

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7pm. on Monday 2nd November 2020 online via Zoom.

Present:

Cllr. T. Bloomfield
 Cllr. M. Cole JP
 Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins Mayor
 Cllr. P. Collins
 Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley
 Cllr. J. Harvey
 Cllr. P. Hirons
 Cllr. A. Mahi
 Cllr. H. Mordue
 Cllr. Ms. R. Newell
 Cllr. L. O'Donoghue
 Cllr. A. Ralph
 Cllr. M. Smith
 Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark
 Cllr. R. Stuchbury

Also Present:

Mr P. Hodson Town Clerk
 Mrs. N. Stockill Committee Clerk

Members of the public were in attendance but no-one spoke.

753/20 Apologies for Absence

Members received and accepted apologies from Cllr. R. Ahmed and received apologies from Buckinghamshire Councillors Clare and Whyte.

754/20 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

755/20 Motion – Cllr. G. Collins

Proposed by Cllr. G. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Cole:

“Health Secretary Matt Hancock has said that an extra £63m is being made available to councils to provide these essential meals to provide meals for under privileged children including during school holidays. I propose that the Town Council asks Buckinghamshire Council what provision it is making for Buckingham children who might benefit from this?”

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and seconded by Cllr. Gateley to ask Buckinghamshire Council to evidence what percentage of the £63m grant was available to spend on meals for under privileged children after June 2021.

A vote was taken and the results were unanimously in favour. The amended motion becomes the substantive motion and a further vote was taken and the results were unanimously in favour of the substantive motion.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

Members formally recorded their thanks to the organisers of the community kitchen set up over the half term holidays by Buckingham Free Meals.

756/20 Removal of Temporary crossing at Moreton Road

Members discussed whether the Town Council should support the removal of the

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temporary pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Moreton Road, following a request from Buckinghamshire Council. Members unanimously **AGREED** to oppose the removal of the crossing until such time as a permanent measure could be installed. Members wished to stress the importance of a rigorous maintenance schedule to ensure the temporary crossing was fit for purpose.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

757/20 Chairman's Announcements

Following Saturday's announcement of the new national restrictions, Members noted the following updates:

1. Play areas will remain open
2. The Green Spaces team will continue their work to maintain parks, green spaces and the cemetery
3. The Tourist Information Centre will close from Thursday and for the duration of the lockdown
4. Shopmobility will be closed
5. The Lace Hill Centre will work with each hirer to agree what is appropriate, however at present it is likely that only child contact sessions will be allowed to continue
6. The Lace Hill Caretaker may be put on furlough again. No other members of staff are eligible and appropriate for this scheme
7. There will be no change to other Council services, including burials and support for Council meetings
8. Revised posters will be put up in our play areas, and also updated versions of posters giving details of Town Council services will be displayed.
9. A press release and social media post will also be issued to reinforce these, once agreed in consultation with the Mayor.

Cllr. G. Collins advised Members that the Community Centre would open for the Blood Donation Service and work with each hirer to agree what is appropriate. Cllr. Stuchbury proposed writing to Buckinghamshire Council asking for a breakdown of Covid-19 figures in Buckinghamshire as illustrated to Buckinghamshire Councillors in a recent Member Briefing.

Meeting closed at 19.23 pm

Signed

Date