

Minutes of a meeting of the Extraordinary Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 16th 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. R. Lehmann
 Cllr. A. Mahi
 Cllr. H. Mordue
 Cllr. Ms. R. Newell
 Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
 Cllr. M. Smith Town Mayor
 Cllr. R. Stuchbury
 Cllr. W. Whyte

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

688/11 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that there were apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins and Cllr. M. Try, and Cllr. Harvey for late arrival.

689/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

690/11 To receive and discuss a request from Winslow Town Council and formulate a response.

Winslow Town Council felt that AVDC's proposed use of the New Homes Bonus payment was contrary to the Government's intention, and were calling for 40% of the District Council's share of the Bonus to be allocated to projects in the communities taking the housing growth.

Cllr. Stuchbury introduced the AVDC Cabinet papers circulated and noted that further information had been sent out since the agenda was printed.

Cllrs. Newell and Lehmann arrived.

AVDC's intention was to use the Bonus to offset reductions in Government grant. The Housing Minister's intention was that it be a reward for growth, and should primarily be directed at those communities accepting new housing to pay for the improvement of local services. The money would be paid for 6 years and amount to a considerable sum. The total would be split 80% to AVDC, 20% to BCC.

Members discussed the issues detailed in the papers supplied, noting that the new housing would also generate Council Tax for AVDC. It was regretted that no consultation had taken place, and little time allowed for the parishes to discuss the proposals. No indication of how the split would be applied at local level was given. Some of the wording implied safeguarding of services in Aylesbury without mention

of other parts of the Vale's economy, contrary to the terms of the Council's constitution.

Cllr. Harvey arrived.

The Mayor proposed, seconded by Cllr. Isham, that this Council support Winslow's motion calling upon AVDC **To ensure that the spirit of NHB initiative, to directly benefit the communities taking the housing growth that generates this increased income, is reflected in the way this funding is distributed by ensuring that at least 40% is allocated to the contributing communities, supported by a robust business plan.** be supported.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. P. Collins, that the words **We desire an early meeting to start a consultation on this matter** should be added. A recorded vote was called for.

The amendment was voted on: all Members present were in favour.
The sentence was added to the Winslow motion and voted on; all Members were in favour.

Listed for the avoidance of doubt: Cllr. T. Bloomfield, Cllr. H. Cadd, Cllr. P. Collins, Cllr. J. Harvey, Cllr. P. Hirons, Cllr. D. Isham, Cllr. R. Lehmann, Cllr. A. Mahi, Cllr. H. Mordue, Cllr. Ms. R. Newell, Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue, Cllr. M. Smith (Town Mayor), Cllr. R. Stuchbury, Cllr. W. Whyte.

691/11 Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

692/11 Dates of next meetings

Interim Council – Monday 6th February 2011

Full Council – Monday 27th February 2011

Meeting closed at 7.18pm

Signed Date

Town Mayor