

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 9th January 2012** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
Cllr. H. Cadd
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. D. Isham
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. H. Mordue
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. M. Smith Town Mayor
Cllr. R. Stuchbury

In attendance: Mr. C. P. Wayman Town Clerk
Mrs. K. McElligott

660/11 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to receive and accept apologies from Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins, Cllr. R. Lehmann, Cllr. Ms. R. Newell, Cllr. M. Try, and Cllr. Whyte for late arrival.

661/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

662/11 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 21st November 2011 (**BTC/08/10**).

663/11 Extraordinary Meeting

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Thursday 8th December 2011 (**BTC/09/11**). Cllr. Stuchbury gave Members a brief update on the SDCC meeting on Silverstone, and indicated that the developer had shown interest in the Town Council's idea of providing a cycle link from Buckingham via Stowe.

664/11 Planning Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 28th November 2011 (**PL/09/11**).

665/11 Environment and Property Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 12th December 2011 (**EP/05/11**).

666/11 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 5th December 2011 (**TCE/05/11**). Cllr. Stuchbury reported that over 100 tickets had been sold for the first Comedy Night.

667/11 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 December 2011 (**FAP/05/11**).

628/11: Minutes of Personnel SubCommittee. The Recommendation had been referred to Full Council to allow proper consideration of the additional information requested, which had been supplied by the Town Clerk.

566/11 Trade Union Recognition

c) That this Sub-Committee make a recommendation to FA&P as follows:

This Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee that points 5.7, 6 (apart from 6.6) and 8.1-3 in respect to any Trade Union where they have a member of staff as part of the union requests these facilities.

Members **AGREED** the Recommendation providing the clause "access to confidential telephone, fax, internal mail and email" was excised from para.6.4.

633.1/11 The Grants Recommendation was to the Precept meeting (16/1/12).

In answer to a query, the Register of Members' Interests would be added to the website later in the week.

It was also noted that an FA&P meeting was scheduled for 24th December; Members asked the Clerk to rearrange this to a more convenient date.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

668/11 Motion from Cllr. Harvey

Given the pressing need for the Town Council to monitor, scrutinise and challenge effectively a raft of changes affecting our town including a radical restructuring of the NHS, changes to social care, moves to restructure (and possibly reduce) the provision of fire service cover for the town among many other changes and issues, we agree to ask the Clerk to conduct a rapid review of our committee structure so that these matters may be more fully addressed. The results of this review with recommendations to come back to Council as soon as resources allow for discussion and resolution.

Cllr. Harvey explained the reasoning behind his motion, and suggested that the Property element of the Environment & Property Committee be transferred to the Finance, Administration & Personnel Committee, and health and other services and environmental issues such as noise and pollution be included in the E&P remit.

Members discussed the motion; it was pointed out that the Town Council could only deal with matters designated as part of its powers under the Local Government Act; other areas would be *ultra vires* and any expenditure on these could be challenged by the electorate. Changing the Committees' remits would also have an effect on office staff.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **AGREED** that the Town Clerk look into the restructuring of the Committees and report back.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

669/11 AVA Parking Survey

The Town Clerk outlined the reasons for revisiting the conclusions of the survey. Members discussed the Town Clerk's report at length, noting that the recommendation excluded Nos. 15-22 inc. which dealt with parking.

Members felt that accepting the remaining conclusions would be read as the Town Council supporting the parking actions as well.

It was **AGREED** that a letter be sent to AVDC & BCC, suggesting that the survey document without the parking section and renamed "Buckingham Infrastructure Wish List" might be considered. Should the other authorities agree, a meeting could be arranged to discuss the remaining aims.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

670/11 BRAG conference 25th November 2011; report from the Mayor
Noted.

671/11 Health Watch Focus Group 29th November 2011; report from the Mayor
Noted.

672/11 (533/11) Student behaviour meeting 8th December 2011; report from the Mayor

Noted.

The Mayor indicated that he would be attending the student induction event on 18th January and would be making the point about respecting existing residents. He was thanked for spending time on this matter.

Cllr. O'Donoghue reported that she had spoken to the landlord of 13 High Street, and he denied ever having had a 'lock-in'.

