

#### **BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

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Town Clerk: Mr. C. P. Wayman

Tuesday, 29 August 2017 Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of Buckingham Town Council will be held on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017** at 7pm in the Town Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham.

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Mr. C. P. Wayman Town Clerk

Please note that the Environment Committee meeting will be preceded by Public Session lasting for a maximum of 15 minutes, in accordance with Standing Order 3.f.

#### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive and accept 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. Minutes

To receive the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and approved at Full Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

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4. Action Report

4.1 To receive the following report from Cllrs. Harvey and Smith regarding revisions to the existing Action Report.

At the last Environment Committee meeting on 17 July, it was agreed (Minute 218/17) that Cllr Harvey and I review the current Action report format. We met on 25 July and agreed to suggest the following additions to the current format:

- a) Deleted items be re-scored "0" and deleted immediately following each meeting;
- b) "Parked" items (ie those which currently could not be taken forward) be rescored "1";
- c) The whole Action Report be transferred to a spreadsheet, so that entries could be more easily re-ordered following each meeting via the final (priority order) column:
- d) A new column on the left be added, containing a simple alphabetical sequence (A to Z), to be re-entered following each meeting so as to ease identification during meetings when Members wished to discuss specific Actions;

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- e) The use of colour-coding to determine what had been actioned or not be discontinued.
- 4.2 Gates at Lace Hill Playground

To receive an update from the Estates Manager

4.3 Dog Bin Notices

To receive an update from the Estates Manager

4.4 Bourton Park Tree Works

To receive an update from the Estates Manager

4.5 To receive the report and note the updated Action Report.

Appendix A

5 Budgets

To receive the latest figures

Appendix B

6 New Toilets

Members to discuss the actual and formal opening of Cornwall Meadows Toilets

7 Festival of Health

To receive a written report from the Project Co-ordinator (Festival of Health)

Appendix C

8 Sports Pitch Provision

To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk (minute 218/17 refers)

9 Access Awareness

10 Buckingham Community Wildlife Project

10.1 Minutes of the BCWP meeting from the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Appendix D

- 11 News Releases
- 12 Chair's Announcements
- 13 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 23rd October 2017.

To:

Cllr. Ms. J Bates

Cllr. T. Bloomfield

Cllr. P. Collins

Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley

Cllr. J. Harvey- Mayor

Cllr. P. Hirons

Cllr. D. Isham - Vice Chair

Cllr. A. Mahi

Cllr. Ms. R. Newell

Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue

Cllr. M. Smith - Chair

Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark

Cllr. R. Stuchbury

Minute No	Action Required	Action Taken	Result	Social Value	Officer Effort	Urgency	Total
215/11, 334/11 & 709/14 86.2/16	Discussion Paper – Renewable Energy	Report regarding fuel poverty – Solar panels for Community centre. Issue with testing of roof to be resolved	Oh hold until transfer complete	2	3	2	7
741/11	Chandos Park lime trees	GSM to produce report regarding planting a replacement row of trees as one of the lime trees had to be removed	Writing Park Management plan	<b>←</b>	2	2	5
481/12 & 498.3	BMX Track	Look into possibilities for new BMX track and if it could be included in the Neighbourhood plan	Under S106 for Moreton Road	4	1	3	8
90/15 521/16; 88/17	Entrance signs for Bourton Park	GSM to install new interpretation boards GSM liaised with the Conservation Group and Canal Society respectively to design the boards.	Entrance signs on working on Interpretation boards	2	2	က	7
92/15; 904/15;640/16	Sports Pitch Provision	pursue the area at Verney Park 'triangle' and that funding be sought for the surveys required.	S106 agreed ongoing	4	<del>-</del>	2	7
513/16	Bourton Park Tree Works	GSM to survey trees in Bourton Park	Ongoing	2	ಐ	3	8
255/15 & 91/16	Green Flag Status	Areas to be addressed where the criteria is not currently met, put in an application for Bourton Park.	Working on Park Management Plans	က	<del></del>	က	7
92/17	Junior Tree Warden Scheme	Deputy Town Clerk said that Mix 96 had proposed something of the sort, and she would be contacting them for details, and then involving the schools.					

