

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 18th March 2019** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

Present:

Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
Cllr. M. Cole	Deputy Mayor
Cllr. P. Collins	
Cllr. G. Collins	
Cllr. M. Gateley	
Cllr. J. Harvey	Mayor
Cllr. D. Isham	
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell	
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. A. Ralph	
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	

In attendance: Mr. P. Hodson	Town Clerk
Mrs. N. Stockill	Committee Clerk
Cllr. C. Clare	County Councillor
Cllr. W. Whyte	County Councillor

807/18 Apologies for Absence

Members received and accepted apologies from Cllrs. Hirons, Smith, Mordue and Try.

808/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

809/18 Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019 (Precept) and **AGREED** the amendment of a typographical error at minute 622/18. The minute has been amended to reflect the meeting's agenda: *"To resolve to provide sundry grants under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as follows:*

Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure"

Monday 28th January 2019

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AGREED

Members received the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 4th February 2019 (Extra-ordinary)

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Public session - Amended to read *'highlighting unrealistic walking times (from site to all schools) quoted within the application'*

693/18 (Apologies for absence) – Cllr. Gateley's apologies to be inserted.

With the above amendments the minutes were **AGREED** as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

810/18 Interim Minutes

Members received and **AGREED** the minutes of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 25th February 2019. **Copy previously circulated IM/06/18**

811/18 Planning Committee

Members received and noted the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on:

- Monday 21st January 2019 **Copy previously circulated PL/11/18**
- Monday 4th February 2019 **Copy previously circulated PL/12/18**

812/18 Town Centre and Events Committee

Members received and noted the minutes of the Town Centre and Events Committee meeting held on Monday 11th February 2019 **Copy previously circulated TCE/06/18**

813/18 Environment Committee

Members received and noted the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 18th February 2019 **Copy previously circulated E/06/18**

814/18 Resources Committee

Members received and noted the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019 **Copy previously circulated R/06/18**

Members discussed and agreed to implement the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Report, following the decision by the Resources Committee that:

Members AGREE to RECOMMEND the Web Content Accessibility guidelines report to the next meeting of Full Council
CSG/78/18

Members discussed and agreed to adopt the Media Policy, following the decision by the Resources Committee that:

Members AGREE to RECOMMEND the Council's Media Policy report to the next meeting of Full Council
CSG/80/18

815/18 Economic Development Committee reporting

Members discussed current reporting arrangements for the Economic Development Committee. The Town Clerk recommended that Full Council receive the minutes for all future meetings of the Economic Development Working Group. Cllr. Stuchbury proposed that any decisions with financial implications are referred to the relevant Town Council Committee to receive and discuss. Members unanimously **AGREED**

ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK/TOWN CLERK

816/18 Action List

Screens in the Council Chamber (762/18) Cllr. Cole informed Members of the Planning Committee's decision to purchase two 75" Prowise screens for the Council Chamber at the cost of £4,137.

817/18 To receive and question reports from District and County Councillors Cllr. Stuchbury

Cllr Stuchbury briefed Members on his discussions with Anglian Water regarding the delayed construction of the Tingewick Road Roundabout.

Cllr. Stuchbury informed Members he had attended a Group Leaders' meeting at the District Council and would be attending the MKBALC Liaison meeting with the County Council next week on behalf of the Town Council. Cllr. Stuchbury cited several written

questions he had submitted to the District Council pursuing answers regarding the Lace Hill balancing lakes and planning application 16/00151/AOP (Land off Walnut Drive & Fosscote Road, Maids Moreton).

Cllr. Clare

Tingewick Road Roundabout – Cllr. Clare reported on his recent meeting with the Anglian Water Project Manager for the Tingewick Road site highlighting the severe interruptions caused by Anglian Water’s damage of water pipes back in November 2018.

Cllr. Harvey expressed concern that some road users were attempting ‘U’ turns onto the roundabout when exiting the Tingewick road. Cllr. Clare **AGREED** to raise Cllr. Harvey’s concerns with the contractors.

HS2 – Cllr. Clare informed Members he would be hand delivering the petition, with 2,300 signatures, to Mark Thurston on Wednesday 20th March. Cllr. Clare set forth the aims of the community petition calling for the project to reengage with community consultation and cease any work to cut down hedges and trees in the nesting bird season and before they have the Notice to Proceed from Central Government. Cllr. Clare encouraged Members to follow the example of other local councils and write to the Government and HS2 appealing for the cessation of construction work until the line north of Birmingham is confirmed.

Proposed by Cllr. Cole, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury and unanimously **AGREED** to refer the item to Planning Committee on the 25th March 2019.

ACTION PLANNING CLERK

Cllr. Whyte

Cllr Whyte invited Members to the 70th birthday celebration of Buckingham Library on Thursday 21st March 2019.

Buckingham Area Rural Transport Project – Cllr. Whyte said the pilot would continue and a trip to Buckingham Garden Centre had been arranged for Tuesday 19th March 2019. The committee were hopeful to attract additional funding in the new financial year.

Local Area Forum (LAF) projects – Cllr. Whyte reminded members of Buckingham projects supported by the LAF including funding towards a parking enforcement officer, bottle refill station and the River Warden scheme.

Household recycling centres - Cllr. Whyte announced there was no threat of the Buckingham Recycling Centre closing or any changes to operating hours. However, there would be charges for non statutory domestic waste (DIY waste) introduced from 1st April 2019.

