

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7pm on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham

Present: Cllr. Ms. J. Bates  
 Cllr. T. Bloomfield  
 Cllr. M. Cole  
 Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins  
 Cllr. P. Collins  
 Cllr. P. Hirons  
 Cllr. D. Isham  
 Cllr. A. Mahi Mayor  
 Cllr. H. Mordue  
 Cllr. Ms. R. Newell  
 Cllr. L. O'Donoghue  
 Cllr. M. Smith  
 Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark  
 Cllr. R. Stuchbury

Also Present: Mrs. K. McElligott Town Clerk  
 Mrs. C. Carter Committee Clerk

#### 826/15 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Try, Gateley, and Harvey.

#### 827/15 Declarations of Interest

The following Cllrs declared interests in item 6, Sport and arts award:

Cllr P Collins and Mordue declared personal interests in the U3a.

Cllr Newell declared a prejudicial interest in the Royal Latin School

Cllr Harvey declared a personal interest in the proposed literary festival at the Buckingham University

Cllr Stuchbury declared a personal interest in Buckingham Athletic Football Club

#### 828/15 Minutes

The Minutes of the last Interim meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 were ratified at Full Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015.

Agreed

#### 829/15 Honorary Freeman Award

Members are reminded that a special one-subject meeting will have to be called, and a 2/3 majority vote of support recorded.

A list of current Freemen was attached

Members discussed the list provided and their rationales to nominate both ex Cllr Robert Lehmann and ex-Mayor John Cornwall.

Proposed by Cllr Newell, seconded by Cllr Stuchbury and unanimously **AGREED** to award the title of Honorary Freeman of the town to both ex Cllr Lehmann and ex Mayor John Cornwall for their outstanding work in the community, and charitable causes.

Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Hirons and **AGREED** that a brief criteria, and short information passage on each proposed candidate, be provided by the Town Clerk to give guidance on the proposals for future Honorary Freeman Award.

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**830/15 Friends of Buckingham Award**

To discuss and agree whether to appoint any Friends of Buckingham (to be awarded a silver salver at the Mayor's Reception in May)

A list of current and past holders was attached

Members discussed various proposals including recognising the recent winner of Mastermind; whom Members **AGREED** to write a letter of congratulations to.

**ACTION: THE MAYOR**

Proposed by Cllr Strain-Clark, seconded by Cllr Isham and unanimously **AGREED** to award Mr Ed Grimsdale the Friends of Buckingham Award

*During the following discussions Cllr P Collins and Mordue declared personal interests in the U3a.*

*Cllr Newell declared a prejudicial interest in the Royal Latin School*

*Cllr Harvey declared a personal interest in the proposed literary festival at the Buckingham University*

*Cllr Stuchbury declared a personal interest in Buckingham Athletic Football Club*

**831/15 Sport and Art Award**

To discuss and agree whether to make an award in 2016 (to be awarded a silver salver at the Mayor's Reception in May)

The Award was made for the first time in 2015, to Buckingham Ladies Hockey Club.

Members proposed the following organisations for voting:

U3A

Buckingham Athletic Football Club

Parks Run

The Royal Latin and Buckingham School's joint art and drama project

The Buckingham University Literary Festival

Members voted for each of the proposals, and **AGREED** by majority vote to make the award to the Royal Latin and Buckingham School for their joint work on the art and drama project.

2 salvers would be presented at Mayor Making on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**832/15 Planning Application**

**16/00847/APP**

**OPPOSE**

West End Farm, Brackley Road

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 75 extra care units, ancillary community facilities, parking, landscaping and associated works

Members discussed the proposal, agreeing that a demand for such accommodation exists, but expressing concern that the site was not in the Neighbourhood Plan for development and that it was a good way from the town centre. Allowing development of such unassigned sites would provide leverage for other developers wishing to build on undesignated areas. The developers had not participated in the "call for sites", and the site had been rejected for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan because of the dangerous bend and its being outside the settlement envelope.

It was pointed out that merely providing a connecting pathway from the corner of the site to the Cemetery frontage was not a solution as local residents used this area for car parking, leaving inadequate width for mobility scooters or cycles, and the access was on a difficult

section of road. They regretted the lack of detailed landscaping plans, including retained trees. Concern was expressed about the facilities to be available for public use, and whether they would actually be built; these were all integrated into the various blocks, so the spaces would be allocated and few were large enough to be turned into additional flats.

Members voted 11:2, 2 abstaining, to reject the application as not being a site included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

**833/15 Chair's Announcements**

Cllr Mahi mentioned organising a vigil for the anniversary of the battle of the Somme

**834/15 Dates of next meetings**

Full Council	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
Interim Council	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2016

Meeting closed at 8pm

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....