

Minutes of a meeting of the **Town Centre and Events Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 29th July 2019** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7.00pm

Present:

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| Cllr. T. Bloomfield | Vice Chair |
| Cllr. J. Harvey | |
| Cllr. D. Isham | |
| Cllr. A. Mahi | Chair |
| Cllr. R. Stuchbury | |

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| Also attending | Mrs. A. Brubaker | Events Co-ordinator |
| | Mrs. N. Stockill | Committee Clerk |
| | Mr. P. Hodson | Town Clerk |

247/19 Apologies for Absence

Members received and accepted apologies from Cllrs. Cole, Gateley, O'Donoghue and Strain-Clark.

248/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

249/19 Minutes

Members received and agreed the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th June 2019 received at Full Council on 15th July 2019.

250/19 Action List

Members received and noted the action reports.

251/19 Budget

Members received the latest budget figures and **AGREED** to move the remaining funds within budget line 9022 into 9012. **ACTION FINANCE OFFICER**

252/19 Bard of Buckingham

Members received and discussed a written report (TCE/41/19) from the Town Clerk. Members discussed the merits of electing Junior Bard and **AGREED** to invite youth and community local groups that may have an interest in joining a poetry group. Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield and **AGREED** that a small working group is established, including members of TC & E and local poets, to devise a promotional campaign and the details of the election event for a Bard of Buckingham and Junior Bard.

Members **AGREED** for the Town Clerk to extend the invitation to all Councillors of Buckingham Town Council. A vote was taken and the results were:

In favour: unanimous

253/19 Staff time on Committee Event Reports

Members received and discussed a written report (TCE/42/19) from the Town Clerk. Committee agreed in 58/17 for TC&E to include the cost of staff time within event reports.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey to **AGREE** the report recommendation that the TC & E Committee continues to receive reports which include the cost of overtime to deliver events, to enable councillors to make decisions based on all the relevant information.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and seconded by Cllr. Mahi that reports containing the cost of overtime to deliver event is only included in exceptional reports as determined by the Town Clerk. A vote was taken and the results were:

In favour: 3

Against: 0

Abstention 2

Motion carried

The amended motion becomes to substantive motion and a further vote was taken and unanimously **AGREED**.

254/19 Forthcoming Events

254.1/19 Play Around the Parishes 29th July, 12th August, 21st August – approximately 105 children and 50 adults had attended the first successful event by mid-morning.

254.2/19 Turn Up and Play Basketball 22nd, 29th July, 5th, 12th, 19th, 27th Aug – successful for some children that are now playing for teams in Milton Keynes.

254.3/19 Bandjam Sunday 25th Aug – ask pubs to supply recycled plastic glasses and Tesco Express will replace glass bottles on their shelves with cans.

254.4/19 Merchant Navy Day 3rd September – Members **AGREED** to raise the flag on the 3rd September 2019. Cllr. Stuchbury suggested an article on the Chamber's WW2 naval shields.

254.5/19 Dog Show Sunday 8th September – Sponsors in place and Leaders to advertise on the bypass roundabouts.

254.6/19 River Rinse Sundays 22nd September/6th October – Cllr. Stuchbury proposed that the promotion of River Rinse emphasises partnership working with Stowe Sub aqua Club, volunteer opportunities with the River Wardens and the Council's ambitions regarding climate change. Cllr. Bloomfield suggested a River Rinse along additional tributaries of the River Great Ouse. Cllr. Stuchbury suggested including the riparian ownership and responsibilities within the press release.

254.7/19 Local Democracy Friday 11th October – noted. Members **AGREED** for the Events Coordinator to proposed a date for the Good Endings Fair 2020.

ACTION EVENTS COORDINATOR

254.8/19 Charter Fair Saturday 12th October – noted.

254.9/19 Charter Fair Saturday 19th October – noted.

255/19 Event Reviews

255.1/19 Fringe Week – Members **AGREED** to move the item to the next meeting of TC&E Committee **ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK**

256/19 Buckingham in Bloom

Cllr. Bloomfield reported on the nominations of six gardens and one hanging basket. A presentation of awards is to take place on the 12th August 2019 in Chandos Park @ 11am. Members **AGREED** to place the item on a future meeting of the TC&E Committee in January 2020 to canvas residents' opinion as whether to hold Buckingham in Bloom 2020. **ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK**

257/19 75th Anniversary of VE Day

Members received and discussed a written report (TCE/44/19) from the Town Clerk and noted some of the potential restrictions because of purdah. Members unanimously **AGREED** the following recommendations:

- a) The Town Council works with the Royal British Legion and Mr Lionel Weston to put on a street party, with music and entertainment in the cattle pens on the Friday 8th May bank holiday to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day as described.
- b) The Town Council encourages residents to hold neighbourhood street parties during the weekend.
- c) The Town Crier reads the *Cry for Peace Around the World* at 18:55 on Friday 8th May.
- d) The Town Council puts out the Union Flags and puts up bunting around the Cattle Pens for the weekend.
- e) A local piper is invited to play the Battle's O'er outside the Old Gaol at 15:00 on the Friday.
- f) Local pubs are encouraged to take part in the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War 2 at 15:00 on the Friday.
- g) St Peter and St Paul's are encouraged to ring their bells at 19:00 on Friday 8th and to hold a Service of Celebration and Commemoration on Sunday 10th May, which would include reading the *Tribute to the Millions*.
- h) The Twinning Association reviews whether our twin towns would like to join in the events in some way.

Members **AGREED** Cllr. Harvey's suggestion that 'peace' should be the emphasis of the event and local school children should be encouraged to make an artistic contribution themed around world peace. **ACTION EVENTS COORDINATOR**
Cllr. Stuchbury that any arrangements should be in respect of the local elections.

258/19 Buckingham Action Group

Noted.

259/19 Access

Cllr. Harvey queried whether the County Council have given permission for any tables and chairs to be on the pavement outside of Coffee#1.

260/19 Tourist Information Centre

Members received and noted the latest visitor and accommodation statistics

261/19 News Releases

Members **AGREED** to draft press releases for Band Jam and River Rinses.

262/19 Chair's Items

There were no items.

263/19 Date of the next meeting: 14th October 2019

Meeting closed at 20.04

Signed Date
Chair

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