

**MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT  
BUCKINGHAM COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2006 at 7 pm.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors	J. Barnett
	H. Cadd
	P. Collins (Mayor)
	Mrs P. Desorgher
	D. Isham
	R. Lehmann
	H. Lewis
	H. Mordue
	Ms. R. Newell
	Mrs. P. Stevens
	P. Strain-Clark
	R. Stuchbury
Town Clerk	Ms P. J. Heath
In Attendance	Cllr. D. Polhill – Bucks County Councillor
	Mr. S. Orchard – Bucks County Council Area Manager

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G. Loftus, Mrs C. Strain-Clark and Ms. H. Saul.

**2748 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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

*Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** to move item 12 “presentation from Buckinghamshire County Council on “Getting Closer to Communities” (GC2C)” to be heard next.*

*Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to allow Mr. Orchard to address the meeting.*

**2749 PRESENTATION FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ON  
“GETTING CLOSER TO COMMUNITIES” (GC2C)**

Mr. S. Orchard, the Area Manager for Buckinghamshire County Council, reported on the initiative called “Getting Closer to Communities” known as GC2C; working to bring the County Council closer to the communities it represents. The County is split into 24 areas each with a head of service responsible for overseeing the development of the policy in that area; Buckingham’s is Huw Jones – Head of Planning. Each area has a designated team/officer from various departments who work together to solve the issues that arise in that area. Details of GC2C can be found on the Bucks County Council web site at [http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/community\\_leadership/gc2c.htm](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/community_leadership/gc2c.htm) .

There are 5 pilot areas of which one is centred on Buckingham covering 23 parishes and 25k residents. Buckingham area has already seen the successful organisation of Parish Cluster meetings run by the County Councillors for Buckingham North and South; active communication and meetings of all frontline staff of service providers; the building of the

Adult Education centre which will be used by both County and District Council; clustering of the Schools in the area with regular meetings between Head Teachers; the formation of NAGS in the area starting with Buckingham Town; active exploration of devolving services from the County Council to the Town Council (unlike Chesham the District Council is not involved with the devolution of services); plus seeking active partnerships with other service deliverers such as the PCT.

Members were given the opportunity to question Mr. Orchard. The Mayor thanked Mr. Orchard for attending and keeping the Council informed.

*Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **RESOLVED** to reinstate standing orders and to resume the meeting as per the agenda.*

*Cllr. Lewis arrived during the above item.*

## **2750 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED**: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2006, and the interim meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk confirmed, following a question, that no response had been received for the letters sent under minute no 2729 and 2730.

## **2751 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Members were informed of the following items

### **2751.1 NEWSLETTERS/BROCHURES**

AVDC – NEWS FOR THE PARISHES 1/2006

NHS – OPTIONS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2006, APRIL 2006

BCC – RIGHT FROM THE START ISSUE NO 2

BUCKS COMMUNITY ACTION – BIG TIMES ISSUE NO 3

BUCKS COMMUNITY ACTION – IN FOCUS ISSUE NO 32

CPRE – COUNTRYSIDE VOICE

CLERKS & COUNCILLORS DIRECT – ISSUE NO 44

NALC – LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW ISSUE NO 57/6

ACS & S – PARISH COUNCIL TOOLKIT

### **2751.2 INVITATIONS AND NOTICES OF DIARY DATES (COPIES OF NOTICES ALREADY DISTRIBUTED)**

25 APRIL 2006 CLLR POLHILL CLUSTER MEETING, COMMUNITY CENTRE

13. APRIL 2006 AVNSC MEETING

06. APRIL 2006 - AV LOCAL COMMITTEE

### **2751.3 DIS**

ISSUES NO.625, 626, 627, 628

### **2751.4 LICENSING**

#### **KINGS HEAD**

Members discussed the increase in hours and the holding response sent to AVDC.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **RESOLVED** by 6 votes to 5 to support the response sent and the increase in hours to 1am.

#### **WHITE HART**

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Lewis, and **RESOLVED** by 6 votes to 5 to accept the increase in hours on Friday and Saturday

A report on the licensing forum meeting would be made at the next meeting when the minutes have been received from AVDC.

Cllr Lehmann raised a point of order in respect of the presentation stating that it contravened section 22f of the standing orders, as the presentation had not been requested by the Council; this was noted.

## **2752 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **2752.1 PLANNING – 27.02.06 & 13.03.06**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

The Chairman informed Members that in respect of minute number 4884.1 he had spoken to the Portfolio holder who could give no explanation as to why the Buckingham Town Council's response had not been included.

The Chairman informed Members that he had received a response to minute no 4898, which would be reported to the next planning meeting as normal, in respect of the weight limitation on Mill Lane and enforcement by the police.

