

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD IN BUCKINGHAM
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH 2008 AT 7.30 PM.**

PRESENT

Chairman	Councillor H Mordue – Chairman of Buckingham Town Council
Town Clerk	Ms. P. J. Heath
Parishioners	44

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. T Bloomfield, R. Stuchbury, and Mrs G. Collins.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting held on 27th March 2007 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman as such.

2. REPORT BY THE MAYOR OF BUCKINGHAM

The Mayor , Cllr Mordue, welcomed everyone to the Annual Town Meeting for the residents of Buckingham. The Council included 6 new elected councillors and 1 new co opted councillor following the elections in May 2007. During the year the staff also changed with new appointments of Mr Roy Calder as a Full time caretaker, Mr Wayne Jackson as a part time caretaker and Miss Lynne Fahey as the Deputy Town Clerk .The Work of the council during the year included overseeing the opening of the Circular Walk and the formation of the Economic Group; the furthering of the development of the Town Council Offices, a Community Room and Public Toilets in Cornwall's Meadow Car Park; signing of a new lease with Chandos Park Bowls Club. The Mayor thanked the Councillors and Staff for their support and called on the standing Committee XChairman to present a report on the work of their committee.

Cllr P Collins – Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee

Cllr Collins explained about the role of the Committee to oversee and scrutinise the finances of the Council. This year saw a big expenditure increase with the appointment of new staff to manage the work of the Council and to fund the expansion of the council premises to include the Public toilets and community meeting room.

Cllr Isham – Chairman of the Environment & Property committee

Cllr Isham explained about the role of the Committee to manage the green spaces owned by the Council on behalf of the Town, also the cemetery and burial responsibility and to mange the buildings owned by the Council. The Committee works in partnership with many organisations including: - BTCV with the Friends of Railway Walk, Friends of Holloway Spinney and Maids Moreton Avenue; Friends of Brackley Road Cemetery who act as the eyes and ears of the Council in the Cemetery; AVDC and BCC officers with the Town Audit and Devolved Services.

Cllr Stevens – Chairman of Planning

Cllr Stevens explained about the role of the Committee as a statutory consultee on planning applications and responding on behalf of the Town council and the residents of Buckingham on consultations

3 A REPORT FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON 30TH JANUARY 2008 ON FLOODING IN BUCKINGHAM

4 PRESENTATION FROM A REPRESENTATIVES ON THEIR WORK IN 2007/2008

Buckinghamshire County Council
Aylesbury Vale District Council
Thames Valley Police

5 PRESENTATION FROM THE BUCKINGHAM PARTNERSHIP ON THEIR WORK IN 2007/2008 PLUS REPORTS FROM:-

Buckingham Business Club
Buckingham Economic Group

6 PRESENTATION OF THE 'FRIEND OF BUCKINGHAM' AWARDS

7 TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY RECIPIENTS OF 2007/2008 GRANTS OVER £1000

8 QUESTIONS FROM THE RESIDENTS OF BUCKINGHAM

9 MAYORS POINTS FOR INFORMATION

There being no more questions or comments the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

Chairman of Buckingham Town Council Date