

**MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT  
BUCKINGHAM COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 7th January 2008 AT 7 PM.**

<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	Councillors	T. Bloomfield H. Cadd Mrs. G. Collins P. Collins Mrs. P. Desorgher P. Hirons D. Isham A. Mahi H. Mordue (Mayor) Ms. R. Newell M. Smith R. Stuchbury
	Town Clerk	Ms. P. J. Heath

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. G. Loftus, H. Lewis, Mrs. P. Stevens, M. Try, and W. Whyte.

**3045 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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

**3046 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED**: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3032 – It was noted that the correct name was Buckingham and Maids Moreton Neighbourhood Action Group.

3037 The Clerk confirmed that there had been no response from Buckinghamshire PCT despite several chasing phone calls.

**3047 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members were informed of the following items

**NEWSLETTERS/BROCHURES**

THE FOLLOWING BROCHURES AND NEWSLETTERS ARE IN THE OFFICE

OPTIONS –DEC 07

BCA – IN FOCUS – WINTER 2007

NALC – LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW – JANUARY 2008

BALC – MATTERS ARISING – WINTER 2007

**DIS Issues NUMBER 671, 672**

**DIARY DATES – DETAILS ALREADY CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS**

18TH FEBRUARY 2008 AV TRANSPORT SYMPOSIUM

## **3048 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **3048.1 PLANNING – 03.12.07 & 18.12.07**

Cllr. Mordue presented the minutes in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.

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

*5125.4 Proposed by Cllr. Cadd, seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield, and **RECOMMENDED** that if the Council was minded to appoint Tree Wardens, the Council should arrange training so that they could carry out their duties efficiently.*

**AGREED**

*5134.1 Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Stevens and **RECOMMENDED** that the Mayor and the Chairman of Planning be joint facilitators of the meetings to be held to work out the Buckingham Plan and that either could chair a meeting.*

**AGREED**

### **3048.2 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY – 10.12.07**

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

### **3048.3 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – 17.12.07**

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

*364 Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **RECOMMENDED** by 11 votes to 0 that funds for the Buckingham Dojo of £1000 be made available from the Youth Project 4094/301*

**AGREED**

364. Members **AGREED** the grant recommendations as per the minutes.

362.1 Members discussed whether the Councillors allowance could be paid gross direct to a charity on behalf of the Councillor; payment must be made to the individual Councillor and not direct to a Charity.

### **3048.4 EVENTS – 18.12.07**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed following the adjustment to Minute N<sup>o</sup>. 491.2 to read *...It was also reported to the Committee that the wrong prizes had been given out by Mrs. Heywood, and the walkers affected were disappointed....*

*501 Proposed by Cllr. Hiron, seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield and **RECOMMENDED** that £1000 be paid to the Dojo from 4094 (Youth Budget)*

**AGREED**

*Proposed by Cllr. Hiron, seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield and **RECOMMENDED** that £250 be paid to the Holiday Club from 4094 (Youth Budget)*

**AGREED**

### **3049 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

AVDC News for the Parishes  
TV Police Crime Figures  
BCC Local Committee Delegated Budget Schemes

Members felt that the budget could be used to provide speed indicator signs within Buckingham.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

BCC Buckingham Local Area Forum 25.10.07 Rec'd

Members discussed the confusion of the re-titled cluster meeting and felt it would be better retained under its original title.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

Mrs. Stuchbury re Carrier bags and Health Service in Buckingham

Members discussed Mrs Stuchbury's letter and asked that assurances be sought from the Buckinghamshire PCT that physiotherapy was still available from Buckingham Hospital with a copy of the letter to each of the doctors' surgeries in Buckingham.

### **3050 REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

#### 3050.1 Buckingham Partnership minutes 15.11.07

Members were informed that there appeared to be problems with the Buckingham Athletics' planning application. It was requested that the Town Council representatives on the Partnership ask for a full report at the Buckingham Partnership meeting; the Clerk to contact Mr Grant, AVDC's Chief Executive, prior to the Partnership meeting.

**ACTION THE TOWN CLERK**

#### 3050.2 Buckingham Twinning Association minutes 21.11.07 & 05.12.07

Copies of the minutes had been circulated to Members who noted their contents including the dates of the Civic Visit 3rd – 6th April 2008.

#### 3050.3 Buckingham & Maids Moreton Neighbourhood Action Group minutes 26.09.07 & 31.10.07

Copies of the minutes had been circulated to Members who noted their contents.

#### 3050.4 BCWP Steering Group minutes 04.10.07 & 30.11.07

Copy of the minutes had been circulated to all Members who noted their contents.