Awareness Week Child Exploitation – Cllr. Whyte encouraged Members to research and support the initiative.

818/18 Council Survey

The Town Clerk provided the following verbal report. This agenda item states that a report would follow. This was to propose a general survey on the council’s performance to go in the newsletter. The idea was to establish an annual baseline of data / residents’ views to support the budget setting process each autumn. In light of the minimal responses to the events survey (1 in paper and 14 online), a reasonable recommendation could not be made to Council as planned, and so no at this stage the proposal is to review the approach taken by other councils before proceeding. .

Members **AGREED** the Town Clerk’s recommendation.

819/18 Social Media

Members received and noted a written report from the Administrator.

820/18 Friends of Buckingham

Members **AGREED** to appoint Mr. L. Weston and Mrs. S. Handley as Friends of Buckingham (to be awarded a silver salver at the Mayor's Reception on the 17th May 2019)

821/18 Sport and Arts Award

Members **AGREED** to present The Buckingham Pantomime with a Sport and Arts Award (to be awarded a silver salver at the Mayor's Reception on the 17th May 2019)

822/18 Buckingham Interim update audit 2018-19

Members received and **NOTED** an interim report from the Internal Auditor.

823/18 Unitary Discussions

Members received and **AGREED** the Town Clerk's following report recommendations:
"It is recommended that the Town Council writes to the respective Leaders and Chief Officers of Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council, asking for their support in ensuring that the following items receive early consideration by the Shadow Council, once formed, during 2019, as they need to be discussed and decisions made before April 2020:

- 1. The need to provide a mechanism for the Shadow Council to negotiate with Buckingham Town Council and reach agreement in time for the Town Council to take on the management of green spaces which AVDC currently manages through an external contract in the town by April 2020.*
- 2. The need for the County, District and Shadow Councils to work with Buckingham and other Town Councils during 2019 and early 2020 to ensure that new and refreshed Neighbourhood Plans received the promotion and support the Secretary of State intends*
- 3. To emphasise that Buckingham Town Council wishes to be in the vanguard of local councils working with the Shadow Council to discuss taking on further devolved services, assets and powers*
- 4. To offer the support of the Town Council in making plans for the successful implementation of the new unitary council in Buckingham"*

824/18 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

824.1/18 Members received and noted Minutes from the Pontio Group held 15th October 2018

824.2/18 Members received and noted Minutes from The Aylesbury Vale Transport User Group held on 13th February 2019

824.3/18 Members received and noted Minutes from Access for All on 11th December 2018 and 11th February 2019.

824.4/18 Lace Hill Health Hub Development Focus Group - In Cllr. Try's absence Members **AGREED** for the item to be referred to the next meeting of Full Council.

824.5/18 Members received a verbal update from Cllr. Harvey on the forthcoming agenda of the Aylesbury Vale Association Local Councils meeting. Cllr Harvey **AGREED** to circulate minutes at the next meeting of the Full Council.

825/18 Mayoral Engagements

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

Functions the Mayor has attended:
31 JAN 2019, Oli Hilsdon Funeral

2 FEB 2019, Twinning Association Coffee Morning
 6 FEB 2019, Well Street Church for presentation by Barbara, Town Mace Bearer
 7 FEB 2019, General Charities meeting
 7 FEB 2019, Mighty Women exhibition at the Old Gaol
 11 FEB 2019, NALC conference in London
 14 FEB 2019, Young Carers Benefit Concert at Stowe
 15 FEB 2019, Young Carers (juniors)
 23 FEB 2019, Food Fair
 24 FEB 2019, Tree planting at Lace Hill
 1 MAR 2019, Reception for Law Clinic Students
 1 MAR 2019, Young carers (seniors)
 2 MAR 2019, Pancake Races
 7 MAR 2019, Dinner with the UoB Vice Chancellor
 9 MAR 2019, Part-Time Law 25th Anniversary Dinner
 15 MAR 2019, Civic Reception MK
 17 MAR 2019, The Buckingham to Stowe Promenade

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

30 th January	Holocaust Memorial Day, Milton Keynes
7 th February	Mighty Women, Old Gaol
23 rd February	Buckingham Food Fair
2 nd March	Pancake Races
7 th March	Dinner, Vice Chancellor University of Buckingham
9 th March	Fair Trade Big Brew Coffee Morning, Old Gaol
11 th March	Commonwealth Flag Raising, Community Centre

826/18 Chair's Announcements

Cllr. Harvey reported on a successful and well attended Buckingham to Stowe promenade.

827/18 Date of the next meeting:

Interim Council – Monday 15th April 2019
 Annual Town Meeting Wednesday 20th March @ 7pm
 Mayor's Reception & Annual Statutory Meeting 17th May 2019 @ 7pm
 Full Council - Monday 20th May 2019

828/18 Financial Risk Assessment

The Town Clerk informed Members that The Financial Risk Assessment was agreed at Resources Committee on 5th November 2018, and approved by Full Council on 19th November. Minute Number **486/18**. The Town Clerk was given advice during a recent training session that the FRA should ideally be agreed by Council in March. BTC's normal practice has been to do this in May. Unfortunately, an older version was provided to councillors in error last Wednesday, not the newer version agreed in November 2018. The Town Clerk said it did not place the Council at any risk, and he would provide the report for Council to agree at the May meeting as usual.

Meeting closed at: 19.52pm

Signed Date
Town Mayor

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