

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

**Present:**

Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
Cllr. M. Cole	Deputy Mayor
Cllr. P. Collins	
Cllr. J. Harvey	Mayor
Cllr. P. Hirons	
Cllr. D. Isham	
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. H. Mordue	
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. A. Ralph	
Cllr. M. Smith	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	
Cllr. M. Try	

**In attendance:** Mr. P. Hodson                      Town Clerk  
 Mrs. N. Stockill                                  Committee Clerk  
 Mrs. K. McElligott                              Planning Clerk  
 District Cllr. A. Waite                         BART Bus Project Manager

*In accordance with Standing Order 3.f the meeting was preceded by a public session.*

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATION – 17/04668/ADP**

Mr T. Dennison of Meeting Place Communications spoke to amendments within planning application 17/04668/ADP stressing they had not intended for them to be circulated for consultation with the Town Council but simply to assist in an internal planning meeting between AVDC, residents of Tingewick Road and developers.

**372/18                      Apologies for Absence**

**RESOLVED** to note there were apologies from Town Cllrs. Gateley, G. Collins, Newell, Strain-Clark, District Councillor Mills, County Councillor Clare and Interim Town Clerk Nina Villa.

**373/18                      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**374/18                      Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer**

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Mordue and unanimously **AGREED** to confirm the appointment of Mr Paul Hodson as Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

*Members **AGREED** to take agenda item 10 (Buckingham Rural Transport) next for the benefit of Mr. Waite.*

### 375/18 Buckingham Area Rural Transport (BART)

Cllr. Ashley Waite, BART Project Manager spoke to Members on the pilot launch of the Bernwode bus, highlighting the following key milestones:

- Launched one year ago from Waddesdon
- primary objective to serve the old peoples groups in Waddesdon and Quainton and to promote community transport in Buckinghamshire
- Utilising a (branded) 16 seater Mercedes sprinter with a tail lift and the ability to take two wheelchairs
- Appointment of a new coordinator
- Recruitment and training of volunteer drivers
- Registered as a charity

Cllr. Waite explained that following a successful pilot the Dadford Bus project was initiated as a parish council led initiative, promoting the use of community transport as a viable option and assessing the need of the local villages and what can be achieved through the use of community transport.

The BART bus scheme is using the Bernwode bus at present. The BART bus offers regular routes and day trip for local community groups and will be running six trips over the next six weeks around Buckingham to gauge the need. Mr Waite explained there are funding options to purchase a bus for the BART project and to roll out an extended service to more areas and covering more days of the week and to more people.

Cllr. Waite asked the Town Council for assistance in advertising the BART bus and promoting the need for volunteer drivers.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield to support the principle of the project and allow the Buckingham Area Rural Transport use of the Town Council's logo within its promotional material.

A vote was taken and the results were:

In favour: 11

Abstentions: 2

Motion carried.

Cllr. Waite was thanked for his presentation and left the chamber.

*Members **AGREED** to take agenda item 11 (MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATION – ADDITIONAL PLANS 17/04668/ADP) next for the benefit of the Planning Clerk and Mr. Dennison).*

### 376/18 MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATION – ADDITIONAL PLANS

17/04668/ADP

Land north of A421 Tingewick Road [*actually Land north of A421 and both sides of Tingewick Road*]

Approval of the details of the external appearance of the buildings, the landscaping of the site, layout and scale for each phase or part of the development together with discharge of conditions 2 (phasing) and 6 (design code)

Members were pleased to see that many of their concerns had been addressed, but had been told in the preceding Public Session that the new documents were, in fact, discussion documents for a meeting with the Case Officer, and not the final amended plans.

Consequently they declined to modify their existing response, Oppose and Attend, pending receipt of further revisions.

Though the new playground drawings (received Friday afternoon, 28<sup>th</sup> September) have not yet been added to the AVDC website, Members agreed that the Estates Manager's comments be recorded as a response.

1. NEAP and Open Spaces proposal

- MUGA Kompan FRE1129 – the walls are of timber construction; metal or polycarbonate would be a more suitable material to use.  
The surfacing of the MUGA hasn't been specified - the pictures show a green astro-turf which would not be suitable for a public play area due to the maintenance implications and costs; a suitable alternative would be permeable tarmacadam.
- Roundabout SWD030 is a 'Flush' roundabout which has been located on a grass surface: this needs to be located on hard surfacing to provide suitable access.
- Planting and hedges: further details as to what is proposed is required to ensure suitable species are used.
- The Sandbox would not be suitable for this proposal as it would not be possible to ensure its safety is maintained as it would need daily raking through.
- The play area is not fenced off or gated although there is the Tingewick Road in close proximity to the site, this needs to be addressed to ensure the play area is safe.