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BCC asked to 3 undertake work should be done on next rotation Completed         3 3 9           Ongoing         2 3 1 6           Ongoing         3 1 5           Completed         1 3 1 6	ongoing items	Items not started or	<b>=</b>
1 3 1 2 3 4 1 3 1 3 1 2 1 1 3	To locate a new dog waste bin in Com	86.4 Dog bins	86
		Centre	
Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ	Given VAT and other	787/16 Lace Hill Community	78
<ul> <li>Δ</li> <li>Δ</li></ul>	per year and social value to the town  – a potential list of 3-5 sites	Walk	93
1 2 3 3 3 3	revisit the potential sites and provide	905/15   Devolved/Transferable (831/14 & Land & Chris Nicholls	(8:
2	GSM to clarify who owns and maintains the shelter at the Bus Station.	520/16 Bus Shelters	52
<ul><li>ω</li><li>ω</li><li>ω</li><li>ω</li></ul>	paddocks, cutting regime altered to help wild-flowering plants.	Park	
ω ω	Some small Areas along river bank seeded, plans to be made for 2 small	630/15 Wild flower planting for bees – Bourton	63
3	ance.	522/16 Access Awareness	52
asked to 3 3	a problem for access to church due to high step Cllr. Strain-Clark to supply photos		77
completed	surrounding paving needed eradicating, and the white trip rail repainting. Royal Mail would be asked to do this.  Step from Church Street to Church is	Post Office  Access Awareness	50
going 3 2 2	Consider suitable sites in Town centre for further benches	6	26 78
completed	Table Pricing being sought Option C agreed 31/5/16	839/14, 257/15   Table Tennis Ta 90/16   Bourton Park	\$ 83

		Mary MacManus Drive					
97/16	Dog Wardens	Greenspaces Manager to report back on the number of recorded visits to Buckingham from the District's Dog Warden.		က	2	2	7
517/16;		Investigate the idea of a poster competition		က	က	2	8
642/16;		Investigate the cost of installing bag dispensers and improved signage across the parks.		က	က	2	8
913/16		The installation of notices in playgrounds excluding dogs		က	2	ဇ	8
96/16 386/16 783/16 907/16	Michaelmas Cottage	write to resident Committee agreement to repair fence	On order. Waiting for an installation date.	~	4	_	9
641/16	Seenic Walk	Members AGREED to carry out an investigation into rights of way along the Railway and Scenic walks.	No current rights of way—university indicated—they would—not—allow one	+	ጥ	4	ф
792/16	CCTV	GSM to produce a report on replacement system including effectiveness of current cameras and indicative costs.	Ongoing. Wish to install CCTV inside and outside Lace Hill.	2	2	2	9
909/16	War Memorial	Town Clerk to investigate if there were any restrictions to be placed on the maintenance and repair of the War Memorial.	TC confirms there are no restrictions.				
916/16	DisabledGe	The sending of a letter to AVDC	Completed				

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Festival of Health	Roundabouts	
Cllr Harvey to provide written report for meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Cllr. Bates asked about Roundabout No.4 (A413; Russell & Butler); she felt that it was unattractively plain. Cllr. Stuchbury said that there was a planting scheme for it, and that CCTV was to be installed. GSM to investigate.	reminding them of the DisabledGo listings, and advocating DDA recognition when setting planning conditions in Buckingham (Town Clerk)
	Existing planting to be tidied up	
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#### Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 29/08/2017