#### 3050.5 Buckingham Economic Group Minutes 08.11.07

Copy of the minutes had been circulated to all Members who noted their contents. Members were informed that the signage at Buckingham Business Park was being discussed but sponsorship for the initial letters of contact with all the businesses was required. The Town Council representatives, Cllrs. Cadd & Isham, on the Buckingham Economic Group were requested to provide full details to the Events Committee for discussion on possible funding assistance. Cllr Cadd, as a District Councillor, offered to assist from his Community Leaders fund.

**ACTION CLLR. CADD & CLLR. ISHAM**

### **3051 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

Members were informed that the invoice to Gates Builders was in dispute pending confirmation of acceptance of the work done.

### **3052 ACCOUNTS FOR RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENT**

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

### **3053 TO DISCUSS HOW AND IF A RESPONSE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT CONSULTATION ON "OPTIONS FOR STRENGTHENING BUS PASSENGERS REPRESENTATION".**

Following a discussion Members **AGREED** that Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group were best placed to make an informed response on the consultation on behalf of the people of Buckingham and the Town Council. It was noted that individual Councillors could respond in their own right.

**ACTION THE TOWN CLERK**

### **3054 TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF THE PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING FLOODING AND FLOOD DEFENCE ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2007**

Members were given details of the Public Flood meeting and surgery organised for 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

The surgery would run from 5pm to 7pm with the 5 main partners giving the opportunity for the public to ask specific questions of individual organisations. Buckingham Town Councillors were asked to be present.

The Public Meeting chaired by the Mayor would run from 7.30 to 9.30 with each partner explaining their roles and responsibilities during the event and in future planning. The Environment Agency has also been requested to bring information on the current situation in respect of the alleviation scheme.

Over 15 companies have said they will supply leaflets and samples of products to assist homeowners to protect their homes; these will be displayed at the back of the hall on the night.

The Town Clerk, along with AVDC and BCC, is organising refreshments for the evening.

### **3055 TO RECEIVE RESPONSE TO MINUTE N<sup>O</sup>. 3035 FROM BUCKS. & M.K. FIRE SERVICE**

A copy of the response from Bucks and Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue had been circulated with the agenda; Members accepted the response. Members **AGREED** to take up the offer for a representative to attend a Town Council meeting; the Town Clerk to write and offer the Interim Council meetings in February and March.

**ACTION THE TOWN CLERK**

**3056 TO RECEIVE VERBAL RESPONSE FROM CLLR. THOMPSON REF MINUTE N<sup>O</sup>.  
3029**

The Clerk reported to Members on the phone call with Cllr. Thompson who asked to be excused making a written response on the grounds of ill health. The feasibility study on the whole Swan Pool, Aqua Pool and squash courts was due to be received in January 2008; a full business study had been requested. The feasibility study would then go before the Cabinet for discussion and decision. Members felt that representatives from the Council should attend the Cabinet Meeting and asked that permission be sought from the Chairman of the Cabinet for them to address the Cabinet. The Town Clerk was requested to obtain a copy of the feasibility study prior to the Cabinet meeting.

**ACTION THE TOWN CLERK**

It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Stuchbury and Cllr. Mordue would attend to represent the Town Council.

**3057 TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF CONFERENCE 2008 FOR CLERKS AND  
COUNCILLORS AND AGREE PAYMENT FOR ANY COUNCILLOR/STAFF  
WISHING TO ATTEND.**

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would pay for Cllr. Whyte, the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk to attend the SLCC/NALC Bucks Conference on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at £20 per person plus travel expenses.

**3058 TO DISCUSS HOW AND IF A RESPONSE SHOULD BE MADE TO AVDC –  
LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT – CONSULTATION ON PRIORITIES FOR  
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**

Members discussed at length the format of the response.

Proposed by Cllr. Cadd, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **RESOLVED** that this Council delegates Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Mordue and Cllr. Stuchbury to make a response on behalf of Buckingham Town Council; it was noted that Councillors could make their personal comments to the designated councillors.

**ACTION CLLRS SMITH, MORDUE, STUCHBURY**

**3059 RECEIVE, IF REQUIRED, COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY  
COUNCILLORS**

*Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Mordue, and **AGREED** to suspend standing orders to allow Cllr. Polhill, Buckingham North County Councillor, to address the Council.*

Cllr. Polhill confirmed that County Councillors had been informed that they could not have their allowances paid direct to a Charity.

The AV Local Committee meeting would be on 17/1/08 but that the County Councillors' cluster meeting (re-labelled Buckingham Local Forum) would be on 22/1/08.

Cllr. Polhill informed Members that he had received a petition from a resident requesting a pedestrian crossing in Nelson Street.

*Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury seconded by Cllr. Mordue and **AGREED** to reinstate standing orders.*

**3060 TOWN MAYOR'S ITEMS**

There were no Town Mayor's announcements.

*The following items were 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.*

**3061 MINUTES OF BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**3062 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL EXTENSION PROJECT**

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

**CHAIRMAN..... DATE.....**