

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr. Ms. J. Bates	
	Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
	Cllr. M. Cole	Deputy Mayor
	Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins	
	Cllr. P. Collins	
	Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley	
	Cllr. J. Harvey	Mayor
	Cllr. P. Hirons	
	Cllr. D. Isham	
	Cllr. A. Mahi	
	Cllr. H. Mordue	
	Cllr. Ms. R. Newell	
	Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
	Cllr. M. Smith	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury		
Cllr. M. Try (from minute 287/17)		
<b>In attendance:</b>	Mr. C. P. Wayman	Town Clerk
	Mrs. N. Stockill	Committee Clerk
	Cllr. C. Clare	County Councillor

#### 279/17 **Apologies for Absence**

**RESOLVED** to receive apologies from Cllrs. Strain-Clark and County Councillor Whyte.

#### 280/17 **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.

Cllr. Mordue declared an interest in agenda item 14 (New Homes Bonus) as a District Council Cabinet Member.

#### 281/17 **Minutes**

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**AGREED**

#### 282/17 **Interim Minutes**

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**AGREED**

#### 283/17 **Planning Committee**

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017  
187/17 (17/01978/APP 1 Lace Lane) – Committee Members discussed and **AGREED** to amend the response to **Oppose and Attend**. Cllr. Cole stated he was happy for the amendment to be included in the minutes.

**ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK**

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
**AGREED**

**284/17 Town Centre and Events Committee**

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Town Centre and Events Committee meetings held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Smith, and **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Town Clerk explore whether a bylaw could be sought to allow the charging of people who leave posters on display.

Member **AGREED** to amend the recommendation to include 'one week after the event date' into the recommendation.  
**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

**285/17 Environment Committee**

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**AGREED**

**286/17 Resources Committee**

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 31st July 2017.

**AGREED**

**287/17 To receive reports from District and County Councillors**

The Town Clerk reminded Members that District and County Councillor report were not a statutory agenda item and it had previously been agreed that invited Members would have 5 minutes for each Council they represent and to take questions. Members **AGREED** to amend the standing agenda item to read 'To receive and question reports from District and County Councillors'.  
**ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK**

*Cllr Try entered the chamber at 19.11*

**Cllr. C. Clare (County)**

Cllr. Clare advised Members of two forthcoming County Council consultations:

Buckinghamshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan – The Draft Plan for Consultation sets out the new Minerals and Waste Local Plan strategy, provision to be met and locations for development, along with detailed policies to guide planning proposals for minerals and waste development. The consultation runs until 27<sup>th</sup> September and there is a local event at the Community Centre on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm to 8pm. The link to the Draft Plan is [www.buckscc.gov.uk/mwlocalplan](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/mwlocalplan). Four sites in Buckingham have already been identified, including Hydeland farm, Buckingham Industrial Park, Radclive Road (Gawcott) and Tingewick Road Industrial Estate. Cllr. Clare commented that the waste developments could include landfill, recycling centres, bulking up facilities, energy from waste plants and anaerobic digestion facilities, adding that the facilities were essential to safely manage the waste produced by a growing population households, industry, and businesses in the County. Cllr. Cole noted that the consultation was due to be discussed at the next Planning Committee (21<sup>st</sup> August 2017).

Early Years – It is proposed that bringing together existing services into a new Early Help service could save the council £3.344m. Cllr. Clare explained that changing services for families was not just about identifying savings but getting the best value and ensuring those who need help can receive it. The link to the consultation is here: [Early Year](#).

Cllr. O'Donoghue explained that a new Youth service provision would be running weekly sessions, from September, in Buckingham to support existing services.

Cllr. Stuchbury asked Cllr. Clare to investigate the position for Buckingham Children's Centre and the Elderly Care Provision Plan for packages to be delivered in Buckingham.

#### **Cllr. Stuchbury (District)**

Cllr. Stuchbury spoke to Members regarding the cancelation of the July AVDC Council meeting which was due to deal with VALP exclusively; he encouraged Members to convene a meeting to look at the draft plan as soon as the agenda is published.

#### **Cllr Mordue (District)**

Cllr. Mordue reminded Members of the new General Data Protection Regulation due to come into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and explained that AVDC were making the necessary changes to ensure they will be fully compliant with the law.

Planning – Cllr. Mordue explained that the Planning Department still had 9 (out of 19) vacant posts and were struggling to recruit due to a national shortage of Planners in the UK. Cllr. Mordue added that a number of University graduates had attended a recent recruitment seminar and District had also been successful in attracting a number of apprentices.