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		Actual Last Year	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budge
ENVIR	<u>ONMEN</u> T							
201	ENVIRONMENT							
3995	NI ENVIRONMENT	0	3,496	9,460	5,964		5,964	37.0 %
3996	PENSION ERS ENVIRONMENT	0	9,155	18,800	9,645		9,645	48.7 %
4004	WAGES & SALARIES	0	41,056	120,000	78,944		78,944	34.2 %
4068	COMMUNITY SERVICE	6,000	1,560	6,820	5,260		5,260	22.9 %
4101	SEATS AND BINS	0	0	561	561		561	0.0 %
4112	ENVIRONMENT EQUIPMENT	5,565	2,132	6,000	3,868	24	3,844	35.9 %
4118	GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL	371	0	500	500		500	0.0 %
	ENVIRONMENT :- Expenditure	11,936	57,399	162,141	104,742	24	104,718	35.4
	Net Expenditure over Income	11,936	57,399	162,141	104,742			
202	ROUNDABOUTS		***************************************					
4108	ROUNDABOUT	1,622	270	4,590	4,320	4,320	0	100.0 %
	ROUNDABOUTS :- Expenditure	1,622	270	4,590	4,320	4,320	0	100.0
1051	ROUNDABOUT NO 1 OPEN	2,024	2,075	2,075	0			100.0 %
1052	ROUNDABOUT NO 2 ELLA	1,079	1,106	1,580	-474			70.0
1053	ROUNDABOUT NO 3	1,771	1,815	1,816	-1			100.0 %
1054	ROUNDABOUT NO 4 R & B	2,258	2,314	2,258	56			102.5 %
1056	ROUNDABOUT NO 6 EUROLANE	2,417	2,465	2,478	-13			99.5
1057	ROUNDABOUT NO 7 RING ROAD	1,232	1,257	1,264	-7			99.4 %
	ROUNDABOUTS :- Income	10,781	11,032	11,471	-439			96.2
	Net Expenditure over Income	-9,159	-10,762	-6,881	3,881			
203	MAINTENANCE							
4063	VEHICLE HIRE AND RUNNING	6,244	1,684	5,000	3,316		3,316	33.7 9
4082	ALLOTMENTS	1,500	1,500	1,500	0		0	100.0 %
4102	DOG BINS	4,196	0	4,550	4,550		4,550	0.0
	MAINTENANCE :- Expenditure	11,940	3,184	11,050	7,866	0	7,866	28.8
	Net Expenditure over Income	11,940	3,184	11,050	7,866			
204	DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES							
4124	DEVOLVED SERVICES	19,919	7,081	20,411	13,330	6,750	6,580	67.8
DEVOL	VED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Expenditure	19,919	7,081	20,411	13,330	6,750	6,580	67.8
1017	DEVOLVED SERVICES INCOME	20,353	0	20,500	-20,500			0.0
DE	EVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Income	20,353	0	20,500	-20,500			0.0
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248	DEPOT							
4013	EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	2,263	0	400	400		400	0.0 %
4055	ALARM	1,420	0	400	400		400	0.0 %
4225	RATES	4,398	3,868	4,500	632		632	86.0 %
4601	REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	6,325	275	1,000	725		725	27.5 %
4602	ELECTRICITY	1,138	267	2,500	2,233		2,233	10.7 %
4603	WATER	113	176	1,500	1,324		1,324	11.7 %
	DEPOT :- Expenditure	15,658	4,586	10,300	5,714	0	5,714	44.5 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	15,658	4,586	10,300	5,714			
249	PUBLIC TOILETS			•				
4074	TOILET CAPITAL	75,407	67,867	150,815	82,948	82,948	0	100.0 %
4225	RATES	0	0	6,008	6,008		6,008	0.0 %
4602	ELECTRICITY	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0 %
4603	WATER	0	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0 %
4608	SHOP MOBILITY	0	0	3,900	3,900		3,900	0.0 %
4612	CONTRACTOR CHARGE	0	0	10,000	10,000		10,000	0.0 %
4709	MAINTENANCE	159	363	1,000	637		637	36.3 %
	PUBLIC TOILETS :- Expenditure	75,566	68,229	175,223	106,993	82,948	24,045	86.3 %
1078	NEW HOMES BONUS	75,407	67,867	150,815	-82,948			45.0 %
	PUBLIC TOILETS :- Income	75,407	67,867	150,815	-82,948			45.0 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	159	363	24,408	24,045			
250	LACE HILL			-				
4050	LACE HILL PLAYING FIELDS	7,098	10,534	13,000	2,466	411	2,054	84.2 %
4158	LACE HILL GAS	6,667	2,445	2,500	55		55	97.8 %
4159	LACE HILL ELECTRICITY	3,849	1,159	2,500	1,341		1,341	46.3 %
4160	LACE HILL WATER	0	481	2,500	2,019		2,019	19.2 %
4161	LACE HILL REPAIRS & MAINT	6,509	1,278	10,000	8,722	706	8,016	19.8 %
4162	LACE HILL CONTRACTOR	8,485	1,677	10,000	8,323		8,323	16.8 %
4163	LACE HILL ALARM	175	104	500	396		396	20.9 %
4164	LACE HILL EQUIPMENT	15,491	0	10,000	10,000		10,000	0.0 %
4225	RATES	9,692	9,087	9,692	605		605	93.8 %
	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	0	0	3,629	3,629	3,629	0	100.0 %
4605		E7 066	26,766	64,321	37,555	4,746	32,809	49.0 %
4605	LACE HILL :- Expenditure	57,966	20,100					
4605 1026	LACE HILL :- Expenditure LACE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE	33,665	9,491	25,000	-15,509			38.0 %
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		Actual Last Year	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
251	CHANDOS PARK							
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	119	0	500	500	89	411	17.8 %
4601	REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	4,627	270	3,000	2,730	50	2,680	10.7 %
4602	ELECTRICITY	0	0	500	500		500	0.0 %
4603	WATER	1,246	707	1,500	793		793	47.1 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	2,881	495	4,251	3,756	3,756	0	100.0 %
	CHANDOS PARK :- Expenditure	8,874	1,472	9,751	8,279	3,895	4,385	55.0 %
1030	BOWLS INCOME	550	0	550	-550			0.0 %
1035	TENNIS COURT RENT	625	0	625	-625			0.0 %
	CHANDOS PARK :- Income	1,175	0	1,175	-1,175			0.0 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	7,699	1,472	8,576	7,104			
252	BOURTON PARK	ar in						
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	329	168	500	332	222	110	78.1 %
4122	TREE WORKS	0	0	7,000	7,000		7,000	0.0 %
4601	REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	6,068	764	9,618	8,854	3,521	5,333	44.6 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	9,959	1,660	11,096	9,436	9,436	0	100.0 %
	BOURTON PARK :- Expenditure	16,356	2,592	28,214	25,622	13,179	12,443	55.9 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	16,356	2,592	28,214	25,622			
253	CEMETERY			***************************************				
4225	RATES	968	106	1,300	1,194		1,194	8.1 %
4601	REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	2,162	291	3,000	2,709		2,709	9.7 %
4602	ELECTRICITY	471	227	400	173		173	56.8 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	6,275	1,538	5,832	4,294	4,294	0	100.0 %
4617	MEMORIAL TESTING	0	0	2,000	2,000	1000	2,000	0.0 %
4620	EXPENSES RE BURIAL DUTIES	8,478	1,675	6,500	4,825		4,825	25.8 %
4621	NEW CEMETERY PLANNING	0	0	20,000	20,000		20,000	0.0 %
	CEMETERY :- Expenditure	18,354	3,837	39,032	35,195	4,294	30,901	20.8 %
1041	BURIAL FEES	17,403	8,584	12,500	-3,916			68.7 %
	CEMETERY :- Income	17,403	8,584	12,500	-3,916			68.7 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	951	-4,747	26,532	31,279			
	Met Expenditure over income							
254	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
254 4602	CHANDOS PARK TOILETS ELECTRICITY	0	106	0	-106		-106	0.0 %