673/11 Buckingham Palace Garden Party

Those Members present who had attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace declared themselves.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. P. Collins, that the Council recommends Cllr. Newell;

Proposed by Cllr. Mahi, seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue, that the names of all those interested in attending, and Cllr. Newell's, be placed in a hat and one selected; the amendment was carried, and the name drawn was Cllr. O'Donoghue.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

674/11 Traffic Information

674.1 Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic, Hunter Street

674.2 Temporary Closure of Bridleway 13; the Town Clerk reminded Members that work was due to start this week on the roundabouts on the A413.

674.3 BCC Speed Limit (Various Roads in Area 12) Order 2011

674.4 TfB: HGV Signage to be installed in Buckingham and the surrounding area
Members noted the information.

675/11 Correspondence

675.1 (348/11) AVDC: Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places

Noted.

675.2 (398/11) Neukirchen-Vluyn: response to letter of friendship

Noted.

675.3 (532/11) Environment Agency: River dredging

Members expressed themselves disappointed at the views expressed, and asked what, if dredging is not as effective as other flood risk measures, these more effective measures might be. It was **AGREED** to put the letter on the website for residents' information.

It was suggested that photos be taken of areas of the river where the channel was narrowed and where dredging could be advocated, and sent to the EA. They also asked that the flood map, available this month, should be made available to the Town Council.

The Town Clerk asked if the list of flood events was complete, to Members' knowledge. It was suggested that residents be asked, via the *Advertiser*.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

Cllr. Cadd declared an interest in the following item, as a member of the Authority.

675.4 (534/11) Bucks & MK Fire Authority: Relocation of fire control centre.

Members were disappointed at the tone of the letter but conceded that the decision had been made and only time would tell if it had been a good one.

675.5 (536/11) AVDC: Swan Pool Car Parking

Noted.

675.6 (537/11) BCC: Speed Limit Change

Noted.

675.7 (538/11) TfB: Street Light Energy Saving

Members felt that the turning off of street lights on the bypass between Badgers and the new estate should be reviewed when the houses were occupied, as the estate effectively turned the bypass into an urban road.

It was also felt that Members' criticism of the study being incomplete, as it did not show accident statistics for roads where the lights had not been turned off, had not been answered. It might be that accident numbers for these roads had showed a similar trend, so that no firm conclusions could be drawn. A response would be made on these two points.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

675.8 NALC: re new planning guide. The guide is available from the office.

Noted.

676/11 To receive reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr. Cadd had nothing to report;

Cllr. Isham thanked those Members who had attended his Chairman's Quiz Night; £1200 had been raised for the Florence Nightingale Hospice and Ali's Dream charity;

Cllr. Mordue had nothing to report;

Cllr. Stuchbury reported on the District's budget review and the New Homes Bonus.

677/11 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

677.1 Buckingham Economic Group Minutes 11/11/11

Noted.

677.2 Buckingham Twinning Association AGM Minutes 22/11/11

Noted.

Members discussed the 10th anniversary event briefly. Information was needed in good time, arrangements could not be made at the last minute. Cllr. Hirons said that he had discussed the tree planting with the Green Spaces Manager, but little other staff time was involved.

The confusion of acronym with the Buckingham Traders' Association was noted; Members suggested, in view of the relationship with Neukirchen-Vluyn the name could be changed to Buckingham Twinning and Friendship Association.

677.3 NAGS AGM Minutes 23/11/11

The Mayor noted that these were minutes of the Annual **Public** Meeting.

678/11 Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's Engagements

Members noted the information circulated with the agenda.

679/11 Chairman's Announcements

679.1 The Mayor reported that Cllr. Chan had resigned for personal reasons. The vacancy notice had been posted.

679.2 Members were reminded about the VoA Plan drop-in session from 3pm to 8pm on Wednesday 11th January in the Community Centre.

679.3 Cllr. Isham was appointed by mutual agreement to organise a Council Dinner for Members, staff and partners, on some date before Easter.

ACTION CLLR. ISHAM

680/11 Dates of next meetings

Precept - Monday 16th January 2012
Interim Council - Monday 6th February 2012
Full Council - Monday 27th February 2012

Meeting closed at 8.14pm

Cllr. Whyte arrived just after the meeting closed.

Signed Date

Town Mayor