

**MINUTES OF THE INTERIM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2007 at 7.10pm after the Public Session.**

PRESENT: Councillors T. Bloomfield
P. Collins
Mrs P. Desorgher
P. Hirons
D.R. Isham
G.P. Loftus
A. Mahi
H. Mordue (Mayor)
Ms. R.D. Newell
M. Smith
Mrs. P. Stevens
R. Stuchbury
M. Try
W. Whyte

Town Clerk Mrs P. J. Heath

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors H. Cadd and Mrs. G. Collins.

3023 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

3024 VARIATION OF LICENCE

The Grand Junction Hotel was seeking to vary the hours of opening and other aspects of their licence. Details had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr. Collins summarised the last major Variation hearing, which he had attended, and handed the Clerk the report prepared for this hearing for the files.

Members discussed the proposals at some length, noting that the conditions in section P, which were the only ones to be retained, were not currently adhered to by the management or enforced by the Authority. It was felt that extending the hours for one public house would lead to other premises lodging similar applications. Concerns were also expressed that the nature of the late night refreshment was not described: if this were to be meals rather than snacks 'eating-up time' would have to be allowed for, even if no further drinks could be served, and the closing time and concomitant noise and disturbance for residents advanced into the following morning.

On the matter of recorded music outside the premises, Members felt that enforcement of the condition that the music not be audible outside the garden would be untenable.

Christmas Eve should be treated differently to New Year's Eve; whereas extended hours for the latter might be acceptable, Members felt that the former did not merit exceptional treatment, and would have liked to see extensions for each date applied for separately.

No objections were raised to the proposed indoor sporting events.

Proposed by Cllr. Loftus, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, that this Council oppose the variations in hours of opening and performance of music, except for New Year's Eve, and ask for further details of the serving of food;

An amendment proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Isham, that this Council oppose the entire application and ask for individual extension applications for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve was carried unanimously.

Members felt that adherence to the existing conditions should be demonstrated by the management before any variation could be contemplated.

3025 TOWN MAYOR'S ITEMS

3025.1 Long term plans for the Fire Service in Buckingham

Members felt this should be placed on the agenda for Full Council.

3025.2 Squash Courts at the Swan Pool

Members had been approached individually about the proposal to redevelop the Squash Courts as a dance studio; the matter would be considered by the Cabinet at AVDC in January.

It was pointed out that the adjacent Buckingham School had a dance studio in its new building.

The matter would be placed on the Full Council agenda.

3025.3 Mayor's Charity concert

The Mayor appealed for Councillors to help on the door, selling drinks and raffle tickets at the Church on 10th November.

3025.4 Remembrance Sunday

Members were requested to be at the Chamber for 10.15am on Sunday 11th November. The details of the Parade were outlined for new Members.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

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