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4709	MAINTENANCE	638	266	1,000	734		734	26.6 %
	CHANDOS PARK TOILETS :- Expenditure	7,024	3,091	13,500	10,409	0	10,409	22.9 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	7,024	3,091	13,500	10,409			
255	RAILWAY WALK & CASTLE HILL		3					
4120	FRIENDS OF GROUPS	663	132	1,631	1,500	1,500	-1	100.0 %
4122	TREE WORKS	0	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0 %
RAILV	NAY WALK & CASTLE HILL :- Expenditure	663	132	3,131	3,000	1,500	1,500	52.1 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	663	132	3,131	3,000			
256	STORAGE PREMISES	***************************************	·	•				
4066	GRENVILLE GARAGE RENT	599	200	650	450		450	30.7 %
4073	COLLEGE FARM	-1,083	0	0	0		0	0.0 %
	STORAGE PREMISES :- Expenditure	-485	200	650	450	0	450	30.7 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	-485	200	650	450			
257	KEN TAGG PLAYGROUND							
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	111	0	100	100	92	8	91.6 %
4122	TREE WORKS	0	0	500	500		500	0.0 %
4123	PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT	1,113	0	0	0		0	0.0 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	223	37	503	466	466	0	100.0 %
	KEN TAGG PLAYGROUND :- Expenditure	1,447	37	1,103	1,066	558	508	53.9 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	1,447	37	1,103	1,066			
258	CEMETERY LODGE							
4034	PWLB REPAYMANTS INCL	4,702	0	4,702	4,702		4,702	0.0 %
4609	CEMETERY LODGE MAINT	416	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0 %
	CEMETERY LODGE :- Expenditure	5,118		5,702	5,702		5,702	0.0 %
1061	CEMTERY LODGE RENTAL	8,173	3,432	10,530	-7,098			32.6 %
	CEMETERY LODGE :- Income	8,173	3,432	10,530	-7,098			32.6 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	-3,054	-3,432	-4,828	-1,396			
259	OTTERS BROOK							
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	111	0	500	500	197	303	39.3 %
4122	TREE WORKS	125	0	150	150		150	0.0 %