2. LEAP 1 proposal

- Trampoline SMB230302 would not be suitable due to safety and maintenance implications.
- Water fountain M59300-34: this item has little play value and also gives no details as to how it would be constructed especially in regards to drainage. Water play would give great play value if implemented correctly but it appears this has been added as a token gesture.

3. LEAP 2 proposal

- Carousel KPL114 is a 'Flush' roundabout which has been located on a grass surface: this needs to be located on hard surfacing to provide suitable access.
- Water Table: more detail is required as to what this is (not found on suppliers website) and how this will be installed as correct surfacing and drainage will need to be installed. Water play would be a great feature but needs to be properly implemented.
- Planting and hedges: further details as to what is proposed is required to ensure suitable species are used.

**377/18 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

269/18 - Cllr. P. Collins asked for the recommendation to be deleted from the minutes as it had not been agreed by Full Council. Subject to amendments the minutes were unanimously **AGREED**.

Cllr. P. Collins expressed his disappointed that inaccuracies within the minutes of Environment Committee of the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 had not been corrected.

**378/18 Planning Committee**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on:

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
**AGREED**
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
**AGREED**

**379/18 Town Centre and Events Committee**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Town Centre and Events Committee meetings held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
**AGREED**

**380/18 Environment Committee**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.  
In the absence of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair Members **AGREED** to refer the minutes to Environment Committee of the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 for ratification.

**381/18 Resources Committee**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.  
**AGREED**

**382/18 To receive and question reports from District and County Councillors**

Cllr. Stuchbury informed Members that he was pursuing maintenance and repair issues at Cornwalls Meadow car park and the railings outside of George Grenville School. Cllr. Stuchbury said the issue of homelessness and the negative effects of Universal Credit had been discussed at the Environment Living Committee.

Cllr. Mordue informed Members that the District Council plans to implement new software within its customer service operation. The software assists customer service staff by recommending appropriate answers to customer queries and should be implemented before March 2019.

Cllr. Mordue had attended the 'topping out' ceremony marking the opening of Bierton Crematorium. The last section of the roof was laid along with a sprig of yew tree to celebrate the moment the building structure reaches it's topmost point, in the traditional 'topping out' ceremony.

Cllr. Mordue (as Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources) reported on approved funding for patch repairs and line marking to the Cornwalls Meadow car park. Cllr. Bloomfield asked Cllr. Mordue to investigate positioning a 'no entry' sign at the end of the one way loop within Cornwalls Meadow carpark.

**383/18 Photovoltaic Panels**

Members received an updated Business Case from the Interim Town Clerk  
Cllr. P. Collins queried the estimated annual savings against the 20 year savings figures and questioned whether the feed-in tariff figures were in date.

Proposed by Cllr. O'Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. Mahi and unanimously **AGREED** to remit the report back to the Town Clerk for clarification and resubmission to the Interim meeting of Full Council on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 **ACTION TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk highlighted section 2.1 of the revised Business Case "...All of the estimated original calculations regarding savings etc. remain valid."

Cllr. Try asked for the latest revision of the business Case to include the following explanations:

- Given a 20 year timeframe, what happens following the expiry of the 12 product warranty?
- What is a 20 year linear performance warranty?
- How are costs affected following the expiry of the 5 year maintenance agreement?
- Will damage to the Lace Hill Community Centre roof be covered under the photovoltaic panel's guarantee?

### 384/18 **Paperless Agenda report**

Members received a report from the Paperless System Review Working Group. Cllr. Smith highlighted the cost of purchasing tablets for all Town Councillors (approximately £765.00 per year (£3060 over four years) against approximate savings of £1580 per year in materials and officer time (£6320 over four years). Cllr. Smith encouraged Members to receive all paper electronically therefore avoiding duplicating processes for the office.

Cllr. Stuchbury declared it was Councillor's legal right to receive hard copies of all Committee papers.

Cllr. O'Donoghue offered to train fellow councillors on the use of electronic tablets.

Cllr. Mordue endorsed the use of electronic tablets to receive committee papers and stated that it was Members' democratic right to have the information sent to them but . there was no legal requirement for this to be in a paper format.

Proposed by Cllr. Hiron, seconded by Cllr. Ralph and unanimously **AGREED** for the Town Clerk to report back on advancing the purchase of large presentation screens for the Council Chamber. **ACTION TOWN CLERK**

The following amendment to report recommendation 2 (inserted as item 3) was proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and seconded by Cllr. Hiron. *"We respect the right of members to have a hard copy of the full agenda pack before the meeting in accordance with Standing Orders"*

A vote was taken and the results were:

In favour: 12

Abstain 1

A vote for report recommendation 1 was taken and the results were:

In favour: 9

Abstentions: 4

A vote for report recommendation 2/3 (as amended) was taken and the results were:

In favour: unanimous

### 385/18 **(Full Council 274/18): Councillor Training**

Members received and accepted a summary of what training and development Members of the Council's Committees feel is necessary.

