

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7pm.  
on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Present:

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

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

#### **121/19 Apologies for Absence**

Members received and accepted apologies from Cllrs. Mordue, Gateley, G. Collins, P. Collins and Try.

#### **122/19 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **123/19 Motion**

Proposed by Cllr Ruth Newell and seconded by Cllr. Strain-Clark for Buckingham Town Council to confirm their support to progress the fruitful and long term friendship agreement with Neukirchen Vluyn to a formal Twinning agreement to be formally signed by the Mayors of the two towns in due course when an appropriate event can be arranged.

Cllr. Newell spoke to the above motion encouraging Members to lend their support to a friendship agreement with Neukirchen Vluyn, highlighting reciprocal arrangements between the towns' senior schools The Royal Latin and Julius-Stursberg-Gymnasium.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and seconded by Cllr. Hirons that, in addition to Cllr. Newell's motion a report is to be brought back to the next meeting of Full Council outlining the formal Twinning process and proposing a budget for a civic function.

Cllr. Newell explained that the Town Council would only have to budget for a civic event if a formal visit were to be planned and this was unlikely to take place in 2019/20.

A vote was taken and Members were unanimously in favour of the amendment. The amended motion becomes the substantive motion and a further vote was taken and Members were, again, unanimously in favour of the substantive motion.  
The substantive motion was carried.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

#### 124/19 **New Homes Bonus**

Members discussed endorsing a New Homes Bonus micro-grant application from Slade Recreation Club. Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield and unanimously **AGREED** to endorse the application.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

#### 125/19 **Section 106 Funding**

Members discussed supporting a S106 Authorisation Form and associated costings for the S106 - Land at London Road, Buckingham for '*A scheme of flood mitigation measures designed to protect properties in Buckingham Town which are considered to be at medium risk of flooding*'.

Cllr. Stuchbury questioned the impact and benefits for Buckingham and suggested asking for regular reports on the work of the Project Officer. Cllr. Harvey said the project could set precedence enabling the Town Council to access Section 106 funds for revenue based projects in the future.

Cllr. Newell spoke in support of the scheme, explaining that the River Thames Conservation Trust were a successful organisation with the knowledge and skills to help take the project forward. Cllr. Cole highlighted that a Steering Group would be set up drawn from members of the Upper Ouse Catchment Partnership, and will likely include, but not be limited to, the Environment Agency, Town, District and County Councils.

Cllr. Stuchbury expressed disappointment that AVDC had not considered using Section 106 funds to mitigate the cost to Lace Hill residents of management fees attributed to the estate's balancing lakes, despite AVDC being aware of the disputes.

The Town Clerk explained that AVDC needed to make a decision by the 1st July in line with recruitment timescales and expiry of the Section 106 funding.

Proposed by Cllr. Newell and seconded by Cllr. Cole that Members endorse the Section 106 funding application to provide flood mitigation measures designed to protect properties in Buckingham Town which are considered to be at medium risk of flooding, but ask for the Town Council to be involved in regular monitoring of the project and be considered to provide desk space for the worker. A vote was taken and the results were:

In Favour: 8

Against: 1

Abstentions: 2

Motion carried

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

#### 126/19 **Chairman's Announcements**

Cllr. Cole informed Members that the Town Council would be raising the Union Flag to celebrate Armed Forces Day on Saturday 29th July 2019 at 10am outside of the Community Centre.

127/19      **Date of next Meetings:**  
Full Council  
Interim Council

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Meeting closed at 19.34pm

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

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