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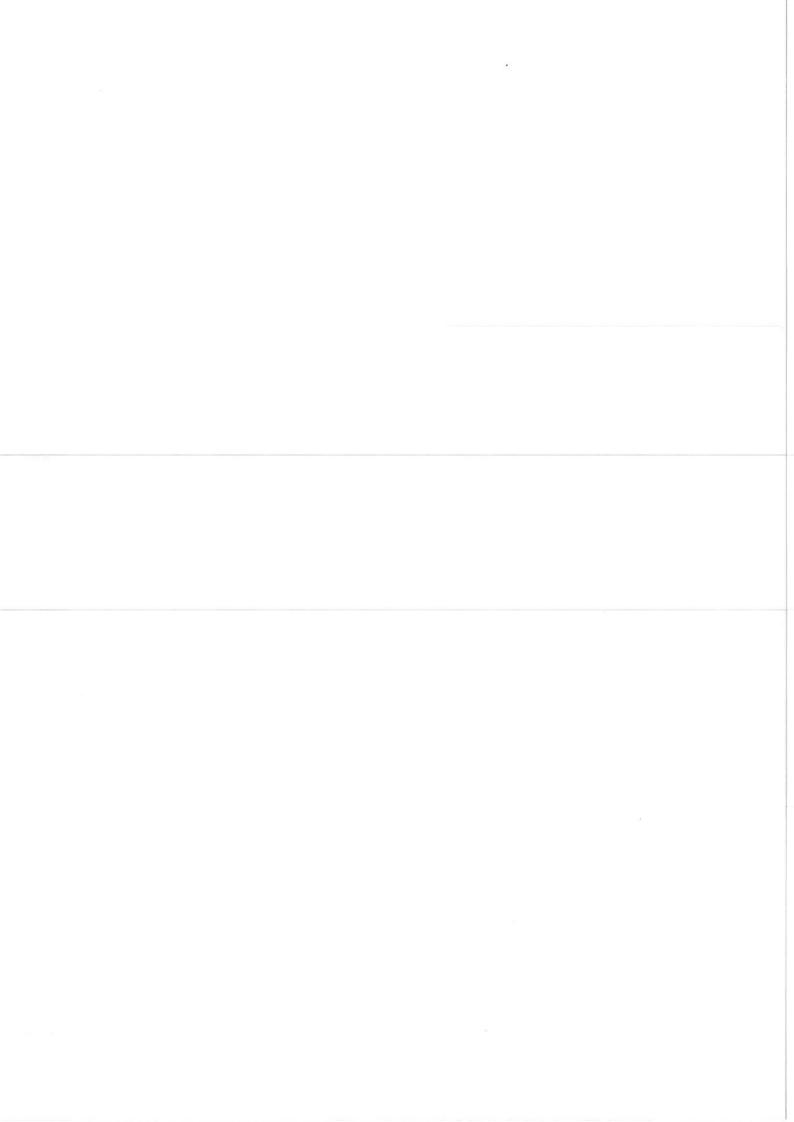
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#### **Committee Report**

		Actual Last Year	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	898	150	1,683	1,533	1,533	0	100.0 %
	OTTERS BROOK :- Expenditure	1,134	150	2,333	2,183	1,730	454	80.6 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	1,134	150	2,333	2,183			
260	CCTV							
4100	CCTV ONGOING COSTS	450	0	800	800		800	0.0 %
	CCTV :- Expenditure	450	0	800	800	0	800	0.0 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	450	0	800	800			
	ENVIRONMENT :- Expenditure	253,542	179,024	552,252	373,227	123,944	249,284	54.9 %
	Income	166,957	100,406	231,991	-131,585			43.3 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	86,585	78,618	320,261	241,642			

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### Well Buckingham | Well World

#### 250 Years of rural community health

#### **Wider Celebrations**

The Buckingham Festival of Health will run from the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and throughout the week, there will be several events taking place for the community to get involved. There is a Town Council Facebook Event page, please do like and share it to your network!

