

MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3RD JULY 2006 AT 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT</u>	Councillor	H. Cadd	
		P. Collins	(Mayor)
		Mrs. P. Desorgher	
		H. Mordue	
		R. Newell	
		P. Strain-Clark	
		R. Stuchbury	(Chairman)

For the Town Clerk Mrs. K. McElligott

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors D. Isham, R. Lehmann, Ms. H. Saul and Mrs. P. Stevens.

2006/256 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Cllr. Newell, seconded by Cllr. Strain-Clark, and **AGREED** unanimously that Cllr Stuchbury be Chairman of the Committee.

2006/257 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Cllr. Strain-Clark, seconded by Cllr. Desorgher, and **AGREED** unanimously that Cllr Newell be Vice Chairman of the Committee.

2006/258 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

2006/259 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members accepted the minutes of the last meeting held on 15th May 2006, which were ratified at the Council meeting held on 30th May 2006.

259.1 (238.6) Sunday Trading.

Cllr. Desorgher reported that, according to that day's paper, the Government had decided against longer Sunday trading hours. Details would be copied to Members when available.

ACTION THE CLERK

259.2 (249) Bonfire Collection

In answer to a question the Mayor indicated that last year's collection had been between £800 and £900.

2006/260 ACTION REPORTS AND UPDATES

260.1 (238.3) Barriers

The barriers had been ordered.

260.2 (238.5) Welcome to Buckingham signs

The three signs on the original order had been installed, and the remaining four would be installed shortly.

The old signs were to be returned to the Town Council when all the new were in place: Members discussed briefly what use they could be put to, suggesting one could be taken to Mouvaux on next year's Civic Visit. The matter would be more fully discussed next meeting.

ACTION – AUGUST AGENDA

260.3 (239) Town Centre Signage

Cllr. Newell circulated the manufacturer's brochure with her suggested style of fingerpost. It had been suggested that the signs for the Community Plan's Riverside Walk project should match the town centre design.

Proposed by Cllr. Cadd, seconded by Cllr. Desorgher, and **AGREED** that the Town Council proceed with the signage; should the Community Plan receive funding for their project, their signs could be matched to the Council's.

Members **AGREED** that a dark green finish with white lettering would tie in with existing street furniture and be more legible than gold lettering. The design with an icon of a man walking was felt appropriate, as indicating that the destination was within walking distance.

Councillors Stuchbury, Newell, Cadd and Desorgher would meet and discuss the siting of and information on the signs. The Clerk would circulate the design and costs.

ACTION CLLRS. STUCHBURY/NEWELL/CADD/DESORGHER

Cllr. Cadd reported that the wooden fingerpost by Bourton Road Car Park in the park needed re-setting as it was leaning over.

ACTION E & P COMMITTEE

260.4 (243) Co-option of Traders' Association representative

The Committee Clerk reported that the Traders' Association would be in a position to respond later in the week.

AUGUST AGENDA

260.5 (247) Cinema Sponsorship sign

The Clerk had experienced some difficulty over the details of size, type and wording of the sign; these matters would be resolved when the cinema re-opened at the end of July.

Proposed by Cllr. Cadd, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **AGREED** that sufficient funds be vired from the balance in 4208 to pay for the plaque; the Clerk and Chairman to liaise over the wording.

ACTION THE CHAIRMAN/COMMITTEE CLERK

260.6 (251) June Newsletter

Cllr. Mordue reported that production was in hand.

2006/261 (240) BUCKINGHAM FESTIVAL FORTNIGHT

A leaflet listing the events had been enclosed with *Buckingham & Winslow Advertiser* of 30th June 2006.

Cllr. Strain-Clark noted that fees for the tables at the Craft Fair organised for the 23rd July would be payable to the Town Council, and finances would be analysed in collaboration with AVDC officers after the event.

The 'Empty Rooms' production on the 23rd July had been advertised as £8.00/ticket including food; £2.50 of this would be paid to the Community Centre, who would be advised of ticket sales the week previous, and they would keep any profit.

