

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 2nd October 2017** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

Present:

Cllr. Ms. J. Bates	
Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
Cllr. M. Cole	Deputy Mayor
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins	
Cllr. P. Collins	
Cllr. D. Isham	
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell	
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. M. Smith	
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	
Cllr. M. Try	(from minute 397/17)

In attendance:

Mr. C. P. Wayman	Town Clerk
Mrs. N. Stockill	Committee Clerk
Cllr. C. Clare	County Councillor
Mr. R. Watts	Buckingham Advertiser
Jim Melrose	Slade Indoor Bowls Club
Andrew Hunt	Slade Indoor Bowls Club

Cllr. Cole took the Chair in Cllr. Harvey's absence.

Members stood for a minute in silence in memory of the recently deceased ex-Mace Barer Harry (Jimmy) Showler.

395/17 Apologies for Absence

Members received and accepted apologies from Cllrs. Harvey, Mordue, Gateley and Hirons. District Cllr. T. Mills and County Cllr W. Whyte.

396/17 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.

None

Members AGREED to suspend Standing Order and bring forward agenda item 15 (New Homes Bonus Application - Slade Bowls Club) for the benefit of public present.

397/17 Slade Bowls Club

Mr. Melrose spoke to Members on the history of the Slade Indoor Bowls Club which has occupied the Slade Recreational Club at Yonder Slade, Buckingham since 1989 and has a membership of approximately 125. The club had recently invested £64,000 in new carpets and updating the heating and lighting systems. Mr. Melrose explained that members had been actively involved in the refurbishments, helping to keep costs to a minimum. Unfortunately, the plastic roof coating is disintegrating and the club are seeking further funding of £30,000 to ensure water does not penetrate the building and damage the new carpets. Mr. Melrose explained that The Club had attempted to gain funding from WREN but was declined as club is registered as a company limited by Guarantee.

Cllr. Try entered the Chamber at 19.05

Mr. Melrose explained that the building's lease expired 4-5 years ago and managed to negotiate new lease with AVDC with costs of approximately £2.5k.

Members AGREED to reinstated Standing Orders

Cllr. Stuchbury stated that this was the only Indoor Bowls Club in the area and the Members had demonstrated a great deal of investment into the fabric of the building. Mr. Melrose explained that although the building was owned by AVDC the Cabinet had agree to consider a NHB application as the lease was active for another 19 years and the building could not withstand any damage caused by a leaking roof.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded Cllr. Mahi and unanimously **AGREED** to support a New Homes Bonus Application on behalf of the Slade Indoor Bowls Club.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

Members of the public left the chamber

398/17 Minutes

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 14th August 2017. **AGREED**

399/17 Interim Minutes

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 11th September 2017. **AGREED**

400/17 Planning Committee

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

- Monday 21st August 2017

Proposed by Cllr, Smith, seconded by Cllr. Isham and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that the Town Council form a working group to consider revisions to the Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllrs. Smith, Isham, Strain-Clark, Stuchbury and Cole volunteered and the Mayor was nominated in his absence. Members **AGREED** to allow the Planning Committee to form a working group with the involvement of the above Members.

ACTION PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR

- Monday 11th September 2017

RECOMMENDED to Full Council to consider involvement in the next Access Awareness Day

Members discuss the success of the previous Access Awareness day and **AGREED** to encourage attendance from Town, District and County Councillors, including neighbouring Parishes. Members **AGREED** that the next Access Awareness Day should be arranged on a Tuesday within Health Week.

ACTION CLLR STRAIN-CLARK

401/17 Town Centre and Events Committee

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Town Centre and Events Committee meetings held on Tuesday 29th August 2017.

Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council to discuss an agree attendance at any forthcoming training on sexual exploitation, terrorism and public place violence

Members discussed **AGREED** the recommendation.

402/17 Environment Committee

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 4th September 2017. **AGREED**

403/17 Resources Committee

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 18th September 2017. **AGREED**

404/17 To receive and question reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr. Clare

Children Care Home – Cllr. Clare explained that all residents of Westfields and Bath Lane had now received a letter regarding the proposed Children’s Home. Cllr. Clare had been advising residents on how to voice their concerns throughout the planning process. Cllr. Clare explained that Bucks County Council retain the right to oversee planning application on any schools and council owned building and as such he will remove himself from the Development Control Board so he can represent Westfield’s residents impartially. Cllr. Clare reassured Members that The Town Council would be consulted on the Children’s’ Home planning application in the usual manner.

Aqua Fit Swan Pool – Cllr. Clare said that, following recent complaints, AVDC has now implemented a change to the notice period for scheduling classes.

Cllr. Smith asked for an update on Highways. Cllr. Clare said that, in his opinion, there had been an increase in the number of potholes repaired on the County’s rural roads. Cllr. Clare said that Transport for Bucks appears to be repairing reported potholes in a timely manner and he encouraged Members to use the online mapping tool for reporting any Highway issues. Cllr. Clare also asked Members to forward him any outstanding Highway issues to follow up.

Cllr. Stuchbury asked Cllr. Clare to investigate the Buckingham University’s traffic management plan for the Chandos Road development.

Cllr. Stuchbury

Cllr Stuchbury reported that the Town Council’s motion on ‘Building for Equality’ was carried at AVDC’s meeting of Full Council on the 13th September 2017.

Cllr. Clare left the Chamber at 19.47

405/17 Action List

Toilets – Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Mahi and unanimously **AGREED** to install two additional finger post signs directing people to the toilets in Cornwalls Meadow.

