MINUTES OF THE INTERIM COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BUCKINGHAM COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY 23rd AUGUST 2004 AT 7PM.

PRESENT Councillor J. Barnett

H. Cadd

Mrs. P. Desorgher

D. Isham H. Mordue Ms. R. Newell Mrs. P. Stevens

R. Stuchbury (Mayor)

Town Clerk Mrs. P. Heath

A Public Session was held prior to this Meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. K. Liverseidge, G. Loftus, P. Collins, Mrs. C. Strain-Clark and P. Strain-Clark.

2465 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

2466 TRANSFER OF LICENCES

2466.1 Members noted the transfer of licence for BP express, Stratford Rd: Nilkanth Bhatti and Linda Tapping to Nilkanth Bhatti and Prakash Sonigara.

2466.2 Members discussed the new off-licence request by Roosters, High Street. Members were concerned that the hours traded by Roosters were beyond normal licensing hours and asked that the off licence be restricted to the same hours as the surrounding public houses.

2467 CHANDOS PARK TOILETS DDA COMPLIANCE

AVDC has been undertaking a DDA compliance of Council-owned property and had informed the Clerk that a footpath to the Public Toilets in Chandos Park would be required; a specification and cost had been emailed to the Council. Members discussed the figures provided by AVDC following their tendering process but felt that the E & P Committee should look closely at the proposed work.

2468 CEMETERY - WATER SUPPLY

Cllr. Mordue informed Members that following the agreement of the E & P Committee the contractor had installed an underground water pipe and standpipe to the new section of the cemetery at a cost of £2600; members agreed the expenditure retrospectively.

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2469 GOVERNMENT PAY AWARD

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **RESOLVED** to accept the government pay award of 2.75% backdated to 1st April 2004.

2470 AVNSC ANNUAL AWARDS

Members noted that nominations were invited for the Aylesbury Vale North Sports Council annual sporting awards.

2471 GOSE CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO RPG9

Proposed by Cllr. Stevens, seconded by Cllr. Cadd, and **RESOLVED** to ratify the response made to the consultation paper on RPG9 as detailed in Planning minute no 4681.1.

2472 MEETING RE CLOSURE OF EMBLETON WARD

Cllr. Stuchbury reported on the meeting held on 10th August to discuss the future of Embleton Ward and its threatened closure. At the meeting it was explained that this formed part of the South and Mid Bucks consultation; although Buckingham is in North Bucks, thereby causing concern that public consultation process had been flawed. The Council heard that discussions had been held at the meeting about calling a Parish Referendum. Questions would be asked of the Primary Care Trust as to the consultation, the budget and the costing that had led to the consideration of closing the ward.

The Clerk was requested to establish the procedure for calling a Parish Referendum and the associated costs.

Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **AGREED** that the F & A Committee monitor the situation.

2473 LUTON AIRPORT

Cllr Isham, as the Town Council representative on the AV Local Committee, sought Member's views on the extension of Luton Airport. The Local Committee would be discussing a District-wide response. Members did not feel they had sufficient knowledge of the proposed extension to make a decision. Cllr. Isham would be unable to attend the Local Committee meeting and it was agreed that the Chairman would attend. Members felt that once the extent of the effect was established then a response based on that information could be made by the Chairman.

2474 MAYORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Cllr Lehmann arrived during the following item.

2474.1 Toilets, Moreton Road

The Mayor informed members that the work on the toilets was continuing but as yet no completion date was known; this had originally been set as a four week job. The Community Centre was continuing to provide public use of their toilets, despite vandalism of the toilets and abuse aimed at the Community Centre staff. Concern was expressed at the overrunning of the contract and the length of time the toilets had been closed. Members felt that there may be grounds for a possible claim for compensation from the District Council.

2474.2 Community Centre Funding Contract

A letter from the Community Centre asking for a 3 year contract had been circulated with the agenda. Members agreed with the Chairman of F & A that this should go to the next committee meeting.

2474.3 Buckingham Community Plan

Cllr Desorgher raised her concerns at the lack of information from the Community Plan Group in light of the recent letter about the formation of the Steering Group. It was **AGREED** that the Council Representatives would report to the Full Council under "reports from representatives on outside bodies".

2474.4 Point of Order

Cllr Lehmann raised a point of order in respect of the items being discussed at the Interim Council meeting. It was **AGREED** that the Council should look at the content of Interim Council Meeting agendas.

Meeting Closed at 8pm.		
CHAIRMAN	DATE	