Members noted the extension of the 'area' to Tingewick, and hoped that other villages might join in next year. With sufficient notice, Buckingham pubs could also organise a beer festival.

Members were reminded that a list had been circulated for coverage of the park event on the 23rd July, and were urged to respond to the office with the hours that they could be available.

2006/262 (242) BUCKINGHAM IN BLOOM

262.1 Resident's and school's competition

Members were informed that very few entries had been received – 3 individual, 1 group and 3 school. The judges this year would be Cllr. Newell, Cllr. Cadd and Cllr. Collins with Mr. Mark Pendred from the *Advertiser*. The Clerk would do up a marking sheet for each judge and correlate the ratings; judges could view the residential properties individually, but an appointment was necessary for a school visit.

The poor take-up and future plans would be discussed at the next meeting.

262.2 Business Section of the competition

Cllr. Lehmann had taken photographs for the business competition, although he reported a very poor show in the town. The Clerk would circulate a marking sheet as above.

ACTION THE CLERK & JUDGING PANEL

2006/263 (238.4) THAMES AND CHILTERN IN BLOOM COMPETITION

A volunteer was sought to accompany the judges round the town on Thursday 27th July 2006 at 10.30am. No Members present were able to attend, and Cllr. Isham would be approached in case he was available.

2006/264 MARKET REPORTS

Cllr. Stevens and Cllr. Lehmann had sent written reports for the meeting.

264.1 Street Market

Cllr. Stevens reported that there were problems again with the Police not removing vehicles parked in the market area on market days, inconveniencing the traders. She asked that a letter be sent to the Police Inspector and the landlord of the Whale outlining their respective responsibility in the matter. She also reminded the Committee of the rule regarding there being no more than two of a particular trader in the market.

Members discussed the matter, and decided that a minuted meeting should be held with the Inspector; Cllr Cadd to attend, and the Chairman if possible. It was also felt that the number of signs was inadequate.

Cllr. Mordue left the meeting

Though Members realised that the rule regarding two traders only of a particular type was designed to safeguard the traders, they felt it should be discussed and reiterated. Cllr. Stevens would be asked to produce the original documentation.

ACTION CLLR. STEVENS

264.1.1 (246) To review the recruitment of new traders via Aylesbury market

Cllr. Lehmann reported that he had been twice to Aylesbury to cover different markets and had been well received; he had spoken in total to about 10 traders, and given out 35 leaflets - some had said they would think about it; others had said they wouldn't compete with traders who they knew were already in Buckingham. They were generally dissatisfied with Aylesbury market – it was expensive and there was less trade (possibly due to raised parking charges for their customers). Aylesbury traders took away their own rubbish which they thought no real problem, and if they needed AVDC to take anything they paid.

264.1.2 (246) To consider the wording of the advertisement to be placed if required

Members agreed to place an advertisement.

Market Trade News – a free sheet handed out to traders at local markets – had provided mock-up quarter-page advertisements in colour and monochrome. Councillors decided on the monochrome ad as supplied but without the shadow-effect town swan, one insertion only, and to consider the results before placing further advertisements.

264.2 Flea Market

Cllr. Stevens reported that there was something of a decline happening at the moment, not specifically of our traders but of the numbers of the public. Since the opening of a flea market at Finmere on a Saturday some 8 weeks ago, all the traders had noticed a distinct drop in their takings. This may not last but it was a situation we should be aware of. She suggested a press release encouraging people to support their local markets would help.

264.3 French Market

Members regretted that the bread-baking van had not attended, especially as the town bakery was not open, being a Sunday. Many people attending the Music Festival would have been pleased to purchase bread, sausage and cheese for a picnic lunch. The organiser would be contacted to see if the baker would be at the November market. Otherwise Members felt the market had gone well, especially in conjunction with the Music Festival.

264.4 National Association of British Markets conference

No Member wished to attend the conference in Glasgow, 10th – 12th September 2006.

264.5 Market Entertainment

Bandjam, Sunday 27th August: providing there were no problems reported in relation to this event, the Chairman asked Members to consider whether it should become part of the annual programme organised by the Committee, and if there was a good turnout whether it should be moved from the Gaol layby & paved area to the Bullring.