### 386/18 **Motion – Cllr. Ralph**

This motion is for the Council to be associated with and to endorse the petition being run by the Advertiser Newspaper asking for answers from Bucks Healthcare Trust as to the future of the beds in the Buckingham Community Hospital. I understand that historically, the Town Council's stance was to keep our hospital open, but as some time has passed since this issue was first raised I think we

should reaffirm our commitment and endorse the petition to show how strongly we feel.

Cllr. O'Donoghue seconded the above motion.

Cllr. Ralph spoke to the above motion, stating that at a time when Councillors are being asked to consider further housing development in Buckingham it would be counterintuitive to reduce existing healthcare facilities within the town centre.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury "This motion is for the Council to be associated with and to endorse the petition being run by the Advertiser Newspaper asking for answers from Bucks Healthcare Trust as to the future of the beds in the Buckingham Community Hospital, and their intentions to retain existing services currently available."

Cllr. Hirons voiced concern at committing the Council to an old and out of date property. Cllr. Stuchbury called for a recorded vote.

Members voted on the amended motion and the results were:

In favour: Cllr. Smith, Ralph, O'Donoghue, Cole, Bloomfield, Harvey, Mahi, Stuchbury and Isham 9

Against: Cllrs. Hirons and P. Collins 2

Abstentions: Cllrs. Mordue and Try 2

The amended motion became the substantive motion and a further vote was taken.

In favour: Smith, Ralph, O'Donoghue, Cole, Bloomfield, Harvey, Mahi, Stuchbury and Isham 9

Against: Cllrs. Hirons and P. Collins 2

Abstentions: Cllrs. Mordue and Try 2

The substantive motion was carried.

### **387/18 Lace Hill Health Hub Development Focus Group**

Cllr. Try reported that the next meeting of the Lace Hill Health Hub Development Focus Group was 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018. Members **AGREED** for Cllr. Try to enquire (on behalf of the Town Council) as to whether to Focus Group require a formal Town Council representative and report back at Full Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> November October 2018.

**ACTION CLLR TRY**

### **388/18 Action List**

Members noted the report.

### **389/18 Mayoral Engagements**

Members received and noted the following list of events attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Functions the Mayor has attended:

Tue 21 Aug 2018 University journalism students interviewing

Wed 22 Aug 2018 UoB Duck Race

Wed 22 Aug 2018 UoB Words & Music

Wed 5 Sep 2018 Death Cafe Buckingham Library

Wed 5 Sep 2018 Present Jo Cox Book to Buckingham Library

Wed 5 Sep 2018 Celebrating 100 years of Votes for Women: Public Lecture

Sat 8 Sep 2018 Heartlands Green Flag raising

Sat 8 Sep 2018 Good Endings Fair

Sun 9 Sep 2018 Dog Show

Tue 11 Sep 2018 AVTUG

Thu 13 Sep 2018 Queens Award for Community Care North Bucks

Fri 14 Sep 2018 Present at RAF flag hoisting

Wed 19 Sep 2018 Aren't we worthy - celebrating women at Stowe  
 Wed 19 Sep 2018 Town Entfest meeting  
 Mon 24 Sep 2018 Royal Latin School - Presentation of Jo Cox Book  
 Wed 26 Sep 2018 Buckingham Youth Club AGM  
 Fri 28 Sep 2018 General Charities Meeting  
 Mon 1 Oct 2018 Bart Bus

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

Weds 5th Sept 2018 AVDC Parishes Forum, Aylesbury  
 Thurs 13 Sept 2018 University of Buckingham Tour  
 Weds 19th Sept 2018 2019 Enfest Meeting, Buckingham  
 Thurs 27th Sept 2018 Zinc Official Opening, Buckingham  
 Sat 29th Sept 2018 Sounding the Retreat, Stowe School

**390/18 Chair's Announcements**

Cllr. Harvey informed Members that the VALP hearing session had now concluded and the Inspector had indicated that he would be sending his findings to District in the next 4-6 weeks.

The Secretary of State's final decision on the proposals for unitary local governments is due imminently.

A Dementia Friends session is to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> Oct at 1.45pm in Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre and all Members are encouraged to attend.

Cllr. Harvey announced that the position of Deputy Town Clerk had been offered to Ms. Claire Molyneux and references were being pursued.

**391/18 Date of the next meeting:**

Interim Council – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
 Full Council - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Meeting closed at: 9.30pm

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

Town Mayor