- -> I am currently in discussion with Swan Pool about some free taster or special rates on fitness/exercise classes at the beginning of the week and or a potential nutrition seminar.
- -> There will be an event on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> at the library. Along with the Exhibition there is the idea of a pop-up museum. I am currently in discussion with a 1940s Nurse reenactor who could bring along posters and artefacts and talk about healthcare at that time. Local Primary Schools will be invited to come along.
- ->The Exhibition on the history of community nursing locally and nationally will be running a week prior for two weeks to engage people. Archivists at the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies and Claydon Estate have provided some material. The local library is on board in terms of searching for information and the Buckingham Hospital League of Friends are very keen on being involved and should be able to loan some display material.
- -> The Free NHS Health Checks program for people who meet the criteria will be running on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> at the library.
- -> An Afternoon Tea-Party for retired nurses will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November to be hosted at Villiers.
- -> Local Schools were initially contacted, and The Royal Latin School, Bourton Meadow and The Buckingham School have expressed keen interest and have confirmed they will do something special to promote health during the week. The intention is to get all local schools on board to do something big, this is being re-communicated early September to get them all on board.
- -> A poster with the weekly schedule is currently being designed.
- -> A Budget Sheet is in use. There is the need to advertise the whole event on big promotional roadside banners and possible merchandise i.e. printed bags. Sales have been forecasted and some quotes have been sourced.

#### **Professional Development Conference**

-> A save the date letter was created and is currently being circulated through relevant professional networks by project team members (see below). Several tickets have been reserved by Carers Bucks, Prevention Matters, School Nursing team at Buckingham Hospital and Health Visitors.

Buckingham Festival of Health 2017

## Well Buckingham | Well World 250 years of rural community health

On Friday 10th November 2017 a rather special professional development conference is happening in Buckingham, Bucks.



125 years ago, rural community nursing was born in Buckingham. To celebrate this historic anniversary, the Town Council decided to mount a Health Festival. The council has been working closely with representatives from NHS England, the Queen's Nursing Institute and other senior nurses, midwives and clinicians to assemble a conference to focus on learning from the past and shape the next 125 years of community nursing and health. NHS England has kindly sponsored the festival.

We already have **Professor Viv Bennett CBE** (Chief Nurse, Public Health England) confirmed as a keynote speaker. Other high profile speakers will be announced soon.

The fee will be nominal at £30 (healthy lunch included) and CPD certificates will be available.

9.45am to 4.00pm | Buckingham Community Centre, Cornwalls Meadow, MK18 1RP.

Parking close by in Cornwalls Meadow car park.

If you would like to be present at what promises to be an historic conference that may well set the future for nursing and community well-being for the next 125 years, please mark this date in your calendar now and register your interest with Samantha Hoareau, Coordinator: <a href="mailto:lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk">lacehillcentre@buckingham-tc.gov.uk</a> We will send further details when everything is confirmed.

We look forward to welcoming you to Buckingham Councillor Jon Harvey, Town Mayor and Councillor Jenny Bates









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-> The Buckingham WI has confirmed that they would like to provide the catering for this event, still waiting for their proposed quote.

-> Tickets/Badges for all attendees and guest speakers are designed, see below:











Figure 2: Ticket/Badge (recto-verso)

#### **Health and Well-Being Day**

Stall holder email invitations were sent out to local businesses and organisations to drum up interest followed by Registration of Interest forms for those who were interested.

- -> 9 completed forms have been received up until now:
- -Health Watch Bucks,
- -Terence Higgins Trust,
- -a local Chiropractor,
- -CBT specialist,
- -Physio Therapist,
- -Cambridge Weight Plan team,
- -Pilates Exercise Instructor,
- -AcuEnergetics Practitioner (alternative therapist)
- -and a Hypnotherapist.
- -> During the previous project team meeting, it was agreed that we should offer a free corner space to organisations that are challenged financially. Currently, this space will be occupied by Public Health Team, NHS/CCGs, Health Visitors, The Family Nurse, and the Buckingham Hospital League of Friends.
- -> Poster designed and has been promoted on social media (see below). I am currently awaiting permission from organisations to have copies of their logos to include on the poster. They will then be asked to promote through their contact networks.

