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INTERIM
FULL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 09 September 2020
Councillor,

You are summoned to an Interim meeting of Buckingham Town Council to be held on **Monday 14th September 2020 at 7pm** online via Zoom, Meeting ID 871 2899 7691.

Please note that the Full Council will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Order 3.f, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes. Residents are very welcome to ask questions or speak to Councillors at the start of the meeting in the usual way. Please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for the password to take part.

The meeting can be watched live on the Town Council's YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC89BUTwVpjAOEIdSifcZC9Q/>

Mr P Hodson
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive apologies from members.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Motion - Cllr Mike Smith on behalf of the following: Cllrs. R. Ahmed, J. Harvey, R. Newell. A. Ralph, M. Smith and C. Strain-Clark

3.1. *Given that the motion to establish the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group required there are to be an equal or greater number of community residents than Town Councillors, it is clear that 14 volunteering councillors are too many. Therefore, we recommend that no more than six councillors are needed and these should be selected on the basis of an evident support & affinity with the purpose of the Working Group. This will also help to ensure an atmosphere conducive to achieving constructive partnership with community members.*

3.2. To agree Town Council members of the Working Group

4. Motion – Cllr. R. Stuchbury

Proposed by Cllr. R. Stuchbury and seconded by Cllr. L. O'Donoghue.



Twinned with Mouvaux, France;  Neukirchen Vluyn, Germany 

Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't.

All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk send you a copy of any minutes, reports or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.

“Buckingham Town Council (BTC) wishes to express its deep alarm and concern with the implications of the wholesale changes to the current planning system proposed by the governments White Paper: Planning for the Future, which reduces or removes the influence of Buckinghamshire Council, Town and Parish Councils as well as members of the community on future applications. The effect of the new regime is likely to impact strongly on the environment and the economic prosperity as well as the social well-being of Buckinghamshire. Furthermore, it could see the end of local planning, local plans and residents having any ability to influence large developments.

Removing a layer of democratic governance undermines accountability within the planning of our community’s future and so BTC seeks assurances from Buckinghamshire Council that they will be voicing their objections to the drafters of the white paper about the content and scope of the proposed bill. In addition, BTC are pressing Greg Smith our local MP to raise questions and to seek to challenge the details of this bill in parliament. Finally, BTC will write to the Secretary of State reiterating the concerns noted at the head of this motion.”

5. Buckingham Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation

To receive, discuss and consider a response to the consultation

Appendix A

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/communities/buckingham-pspo/>

6. Chairman’s Announcements

7. Date of next Meetings:

Full Council

Monday **5th October 2020**

Interim Council

Monday **22nd November 2020**

To: All Councillors



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31 August 2020

Dear Clerk to Buckingham Town Council, Paul Hodson

Public Spaces Protection Order

In October 2017 Aylesbury Vale District Council implemented a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Buckingham. The order was originally a Designated Public Place Order dealing with alcohol issues, that automatically converted to PSPOs. Such orders were put in place to tackle ongoing crime and anti-social behaviour that had been reported to the police and council, related to drinking alcohol in public places.

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, which gives the Council the power to introduce these Orders, is clear that PSPOs can only be in place for a maximum of three years. However, before they expire, the Council is able to undertake another consultation to ascertain whether there is support for the PSPO to be extended.

Therefore, a consultation is being undertaken to find out whether all those who may be affected by the extension of the PSPOs, are in agreement. At the end of the consultation period, the Council will review all comments/objections and make a decision upon whether to extend the PSPOs, or to remove them.

The consultations, along with further details about the PSPOs, timings, areas included and maps, can be found at:

Buckingham Town Centre PSPO

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/communities/buckingham-pspo/>

Please see attached for link to map and survey questions.

Buckinghamshire Council will review the comments received and make a final decision on the PSPO extensions by the end of October.

If you support, or have an objection to the proposed extension to the PSPO, could you let me know before 21st September, via the following email address:

chris.oliver@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Chris Oliver
Community Safety Advisor
Buckinghamshire Council

Survey Questions

Buckinghamshire Council Public Spaces Protection Order – Buckingham town centre

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 introduced a range of new powers designed to address anti-social behaviour. PSPOs are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone. They are designed to ensure the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.

In 2017 the council introduced a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Buckingham town centre which states 'in the restricted area any person who fails to comply with an authorised officer or police constable's request (a) not to consume or (b) to surrender alcohol in their possession commits an offence'. PSPOs can only last a maximum of three years, and this particular PSPO will cease to exist after October 2020. This survey is to find out whether the PSPO should be extended.

A detailed map showing the location of the current PSPO can be found below.

Q1. Do you believe there is a problem with alcohol related anti-social behaviour in this area of the town centre?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q2. Do you think that alcohol related anti-social behaviour has improved within Buckingham town centre since 2017?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q3. Do you think the PSPO should be extended?

- Yes
- No

If yes, do you think it should be extended for:

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years

Q4. Are you responding as a...?

- Local resident who lives in the identified area shown on the map
- Local resident who lives outside the identified area shown on the map
- Person who works in the identified area shown on the map
- Local business owner/manager
- Visitor to the identified area shown on the map (e.g. shopper, tourist, on business)
- Councillor
- Representative of a local community or voluntary group (please state the name of the group and postcode below)

Link to area map:

https://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/page_downloads/PSPO_Buckingham_%28DPP0%202002%29.pdf