### **2752.2 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY 06.03.06**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

*(236.3 Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Desorgher, and **RECOMMENDED** (as it was not on the agenda) that the Survey at a cost of £675 should be undertaken and that any balance of budget required be transferred from the Chandos Park Horticultural budget.)*

**AGREED**

*(245 Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury and **RECOMMENDED** that this Council approve the amended closing time of 10 pm.)*

**AGREED**

### **2752.3 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION 20.03.06**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

*(172 Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **RECOMMENDED** the following procedures: 1) prior to the individual Committee budget consideration the Committees are to be given a steer by the Council on either the percentage indicative range or the amount to spend; 2) the individual Committees to set their budget with the Council's steer in mind; 3) the F & A Committee would upon receipt of the individual Committee requests provide for the Precept meeting an indication and overview of the requests in the respect of precept)*

**AGREED**

*(175 The working group presented the following changes to the Committee; these would be **RECOMMENDED** to the Council*

*Addition*

*ATTENDANCE (new section)*

*a) If a Member fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meetings of the Council, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the Council before the expiry of the period, cease to be a member of the Council.*

*b) Members of standing committees are required to attend those standing committees in accordance with the attendance requirements detailed in (a).*

*VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS*

*The order of business may be varied with the exception of 5(a), (b) and (c) subject to:*

*(a) The Town Mayor at his discretion*

(b) A resolution passed on a motion (which need not be in writing) duly moved and seconded, which shall be moved and put without discussion.

**PROPOSAL:** - Delete 6 (a)

**INTEREST OF MEMBERS IN CONTRACTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

If any member of the Council has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, within the meaning of section 94 of the Local Government Act 1972 (other than an indirect interest described in section 95 thereof) in any contract, proposed contract, or other matter, that member shall withdraw from the meeting while the contract, proposed contract, or other matter, is under consideration by the Council unless: -

(a) the disability to discuss that matter imposed upon them by the section has been removed by the District Council under section 97 thereof,

or

(b) the contract, proposed contract or other matter is under consideration by the Council as part of the report of a committee and is not itself the subject of debate.

**PROPOSAL:** - New 15 (c) Members will be required to confirm the detail in their register of interests on an annual basis or within 15 days of any major change.

**Attendance**

Amendment proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Lehmann, and **RESOLVED** by 12 votes to 0 that additional wording for (b) “failure to do so will result in the Member ceasing to be a member of that Standing Committee, and therefore in breach of Standing Order 22c”.

All other aspects of the recommendation were **AGREED**.

Members were asked to note that under 15 (c) “15 days” should read “28 days”.

(176.01 Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Collins and **RECOMMENDED** that the Council refuse the application from Buckingham General Charities for a grant.)

**AGREED**

(176.2 Proposed by Cllr. Barnett, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **RECOMMENDED** that the Council refuse the application from Buckingham & Winslow Community Care Forum)

Subject to the alteration of the proposer from Cllr. Stuchbury to Cllr. Barnett this recommendation was **AGREED**

Cllr. Isham reminded members of Standing Order no 24 (a) requiring all members to stand when speaking unless physically unable to do so.

**2752.4 EVENTS 27.03.06**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

**2752.5 INFORMAL MEETING 13.03.06**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

**2753 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

AVDC REPONSES TO TREE WORKS IN WHARFSIDE PLACE

BCC NATIONAL MARKET TOWNS AWARDS

It was agreed to pass this to the Community Plan Group.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE – CONFIDENTIAL CRIME FIGURE  
SLCC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Mordue, and **AGREED** that the Town Clerk and Cllr. Stevens attend the regional conference and to pay for the travel costs of attending.

AVDC BUILDING AT RISK SURVEY

AVDC NEWS FOR THE PARISHES

MRS ROBINSON THANK YOU TO COUNCILLORS & RECAP ON ISSUES

THAMES VALLEY POLICE – COMMUNITY OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Mordue, and **AGREED** to nominate PC Mark Stanley.

MR T MERRICK INFORMATION ON RETIREMENT

Members were sorry to hear that Mr Merrick would be retiring from the University and requested that a letter thanking him for all his work be sent.

## **2754 REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.**

### 2754.1 Buckingham Community Plan Steering Group

Cllr. Barnett reported on the bid by the Community Plan group for SEEDA funding which they hope will be completed within the next few weeks.

### 2754.2 Buckingham Partnership minutes dated 26.01.06 & 29/03/06

Copies of the minutes of Buckingham Partnership meetings had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members commented on items in the minutes and noted that only 2 of the possible 3 representatives had attended; the representatives were reminded that the Council had appointed deputies to attend in their stead, and to notify the deputies direct if they are required to attend.