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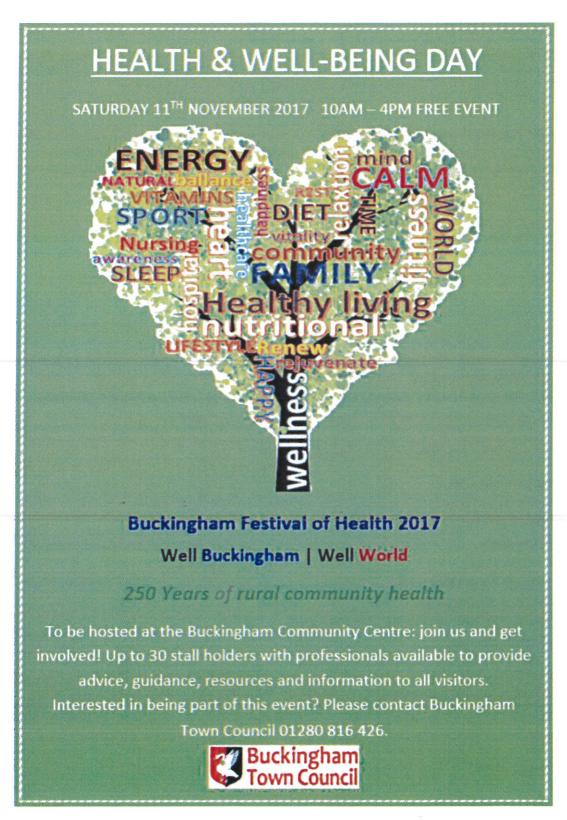


Figure 3: Social Media Poster

Notes from a meeting of the Buckingham Community Wildlife Project Steering Group held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in the Town Council Chamber.

Present:

Ruth Newell in the chair & notes Buckingham Town Council

Athina Beckett
Terry Bloomfield
lan Orton
Lee Phillips
Bill Truscott

Buckingham Town Council Buckingham Canal Society Buckingham Town Council Buckingham Society Green Spaces Manager Maids Moreton Avenue

- 1. Apologies: received from Paul Holton, Derrick Isham, and Jenny Manning
- 2. Ruth agreed to take notes.
- 3. Notes of Meeting held on 13 February 2017, were agreed as a correct record.
- 4. **Matters Arising** from previous meeting none all on the Agenda.
- 5. Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group

Jenny had sent in a written report as follows:-

- We have purchased an endoscope, a little too late for the nesting season, but plan to use it in the pond.
- We collected several bags of rubbish and other large articles during the litter pick.
- A featured 'Tree of the month' appears regularly on our Facebook page, highlighting the trees along the walkway and if possible refers to trees of the same family in other areas of Buckingham.
- So far this year we have dealt with a fallen tree which was across a path in the orchard and also restoratively pruned older fruit trees and pruned the apple and plum trees we have planted in recent years.
- We have finalised the choice of trees to label and ordered engraved labels and fixings
  which we hope will arrive in time to put in place during our next session in August. A
  total of 26 trees will be labelled, but this could be added to at a later date.
- In July we removed the hawthorn tree that had toppled into the pond. While cutting it up
  to reduce the stump and produce logs, it became obvious that the tree was rotten and
  would not have stood for much longer. We also felled a willow which was leaning on the
  fence at the bottom of the pond.
- In August we hope to label the trees and also clean and preserve the wooden signage for the Scenic Walk and clean the information board near Berties' Walk.
- As a group we are concerned about the possible impact on the pond as a consequence of the introduction of any drainage needed for the linear path to be built in the old track-bed alongside the proposed University residential accommodation, on the site of car park at the top of Chandos Road. We would like some reassurance that the integrity of the pond, especially the retaining wall will not be affected. If drains are introduced to deal with the water logged area of track-bed it might cause the clay based dam to dry out and crack and leak, or reveal other areas which are constantly leaking. The pond is a major habitat for so many species including amphibians, birds and aquatic insects throughout their lifecycles. It is also a much enjoyed resource for local residents to

- encounter wildlife. It would be a shame to lose it, so hope that it is recognised as an area to be conserved.
- I have contacted Lee to ask if we will still be able to store the tools used by the groups
  in the secure locked room at the side of the current toilet block once the new public
  conveniences are opened. I believe he was seeking some assurance and also making
  enquiries for an alternative secure storage area should the AVDC building not be
  available in future.

The following items were discussed:-

It was confirmed that the orchard was next to Bertie's Walk.

It was understood the path would involve the track bed hence the concerns about damage to the pond and drainage.

Terry mentioned the possibility of using the old substation at the Old Gaol for a tool storage area. There was double door access available, but no water for the bowser.

