a Civic Visit in this fiscal year and the new event would fall in the same year without budget allocation. However, Cllr. Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr. Hirons, that the Committee's recommendation of match funding with the Town Twinning Association be supported, with an option to bring the matter back to Full Council once the Town Twinning Association had provided a full estimate of their costs. It was **AGREED** to support this recommendation.

(313.2) Cllr. Bloomfield proposed, seconded by Cllr. Hirons, the following recommendation:

"That this Council embarks on a town friendship with Neukirchen Vluyn"

This was **AGREED** unanimously.

399/11

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 19th September 2011. (**FAP/03/11**)

400/11

Motion from Cllr. Harvey – Swan Pool Car Park Charges

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Harvey, and seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury:

"In line with previously agreed Town Council policy, and on the understanding that AVDC will soon be initiating a statutory consultation on the introduction of parking charges to a part of the car park next to the Swan Pool (and school etc.), and towards being an 'evidence based council', to request the Clerk organises some 'spot check' research into the availability of car parking spaces over at least a week or possibly a fortnight period at known peak usage times. (The purpose of this research being to ascertain the scale of the difficulty / ease by which users of the car park – including users of the Swan Pool – are able to find places to park – so that we can include this analysis in our response the AVDC statutory consultation.)"

Cllr. Chan left the Chamber

The motion was **AGREED**, with 9 votes in favour and 2 abstentions. It was further **AGREED** that Members would also help out with the spot checks referred to in the motion. Cllr. O'Donoghue reported that she had looked up the regulations on the provision of disabled spaces in car parks, and that she believed that the three provided in the Swan Pool car park was below the legal minimum, particularly as one was usually occupied by an employee with a disability. It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk would investigate.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

401/11

New Homes Bonus – motion from Cllr. Stuchbury

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

“The forthcoming New Homes Bonus, when applied to Buckingham, could result in around £7million being raised over the next 20 years if 1,000 new homes are built as currently planned. I therefore propose that Town Council Officers enter into negotiations with AVDC on the New Homes Bonus, in order to facilitate influence by Buckingham residents on the infrastructure priorities within the town. I further propose that the Town Council approach other town and larger parish councils within Aylesbury Vale about working together, in a spirit of Localism, to determine Vale-wide infrastructure improvement priorities; and that this Town Council write to Cllr Neil Blake at AVDC inviting him to meet and discuss how New Homes Bonus funding may best be allocated.”

Cllr. Lehmann proposed the following amendment, seconded by Cllr. Isham:

“That the sentence: ‘that the Town Council approach other town and larger parish councils within Aylesbury Vale about working together, in a spirit of Localism, to determine Vale-wide infrastructure improvement priorities’ be struck out.”

The amendment was **NOT AGREED**, with 3 votes in favour and 10 against.

A recorded vote was called for and Cllr. Stuchbury’s original motion was **AGREED** unanimously by the following Members: Cllr. Bloomfield, Cllr. Cadd, Cllr. P. Collins, Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Hirons, Cllr. Isham, Cllr. Lehmann, Cllr. Mahi, Cllr. Mordue, Cllr. Newell, Cllr. O’Donoghue, Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Stuchbury.

402/11 Youth Services in Buckingham

Members noted the report from the Chair of the Youth Centre Management Committee. Members had understood that all the staff were to be retained and pointed out that the Town Council funding was for the whole Youth Centre and not just the Youth Club. It was **AGREED** to ask the Town Clerk to clarify what the Town Council is funding through its grant to the Youth Centre.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

403/11 Crossing point between Hare Close and Meadow Gardens

Members felt that there was a problem with crossing London Road at this point, particularly during school times. It was also used by residents of the Badgers to get to Tesco. It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk would write to BCC recommending that a crossing proposal was sent to the Local Area Forum.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

404/11 Update from County and District councillors

Cllr. Cadd reported that BCC was making appropriate preparations for winter gritting in expectation of weather as severe as last winter’s.

Cllr. Stuchbury reported that AVDC had published an outline budget listing £2.6million of potential cuts. This included proposals to increase parking charges at Cornwall’s Meadow by 66%. He had also proposed a motion to AVDC supporting the provision of affordable housing.

405/11 Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence and, in addition, **AGREED** the following:
405.1 AVDC response regarding HS2 – the Town Clerk to write to AVDC asking for a breakdown of how the £40,000 campaign fund was spent.

404.2 BCC Review of Day Services – Members were concerned that the response from BCC did not provide much new information. The Town Clerk to write to BCC suggesting that the car park at the Well Street Centre could be left unlocked for public use if appropriate disclaimer notices were posted.

405.3 Gully Cleaning Schedule – A majority of Members agreed, Cllr. Lehmann wishing his dissent to be recorded, that the Town Clerk should

write to BCC requesting up-to-date schedules of when the gullies were last cleaned, as it appeared from the list that this was several years ago.
405.4 BCC letter regarding legal fees for the Town Council office lease -
Members noted that all correspondence would now go via the Town Council's solicitor.
ACTION TOWN CLERK

- 406/11 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**
Members noted the reports, and thanked Cllr. Hirons for his comprehensive report on the Buckingham General Charities.
- 407/11 Mayoral Engagements**
Members noted the information.
- 408/11 Chairman's Announcements**
Cllr. Smith reported that he had attended a Better Healthcare in Bucks. event on 21st September, and would circulate a report.
Members were concerned about the visibility problems caused by the overgrown hedge at the Moreton Road zebra crossing, and asked the Town Clerk to explore trimming it back.
ACTION TOWN CLERK
- 409/10 Dates of next meetings**
Interim Council – Monday 31st October 2011
Full Council – Monday 21st November 2011

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed Date

Town Mayor