

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7pm.
on **Monday 29th October 2018** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Present:

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. A. Ralph	
Cllr. M. Smith	
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	
Cllr. M. Try	

Also Present:	Mr P. Hodson	Town Clerk
	Mrs. N. Stockill	Committee Clerk

PUBLIC SESSION

16/03302/APP Land to the rear of The Grand Junction Public House

Mr. David Saunders of Great Horwood reminded Members that planning permission for the above application was granted by AVDC, after a history of two previous committee decisions. Mr Saunders stated that the latest officer's report contained two specific legal errors, which, after notifying AVDC of his concerns, were not satisfactorily addressed. Mr Saunders appealed for Buckingham town Council to urgently seek legal advice on whether it would have grounds for asking the Court for permission to pursue a judicial review of the decision, stressing that appeal would need to be lodged within a tight 6 week timeframe.

Mr Saunders raised significant concerns relating to a misunderstanding of the Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan policy EE5 (outlining that the site not be used for anything else other than a carpark) and a misunderstanding of the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 11).

Members expressed their thanks to Mr. Saunders for attending the Public Session and for his hard work and diligence surrounding the planning application. The Town Clerk reported that he was in discussions with a Junior Barrister and that an Extraordinary meeting of Full Council would be arranged for Members to discuss the outcomes.

456/18 Apologies for Absence

Members received and accepted apologies from District Councillor T. Mills and County Councillor Clare.

457/18 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.

181029 Interim Minutes Draft subject to confirmation

1

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.

Initial.....

Cllrs. P. Collins, G. Collins, Bloomfield, Mahi and Isham all declared an interest in agenda item 3 (Photovoltaic Panels) as Members of the Buckingham Community Centre Committee. Cllr. P. Collins declared his intension to speak on the item but abstain from any vote.

458/18 Photovoltaic Panels

The Town Clerk presented his written report, highlighting the following key points: The Government has proposed that the Feed-In Tariffs (FITs) will close, along with the export tariff on 31 March 2019, which will mean full closure of the FITs scheme to new applications after 31 March 2019. Therefore, for the Town Council to access FiT from the two proposed schemes, the proposed installations would both have to be installed by 31 March 2019.

Changes in rules means that SALIX is now eligible for a loan for a product which will benefit from FiT. This would still only be for the part of the loan which would be for the proportion of the installation that tackles the site energy consumption. (This has been assumed at 50% in the Town Council's costings). So it would now be most cost effective to borrow half the total cost from SALIX, with a loan of 0% interest, and the remaining amount from the Public Works Loan Board.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and seconded by Cllr. Newell for the Town Council to arrange the installation of solar panels on the Buckingham Community Centre and Lace Hill Community Centre, by provider F for a total installation cost of £47,413, with the funding being via £9,500 from the ear-marked reserve, £23,707 from a SALIX loan and £14,207 from a Public Works Loan Board loan, either:

1. By 31 March 2019, conditional on the Community Hall Association agreeing to the necessary change in proposed schedule of works (for the part affecting the Community Hall)
- or
2. At a later date during 2019

A vote was taken and the results were:

In favour: 15

Abstentions: 2

Motion carried

ACTION TOWN CLERK

459/18 Chairman's Announcements

BMKALC Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 9th November 2018 from 6.30-10pm at Green Park Aston Clinton. Members **AGREED** for Cllr. Gateley to attend on behalf of the Town Council.

ACTION CLLR GATELEY

460/18 Date of next Meetings:

Full Council Monday 19th November 2018

Interim Council Monday 17th December 2018

Meeting closed at 19.35 pm

Signed Date