Cllr. Stuchbury asked if District would investigate other Local Authorities' approaches to Section 106 agreements and asked for a timeframe by which Councillors would receive the VALP paperwork. Cllr. Mordue explained that all Members would be consulted once the VALP draft had been through the Vale Scrutiny Committee. Cllr. Mordue remarked that AVDC had investigated MK Council's approach to Section 106 and discovered that any updates to the planning process were yet to be put into practice.

#### **288/17 Motion – Cllr. Bates**

*In consideration of the provisions of the Equality Act, this Council re-affirms its commitment to its staff members and recognizes the value of the work of all staff for the benefit of Buckingham and its residents. This commitment should be adhered to not only in its policies but also during discussions of Agenda items at Council meetings.*

Cllr. Bates spoke to her above Motion, stating that she believed some Members felt as though they could say whatever they liked in Council meetings, even if their comments contravened the Equalities Act. Cllr. Bates called for a reaffirming of the Council's commitment in word and deed to the Equalities Act 2010. Cllr. Newell said she was in full support of Cllr. Bates and seconded the Motion.

Cllr. Hirons queried the different types of equality and questioned how Members could voice their concern if a member of office was not performing within their role. Cllr. Bates explained that The Equality Act (2010) covers groups of individuals under the protected characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, and pregnancy and maternity. Cllr. Harvey reminded Cllr. Hirons that any personnel issues should be raised with the Town Clerk and discussed during a confidential Committee session or within the Personnel Sub-Committee.

Cllr. Stuchbury called for a recorded vote.

The results of the vote were:

In favour: unanimous

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **289/17 Action List**

Moreton Rd Toilets – The Town Clerk was still awaiting information from the new AVDC officer.

Community Centre Freehold – to be transferred to Buckingham Town Council on the 1st August 2017.

Cornwall Meadow Toilets – Councillors were in agreement that the toilets should be open for use as soon as possible and **AGREED** that a subsequent formal opening ceremony would be arranged for the toilets and Shopmobility at some point in the near future.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

Members discussed and **AGREED** to reaffirm the Town Clerk's proposal not to charge for the use of the public toilets. However, it was **AGREED** that Member may need to revisit the proposal should the facilities become subject to repeated vandalism. The Town Clerk informed Members that Healthmatic were the appointed cleaning contractors and would be sanitising the toilets twice a day – frequency to be reviewed on a regular basis. The Changing Places toilet (*adult changing facilities*) would have 24 hour controlled access. Users would be required to call a helpline and verify their mobile number before they are provided with the door access code. The Town Clerk added that the other toilet facilities would be available from 8am-8pm, 7 days a week.

RADAR Keys – Members discussed the use of RADAR keys on the disabled toilets in Chandos Park and whether it would be an alternative for the Changing Places toilet. The Town Clerk reminded Members that the RADAR key system was installed at Chandos Park because of the repeated incidents of vandalism and Cllr. Smith remarked that RADAR keys can now be easily obtained online. Members **AGREED** for there not to be a RADAR key system installed.

Cllr. Try expressed concern that users of the Changing Places toilet would be unfairly disadvantaged having to incur phone charges to ring the helpline for access to the facilities

CCTV – Cllr. Smith expressed his concern that the new toilets would be a target for vandalism and having the Changing Place toilet out of order could be disastrous for users reliant on the facility. Members **AGREED** to delegate the decision on the CCTV purchase to the Town Clerk, The Mayor and The Chair of Environment following obtaining three quotations for the system.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

**290/17 Dementia Action Alliance – local member.**

To become a local member and agree three actions for the Council:

290.1/17 To have all staff and Councillors as Dementia Friends  
Proposed by Cllr. G. Collins, seconded by Cllr Smith and **AGREED** to amend the proposal to read 'To encourage all staff and Councillors to become Dementia Friends'

290.2/17 Raise the profile of dementia within the Town Council's newsletter  
**AGREED**

290.3/17 Plan Town Council services with dementia considered  
Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Smith and **AGREED** to amend the proposal to read 'To consider Dementia Friendliness in all decisions about services of the Council'.

**291/17 Review of Town Council regarding Milton Keynes Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Members to discuss at the request of Cllr. Stuchbury  
Cllr Stuchbury spoke to Members on the importance of agreeing Town Council representatives at future Joint Health Scrutiny Committees.

**292/17 New Homes Bonus**

292.1 To receive and discuss AVDC's press release of the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017

The Mayor introduced the agenda item with the following personal statement:

"Since the need to justify the schemes as pertaining to the impact of new housing has been removed for this scheme (other than as a mere consideration rather than requirement), propose that we write to AVDC asking them to make that distinction clear by removing 'NHB' from the title of the new small grants scheme and seek for them to affirm that the same will not happen to the original and existing scheme, so that this is all in accord with stated national government policy."