#### 6. Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group

Bill Truscott reported that the Orchard area was in good health and seems to be growing well. The mistletoe was doing remarkably well. A number of old trees had been felled in the Avenue, and some of the beech trees are dead, and presume they will be taken down when no longer safe. Other beeches have fungus. Sometime in the future the Avenue will look very different when big trees get to the end of their lives. Beech and Sycamore saplings were competing, and Ian suggested pulling out sycamores, and Bill suggested a big sycamore removal exercise once a year, when in leaf, and felt AVDC should be supportive. Agreed Town Council would ask AVDC for a copy of the current management plan.

ACTION LEE / RUTH

## 7. Buckingham Town Council - Bourton Park, Heartlands, Chandos Park and Tree Wardens

Lee had been very busy with the changes to the grass cutting contract, but the new contract was going well and other parts had been taken in house e.g. hedge cutting in house, and machinery had been taken on for cutting the grass in the cemetery for this year.

The wildflower development of the paddocks was still planned. Discussed the problems with weed growth in river, silting up, and the Environment Agency policy to leave it.

More new tree wardens had been signed up and the information booklet had been produced and Ian Orton suggested bringing copies to the Buckingham Society Annual Lecture on Thursday evening. Lee would ask for them to be printed for Ruth to take them on Thursday.

ACTION LEE and RUTH

Terry reminded all that there would be 2 river rinses on 23 September from the Skate Park to the University and then to Fishers Field in October. All were welcome to help and agreed we should also publicise them to the University and on noticeboards.

**ACTION TERRY / LEE** 

#### 8. Buckingham Canal Society

Athina reported that this weekend was the annual fund raising festival at Cosgrove with a craft sale, on Saturday 22 July from 10am to 6pm and on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July from 10am to 4pm. There would be crafts in the village hall and on barges on the canal, including trade stalls. Posters were offered for display and Terry took one for the community centre and

Lee for the park noticeboards.

#### **ACTION TERRY AND LEE**

The Ouse Valley Walk was going very well and the new leaflets had run out and were being filled up, and leaflets were offered to the meeting.

Bourton Meadow canal was looking good and the solar pump that pumps water from the river to the canal stops when the river level is too low, and it wasn't pumping at the moment. There were fish and ducklings in the canal

Athina would like help with trimming and strimming and Lee would see what could be done. Athina also asked for the path to be sprayed.

ACTION LEE

The nature reserve next to Hyde Lane was looking well with oak planking where the towpath was. The canal society was hoping to get part of site in water from the reservoir in the winter. It was a lovely guiet area with seating.

#### 9. Buckingham Society

lan reported that at the Society's Civic day a 'name your favourite tree in Buckingham' had taken place, and the Society were exploring producing a poster / leaflet.

lan had worked on the Town Council's action commission, and the report had been taken on board by the Town Council, and geared up to help implement that.

lan was also involved with the Old Churchyard friends who had their first clear up pf the year a week last Saturday. Ian Orton would meet with Ian Hopcroft to talk about the possible works to the laurel and the elder that needed work in the form of crown reduction from the thinning out point of view. There were 3 sycamore seedlings entrenched on the Bartlett tomb. Lee advised treating the stump.

The Annual lecture would be delivered by the Head Gardener at Stowe.

#### 10. Wildlife update from AVDC Ecologist

Paul had sent in the following report:-

- AVDC finished the restructuring I have been reappointed Ecologist and sit in the Environment Team.
- Coronation meadow will need some further sowing and extra cuts next year BBOWT have inspected the site and are a little disappointed with the growth. Extra management to commence in the Autumn.
- Conservation cuts will be commencing on meadows from the 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Clarence Park wildlife buffer strip retained I am in communication with Taylor Wimpy to ensure the site has the extra planning required and is not mown.
- Buckingham Sandpit has had some repairs carried out on site on the board walks with path clearance and glade management. Three geological trips have been carried out on site.
- Large Beech tree came down on Maids Moreton Avenue tree still has some management to be carried out as it's inside the Sandpit fence this has been left as it is deemed safe.
- Buckingham Railway Walk management planned on glades later in August. No pond dipping or bat event happened in 2017 due to uncertainty over position. Plan to get a 2018 event booked in as early as possible will be liaising with BRWCG on this.
- Holloway spinney has some tree works proposed the tree officer is off with a broken ankle
  at the moment so works are delayed. On his return I will ask for information on what is
  proposed and ensure he communicates with the group.

#### 11. AOB

All were thanked for all the work they were continuing to do for Buckingham's Environment and Green Spaces.

12. Date and time of next meetings
Monday 12 December 2017 at 6pm

The meeting closed at 6:30 p.m.

Ruth Newell 17 July 2017