

**IM/03/19**

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7pm. on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Present:

Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
Cllr. M. Cole	Mayor
Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley	
Cllr. J. Harvey	
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. K. McElligott	Planning Clerk
	Mrs. N. Stockill	Committee Clerk

**628/19 Apologies for Absence**

Members received and accepted apologies from County Cllr. W. Whyte.

**629/19 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**630/19 MAJOR APPLICATION – ADDITIONAL PLANS (17/04665/ADP)**

17/04668/ADP Land North of A421 Tingewick Road Buckingham Buckinghamshire  
The agenda item was rescheduled for the next meeting of Full Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020, subject to the relevant being available for scrutiny.

**631/19 Chairman's Announcements**

Cllr. Cole thanked Officers and Councillors for giving up their Saturday to assist at the Christmas Parade.

Cllr. Cole congratulated Sir Anthony and The University of Buckingham on The Vinson Centre scooping two AVDC design awards.

Members joined Cllr. Cole in recording their thanks to John Bercow for all his contributions over 22 years as Buckingham's MP and welcomed Greg Smith MP as Buckingham's new representative in parliament.

**632/19 Date of next Meetings:**

Full Council (Precept)	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Full Council	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Interim Council	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020

## COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

### Exclusion of Public and Press

**RECOMMENDED** In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded. **AGREED**

### 633/19 Community Boards

Members received a written report from the Town Clerk and viewed a webcast from the Buckinghamshire Council's Shadow Executive on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019. Members noted the two workshops arranged for:

- Thursday 9th January from 1.30pm to 4.30pm: Workshop for Town Councillors to discuss a draft pilot bid.
- Thursday 13th February from 1.30pm to 4.30pm: Workshop for Town Councillors and local partners to discuss the draft pilot

Members considered the following report recommendations:

- a) The Town Council writes to the Shadow Unitary Council asking for the Terms of Reference to be amended to stipulate that an indicative vote must be taken before formal votes, to ensure that the views of town and parish councillors are at least recorded prior to formal decisions.
- b) The Town Council writes to the Shadow Unitary Council requesting that arrangements are put in place to ensure that towns and parishes are awarded funding from the Local Infrastructure fund in light of the impact of development on each parish, to ensure that funds are not provided for smaller parishes with little or no impact from development taking place.
- c) the Town Council agrees to nominate a member to the new board, and also to nominate a deputy, to ensure that the Council is always represented.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey and seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue to **AGREE** the report recommendations with the following amendments:

- a) *The Town Council reserves the right to withdraw participation in the Community Boards.*
- b) *The Community Boards need to reflect proportional representation from the population of towns and parishes across the county.*
- c) *The Town Council to write to the Secretary of State expressing concern at the difference between the Shadow Unitary Council's approach that sought by his predecessor, and to copy Greg Smith MP.*
- d) *A press release is to be sent to all neighbouring Parish Councils, BMKALC and AVALC outlining the Town Council's concerns and advocating a similar approach.*
- e) *The Town Council writes to the Shadow Unitary Council requesting that arrangements are put in place to ensure that towns and parishes are awarded funding from the Local Infrastructure fund in light of the impact of development on each parish, to ensure that funds are not provided for smaller parishes with no additional development taking place.*

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A vote was taken and Members unanimously **AGREED** with the report recommendations as amended. **ACTION TOWN CLERK**

Cllr. Isham emphasised the importance of proportional representation to enable Buckingham Town Councillors, whom have a strong connection with their communities, to act on behalf of the town's 15,000 (approx.) residents to help solve local issues, and enable people to have a say on how services are designed and delivered.

Meeting closed at 19.48 pm

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