### 2754.3 Buckingham Twinning Association Minutes 01.03.06

Copies of the minutes of the Buckingham Twinning Association had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted by Members.

## **2755 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the invoices per attached list be approved.

## **2756 ACCOUNTS FOR RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENT**

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the payments made per the attached list be approved.

## **2757 CREATION OF A CIVIL AWARD FOR M. BERNARD RUSSELL**

Members discussed at length the appointment of an Honorary Freeman as allowed under LGA 1972 s249 but felt that a Freeman of the Town with all rights and an honorary freeman with no rights were confusing.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Mordue, and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council create an award “Friend of Buckingham” to be awarded at the Town Council’s discretion for those who have worked for or with the people of Buckingham, for the town’s improvement; the Award would be a silver salver.

Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **RESOLVED** that Buckingham Town Council awards “Friend of Buckingham” to Monsieur Bernard Russell of Mouvaux for his contribution to the success of the twinning agreement and activities between the two towns.

Members discussed two other “Friend of Buckingham” awards and agreed to discuss this and make any resolution at the Interim meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 with a hope of presenting them at the Annual Statutory Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

### **2758 THE PARAMETERS AND FORMAT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING AS AGREED UNDER MINUTES NO 2698.4 (DEFERRED 20/2/06)**

Members discussed if this meeting was appropriate until all the necessary information had been received.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Lewis, that the meeting is taken off the agenda until circumstances change.

Cllr. Stuchbury, supported by Cllr. P. Strain-Clark, Cllr. Newell and Cllr. Desorgher called for a recorded vote.

J. Barnett	Opposed
H Cadd	Opposed
P Collins	Support
Mrs P. Desorgher	Opposed
D.R. Isham	Opposed
R.C. Lehmann	Support
H. Lewis	Support
H. Mordue	Support
Ms. R.D. Newell	Opposed
Mrs P Stevens	Not voted
P. Strain-Clark	Opposed
R. Stuchbury	Opposed

The item would be placed on the next Full Council agenda.

### **2759 LOCAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BY CHARLES ARNOLD BAKER**

Members **AGREED** to purchase a new copy of Local Council Administration.

### **2760 DONATION TOWARDS THE COST OF HALL RENTAL FOR CHILDREN SHOW**

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **AGREED** to provided a donation up to £50 for the hire of Buckingham Community Centre large hall for the free children’s show on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

**2761 REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT FOR THE COUNCIL TO SUPPORT A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN NELSON STREET.**

Members discussed the letter of request but felt they required further information from the County Council on the feasibility of a crossing before responding to the request.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

**2762 LETTER FROM HOWARD SHARP AND PARTNERS; TO DISCUSS AND AGREE IN PRINCIPAL THE ORDER OF THE WISH LIST IN RESPECT OF THE OPEN SPACE PROVISION.**

Members discussed the unconventionality of the approach by Howard Sharp and Partners, although Members would consider possible expenditure from the s106 agreement they did not feel they were able to respond until after the formal planning application had been received and considered by the Council.

**2763 DETAILS OF THE PRESENTATION MADE TO TOWN COUNCILLORS BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE OLD GAOL**

Cllr. Isham who had not been present at the presentation by the Old Gaol, for which all Members had received an invitation, felt that all Members should receive the information. Those who had been present commented on the forward thinking of the trustees who realise that if they do not take action soon they will be in financial difficulties.

It was agreed to invite the financial director of the trustees to a Finance and Administration meeting to explain their future plans to support the Old Gaol Museum.

Members asked for details of the funding provided to the Old Gaol over the last 10 years.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

**2764 TO DISCUSS CORNWALL'S MEADOW CAR PARK AND THE PROVISION OF MOTHER AND TODDLER SPACES.**

Members discussed the recent debate in the local newspaper on the provision of "Mother and Toddler" parking spaces.

Proposed by Cllr. Stevens, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** to review the current car park layout and discuss any possible amendments with Aylesbury Vale District Council.

**2765 RECEIVE, IF REQUIRED, COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

There were no comments by District or County Councillors present at the meeting.

**2766 TOWN MAYOR'S ITEMS**

There were no Town Mayor's Announcements.

*The following item was heard under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960 which excludes members of the Public due to the confidential and financial nature of the business to be discussed.*

**2767 THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

To receive for approval the confidential minutes of Buckingham Town Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

**2768 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

To receive the following minutes/notes and adopt any recommendation contained therein  
Environment & Property                      dated 06.03.06

**2769 COVER IN THE OFFICE DURING HOLIDAY PERIOD AND THE TREATMENT OF OUTSTANDING HOLIDAY AND TIME IN LIEU**

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN ..... DATE .....