406/17 Motion – Cllr. Robin Stuchbury

Buckingham Town Council notes the severe financial pressures on the County Council and their projected reductions in spending on a variety of services, including Children’s Services. The Town Council is concerned that changes in the provisions of these services being proposed might result in the closure of the local Children’s Centre in George Grenville school that currently helps many vulnerable families. Moreover, it is the Council’s view that any changes must be evidence based and must not gamble with the lives of young children. The Council urges residents to respond to the County Council’s consultation on these changes to ensure that their voices are heard and that whatever happens does not risk harming local children and young people.

[Members to note the consultation can be accessed online [here](#). A summary of the questions is attached].

Cllr. Stuchbury explained the rationale behind the motion, expressing concern that the proposals could mean the loss of the Buckingham Children’s’ Centre as no assurances have been received as to what service will be delivered. Cllr. Stuchbury asked fellow Members to place their support behind a vital community service that risks being lost to a ‘hub’ in another town within Buckinghamshire. Members discussed the recent cuts to

Children and Youth Services across the County. Cllr. Stuchbury said that he would be attending the Select Committee on the 16th October and would report back.

Members **AGREED** unanimously to support the Motion.

407/17 Working Group to Improve Buckinghamshire County Council Communications with Town and Parish Councils

Members to discuss and agree representatives.

The Town Clerk and Cllr. Smith volunteered to attend and feedback to the Town Council. Members **AGREED** to the representatives and to request that representation at future workshop should be proportional to the size of Parish/Town Council.

408/17 Judicial Review - 61-bed Care Home etc, land behind the 13 High Street Public House –[16/03302/APP](#)

Members to receive a written report from the Town Clerk.

BTC/23/17

The Town Clerk explained that the NALC's advice was not to pursue a judicial review but to wait and see if another body will instigate a separate judicial review and offer to provide evidence to any third party undertaking a spate review. Cllr. Stuchbury reminded Members on the history of the planning application.

Proposed by Cllr. P Collins and seconded by Cllr. Newell to **AGREE** the report recommendations.

An amendment to the motion proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr O'Donoghue to seek advice on the council's chances of success in a judicial review from company A.

A vote was called and the results were:

Amended Motion

8 in favour

Against 4

The amended motion becomes to substantive motion and a further vote was taken.

Substantive Motion

9 favour

3 against

The Substantive Motion was carried.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

409/17 Parish funded PCSOs

Members to receive and discuss the following update from Inspector James Davies, TVP.

"I have had a number of queries in relation to the financing of PCSOs and I would just like to highlight this to any interested parties.

A number of parishes have asked if they are able to fund a PCSO. There is plenty of precedence in relation to this and clearly I would support any approach from parishes/towns who would like to look into this more deeply. It is not a panacea... PCSOs have time off, they are called away to emergencies and even if they patrolled your area 24/7 crime and anti-social behaviour would still occur.

What it does give you is some ownership over the tasking of the PCSO attached to your area, within the terms of a pre-agreed contract. It gives you the ability to work in partnership with the local police to resolve local issues. It gives people living in the area some level of reassurance.

I won't go into the details of how this all works practically but if anyone would like to discuss this further then by all means contact me via james.davies@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Cllr. G. Collins said that she had been in contact with other Parishes and felt that Members should be expressing concern over the Government's cuts to local policing and, with regret, did not feel it was worth progressing further. Members **AGREED** to respond to Inspector Davis that *'with regret the Council we do not find it within our remit to purchase a full time PCSO and regret the reduction in the neighbourhood team in the Buckingham area.'* Correspondence to be copied to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

410/17 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members are asked to note the reports listed below:

410.1/17 Access for All 10th July 2017

Noted

410.2/17 Buckingham Twinning Association 5th July 2017

Noted

410.3/17 Destination Buckingham 16th September 2017

Noted

411/17 Mayoral Engagements

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

Functions the Mayor has attended:

Fri 25 Aug Reading Library: Donating Jo Cox book

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Sat 26 Aug Afternoon Tea at Leighton Linlade with Town Mayor and guests

Sun 27 Aug Bandjam Big Bash

Thu 31 Aug University Duck Race

Thu 31 Aug Residents Association meeting at Lace Hill

Fri 1 Sep Raising the Red Ensign flag for Merchant Navy Day

Sat 2 Sep Moretonville Pavilion Opening

Tue 5 Sep Ground breaking ceremony for Buckingham University Vinson Centre

Wed 6 Sep RAF Halton Annual Reception

Thu 7 Sep Cafe Crawl

Fri 8 Sep Buckingham in Bloom awards

Sat 9 Sep Visiting the Town Markets

Sun 10 Sep River Rinse

Sun 10 Sep Buckingham Tennis Club Finals Day

Thu 14 Sep Launch of Cloudy Group

15 September Visited Dr. Liz Zetll on the occasion of her 100th birthday

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

Sept 5th University of Buckingham – Vinson Centre Ground-breaking

Sept 6th RAF Halton – Annual Reception

Sept 16th Old Gaol – Buckingham Fair Trade Status 10th Anniversary

Sept 25th BTC Office – Buckingham in Bloom Awards

Sept 29th Macmillan Coffee Morning, Buckingham

412/17 Chair's Announcements

None

413/17 Date of the next meeting:

Interim Council – Monday 30th October 2017

2nd October 2017

Ratified 20th November 2017

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EQUALITIES ACT 2010/CRIME AND DISORDER ACT, 1988: the decisions made during the course of the meeting were duly considered and it was decided that there were no resulting direct or indirect implications in respect of crime and disorder, racial equality or diversity.

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Meeting closed at: 20.30

Signed Date

Town Mayor