OCTOBER AGENDA

2006/265 RIVER RINSE

Members discussed recent problems experienced with jetsam found in the river – beer barrels, garden furniture, and the like. It was felt that this was best dealt with by the Partnership and a request would be made for the subject to be put on the next Partnership agenda.

ACTION THE CLERK

Anglian Water were also reported to have funding available to train Rivercare groups of local volunteers.

Proposed by Cllr. Newell, seconded by Cllr. Desorgher, and **AGREED** that the section of river to be cleared on September 17th would be from the blue-green bridge towards the skateboard park bridge; the skip to be placed between the skate park and the playground, with AVDC's permission. The Clerk to obtain a price for the skip and permission from Leisure Services.

ACTION THE CLERK

Cllr. Newell left the meeting

2006/266 (245) CHARTER FAIR – REFUSE CLEARANCE

Members had been circulated with quotations from the current contractor for refuse clearance after the 2006 Charter Fairs; two figures were given, one assuming the market clearance contract was continuing, one – larger – if not.

It was decided that it was too late this year to seek alternative quotations; neither could the Fair contractor be asked for the additional amount as this was due to the Council deciding to discontinue the market clearance part of the refuse contract. The increased cost would be advised to the Nicholls and re-negotiated at the time of renewal of the Fair contract.

Members asked the Town Clerk to provide a clear list of the requirements of the Fair refuse clearance for the next meeting, to provide the basis of discussion on the quotation specification for 2007.

ACTION THE TOWN CLERK/AUGUST AGENDA

Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Cadd, and **RECOMMENDED** that the additional cost of refuse clearance after the 2006 Charter Fairs be paid from the contingency budget.

2006/267 BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

Cllr. Mordue had indicated before leaving the meeting that there was nothing to report on this event at present. The date for the Fireworks Display is November 4th.

2006/268 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Members had been circulated with quotations for the existing lights, and for possible extension with pealights in the High Street trees, stalactite lights along the fascias in Market Hill North, or eaves-level stalactites on the Lloyds side of Market Square.

Members were also informed that no response had been received from AVDC on the provision of a Christmas tree, and thus the budget might have to cover this as well as pay the band for the switching-on ceremony.

Members felt that no decision could be made until the available budget was known, and asked for individual installation/removal costs for the three new proposals. The Committee agreed that Cllr. Stuchbury, Cllr. Collins and the Clerk could make a decision based on the individual costs when available.

ACTION THE COMMITTEE CLERK/CLLRS. STUCHBURY & COLLINS & TOWN CLERK

2006/269 (250) SUGGESTIONS FOR PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED FROM THE YOUTH BUDGET

This was deferred to the next meeting.

AUGUST AGENDA

2006/270 (241) REVIEW OF THE SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

Members felt this had gone well, and there were no matters arising to discuss.

2006/271 (248) REVIEW ANY FURTHER MATTERS RE ENVIRONMENT MONTH

The Clerk reported that 25 pairs of spectacles had been collected during May, and pairs were still be brought in from time to time. These had been taken to Dollond and Aitchison for use in the third world.

Members decided to discuss the future of Environment month at another meeting in light of AVDC reorganising their SAVE campaign without a specific May month-long initiative.

2006/272 PRESS RELEASES

1. The 'Welcome to Buckingham' signs when the remainder have been installed.
2. Rubbish in the river, in conjunction with AVDC.

ACTION THE CHAIRMAN

2006/273 COMMITTEE BUDGET

No further items were discussed.

2006/274 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

(244.1) Pancake Race

A response had been received from Rotaract indicating that they felt the lack of support and funds raised in 2006 compared with 2005 was due to the change of venue from Market Square to High Street.

It was recommended that they apply to BCC for their own Traffic Order, as Rotaract is a charity, for Market Square. The Town Council's Order covers the High Street for the appropriate date, should the County Council not approve Rotaract's application.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

CHAIRMAN DATE