

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Tuesday 28th November 2017** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

Present:

Cllr. Ms. J. Bates	
Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins	
Cllr. M . Cole	
Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley	
Cllr. J. Harvey	Mayor
Cllr. P. Hirons	
Cllr. D. Isham	
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. H. Mordue	
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. M. Smith	
Cllr. C. Strain-Clark	
Cllr. M. Try	

In attendance: Mr. C. Wayman Town Clerk

562/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Newell, Stuchbury and P. Collins.

563/17 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.

There were no declarations of interest.

564/17 To discuss the idea of submitting a bid for 2 Market Hill (previously Natwest)

To receive a verbal report on the current condition of the building and possible work required.

The Town Clerk reported on the condition of the property following a recent site visit. The Town Clerk highlighted a number of cosmetic, electrical and minor structural alteration that would be required. Members discussed and felt it could accommodate the Town Council offices on the first floor and the Council Chamber on the Ground floor.

Proposed by Cllr. Cole, seconded by Cllr O'Donoghue and unanimously AGREED to the following proposed layout:

“The Town Council move into the building and occupy the whole area not currently rented. The chamber is incorporated behind a reception desk downstairs with the office upstairs. This would result in the Town Council being in one building. The chamber could be passed to the Community Centre for hiring. While that would reduce costs it would also result in the loss of chamber bookings but may mean an increase in the use of the room and a reduction of staff time in managing the bookings and opening and closing. This option would also result in the higher ongoing costs to the Town Council due to business rates and no large rental. However, it is felt that the office would not occupy the whole of the first floor. As the council have discussed aiding economic development in the Town the remaining

space could be made into start up business space with filing, desk space access to the printer/phone etc available.”

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

RECOMMENDED In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

565/17 To discuss what, if any bid should be made for the purchase of 2 Market Hill

Councillors discussed what an appropriate offer would be and what alterations were needed and the resulting cost implications.

Proposed by Cllr. O’Donoghue and seconded by Cllr. Cole to offer the sum of £475,000

Cllr. Smith proposed an amendment to the original motion.

Proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Isham to offer the sum of £510,000.

A vote was taken on the original motion and the results were:

In favour: 8

Against: 6

The Amendment became the substantive motion and a vote was taken. The results were:

In favour: 12

Against: 1

Abstention: 1

The Substantive motion was carried

ACTION TOWN CLERK

Meeting closed at: 19.45

Signed Date

Town Mayor