Members discussed and **AGREED** for the Town Clerk to write to the District Council stating that Members felt the name for this section of the grant should be changed as it was not in the spirit of the government's original scheme.

**ACTON TOWN CLERK**

292.2 To resolve whether BTC should prepare one combined or several NHB bids to enhance the town, pedestrian & cyclist safety & well-being

Members discussed and **AGREED** for the Town Clerk to seek advice from AVDC as to whether one combined bid or several smaller bids should be submitted.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

Members discussed and prioritised the existing list of proposals as follows:

- a) BMX Track
- b) Missing footpath between points D-E (south end)
- c) Missing footpath between points A-C (rugby club end)
- d) Safer crossing at the bottom of Badgers across Bourton Road to circular walk-type to be determined
- e) Moreton Road pedestrian refuge (between King's Head and Prezzo)
- f) Safer crossing at the bottom of Maids Moreton Avenue across from the Stratford Road car park- type to be determined
- g) Enhanced cycling scheme

### **293/17 Buckinghamshire County Council Devolution**

To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk and Cllr. Smith and agree any actions. Cllr. Smith highlighted the following:

Outlined devolved services didn't not have any funding attached.

A suggestion was that smaller Town Councils could merge or be adopted by larger Town Councils in order to shared resources.

There was a lack of clarity on the formation of Community Boards and Cllr. Smith expressed concern that the proposed changes would transfer decision making to fewer local individuals.

Members **AGREED** to carry on discussions and await the verdict from the Secretary of State.

Proposed by Cllr. Hirons, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury and **AGREED** for the Town Clerk to respond with a list of concerns from Cllr. Smith's feedback.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

### **294/17 Consideration to Redistribute 2017/2018 Apprenticeship Budget**

To receive a written report and agree any actions

**AGREED**

### **295/17 Health STP Meeting**

To note slides from the meeting

**Noted**

### **296/17 Annual Investment Strategy**

To receive and agree the Council's Annual Investment Strategy  
**AGREED**

### **297/17 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Members are asked to note the reports listed below:  
Nothing to note

### **298/17 Mayoral Engagements**

To receive a list of events attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Functions the Mayor has attended:

Tue 27 Jun	Public Sector Show - ExCel
Fri 30 Jun	RAF Croughton 4th July festivities
Sat 1 Jul	Maids Moreton School Fete - opening
Sun 2 Jul	Bicester Town Council Civic Service
Sun 2 Jul	Milton Keynes Civic Service
Sun 2 Jul	Art in the Park, Milton Keynes
Thu 6 Jul	Purbrook Park School, Waterlooville. Donation to school library of Jo Cox book
Thu 6 Jul	Buckingham School: Sports Presentation Evening
Sat 8 Jul	Buckingham Festival Gala concert
Wed 12 Jul	Café Crawl
Wed 12 Jul	Bourton Meadow teacher training graduation ceremony
Fri 14 Jul	Twinning Boules at Cattle pens
Sat 15 Jul	Fringe Quiz night
Sun 16 Jul	Fringe Dog show
Mon 17 Jul	Bucks Vision visit
Mon 17 Jul	Rotary lunch at the Golf Club
Mon 17 Jul	Tea with Sir Anthony Seldon
Tue 18 Jul	Fringe Cream Tea
Tue 18 Jul	Fringe Youth project
Tue 18 Jul	Lace Hill Residents Association
Thu 20 Jul	Public meeting at Lace Hill on health matters
Fri 21 Jul	George Grenville School - leavers assembly
Sat 22 Jul	Buckingham! International Busking Day
Sat 22 Jul	Fringe Kite Flying event
Sun 23 Jul	Fringe Family Fun Day at Lace Hill
Sun 23 Jul	Fringe Comedy Night
Mon 24 Jul	Opening of Lace Hill Playground
Tue 25 Jul	Fin Shudell raising money for the hospital treating his Mum
Fri 28 Jul	Judging Fairtrade cake design competition
Tue 1 Aug	Action for young people

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

4th July Chandos Park Bowls Club 50th Anniversary v Bowls England  
Cllr. Cole explained he had attended the MK Homeless Bus launch on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and the event had been very well attended.

### **299/17 News Releases**

Publication on the agreements made on the new public toilets

### **300/17 Chair's Announcements**

No announcements

**301/17      Date of the next meeting:**

Interim Council – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Full Council – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 (apologies for Cllr. Harvey)

Meeting closed at: 21.04

Signed ..... Date .....

Town Mayor