

**MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
BUCKINGHAM COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 2ND JUNE 2008 AT 7 PM.**

PRESENT

Councillors

T. Bloomfield
Mrs G. Collins
P. Collins
Mrs. P. Desorgher
P. Hirons
D. Isham
R. Lehmann
G. Loftus
A. Mahi
H. Mordue (Mayor)
Ms. R. Newell
M. Smith
Mrs. P. Stevens
R. Stuchbury
M. Try
Ms. P. J. Heath

Town Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors H Cadd, and W. Whyte.

3118 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

3119 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED**: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2008, the Annual Statutory Meeting held on 12th May 2008, and the Interim meeting of 12th May 2008, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3120 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3120.1 Members were informed of the following items

THE FOLLOWING BROCHURES AND NEWSLETTERS ARE IN THE OFFICE
OPTIONS – MAY 08
BCC – HISTORIC TOWNS PROJECT – MARCH 2008
COUNTRYSIDE & COMMUNITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE 2008 BRIEFING
BUCKINGHAM SOCIETY NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2008
BCC TRAVEL CHOICE TEAM

NALC – LCR MAY 2008 – PAGES PHOTOCOPIED FOR INFORMATION

- P.8 FLOOD DAMAGE: PREVENTION IS MUCH BETTER THAN THE CURE

Members noted the comments made in the report and were pleased it supported the need for regular maintenance such as that carried out by the Environment Agency and the Internal Drainage Board recently in Buckingham.

- P.10 THE POLICE AND COMMUNITIES : DELIVERING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER
- P.12 THE EMPOWERMENT WHITE PAPER: A VOICE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES?
- P.18 INSTITUTE OF LOCAL COUNCIL MANAGEMENT: MANAGEMENT MATTERS
- PP.22, 23 COMMUNITIES HAVE SAY OVER FUNDS
- P.26 CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS BY SHOUTING IT FROM THE ROOFTOPS

3120.2 DIS ISSUES NUMBER 681,682,683

3120.3 DIARY DATES – DETAILS ALREADY CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS

3RD JUNE – BUCKS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

It was AGREED that Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Hirons should attend on behalf of the Council and travel allowance should be paid.

15TH JUNE – AVDC CIVIC SERVICE

3121 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

3121.1 PLANNING – 21.04.08 & 12.05.08

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

3121.2 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY – 28.04.08

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

3121.3 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - 19.05.08

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

*(395.3 Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **RECOMMENDED** by 10 votes to 0 that the Council transfers £1000 from the contingency budget (4500/132) to Councillors Travel (4028/101).*

AGREED by 12 votes to 0

3121.4 EVENTS – 06.05.08

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

3121.5 PREMISES COMMITTEE – 28.04.08 & 19.05.08

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

3122 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

- 3122.1 AVDC News for the Parishes
- 3122.2 Thames Valley Police – Monthly crime figures
- 3122.3 BCC Public Right of Way – launch of new plans

3123 REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

3123.1 Buckingham Partnership minutes 06.03.08

Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting; Members noted their contents. Members had asked that the Partnership update the Town Council on the land to the rear of Market Hill and any potential development; this would be useful for the Buckingham Plan.

3123.2 Buckingham Twinning Association notes 08.05.08

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

3123.3 Buckingham Community Wildlife Project minutes – 29.04.08

Cllr. Newell reported on the work to move the fence at Maids Moreton Avenue by the Buckingham First School in order to widen the access at that point of the walk; AVDC tree officer had applied for WREN funding for the project which is in conjunction with BTCV.

3123.4 Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils – notes by Cllr Whyte

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

3123.5 AV Local Strategic Partnership – notes by Cllr Whyte, Smith, Hiron

It was noted that the notes relate to 2 different partnerships: Local Strategic Partnership by Cllr. Whyte and the Local Area Agreement by Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Hiron.

Copies of the notes had been circulated prior to the meeting; Members noted their contents.

3123.6 Buckingham Economic Group – draft minutes 21.05.08

Copies of the draft notes had been circulated prior to the meeting; Members noted their contents and commented on the changing, even if slowly, attitude towards North Bucks. businesses.

3124 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

A motion to present these accounts to the Finance and Administration Committee was withdrawn.

3125 ACCOUNTS FOR RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENT

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

3126 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

A.V. Association of Local Councils	Cllr. Isham, Cllr. Whyte
A.V. Local Committees [it was noted that any Councillor could attend]	Cllr. Isham
A.V. North Sports Council	Cllr. Isham
Buckingham Arts Steering Group	Cllr. Cadd
Buckingham Community Centre	Cllr. Desorgher
Buckingham Community Wildlife Project	Cllr. Newell, Cllr. Bloomfield, Cllr. Isham
Buckingham General Charities	The Mayor Cllr. Isham, Cllr. Newell, Cllr. Desorgher
Buckingham Partnership	The Mayor Cllr. Stevens, Cllr. Stuchbury, Cllr. Whyte
Buckingham Partnership Deputies	Cllr. P. Collins, Cllr. Newell, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Hiron
Buckingham Youth Centre	Cllr. Desorgher, Cllr. Stuchbury
Bucks Association of Local Councils	The Mayor Deputy – Cllr. Whyte
Citizens Advice Bureau	The Mayor
Licensing Forum	Cllr. Isham, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Whyte
Neighbourhood Action Group	Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Bloomfield
Buckingham Economic Group	Cllr. Cadd, Cllr. P. Collins, Cllr. Isham, Cllr. Whyte
Public Transport Consultative	Cllr. Stuchbury Deputy Cllr. Whyte

Tree Wardens Cllr. Newell, Cllr. Stuchbury,
Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr. Isham,
Cllr. Cadd, Cllr. Hirons

[It was noted that the tree wardens were outside representatives whereas the tree group was a sub-committee of Planning.]

Twinning Association The Mayor
Cllr. G. Collins, Cllr. Hirons

Local Area Forum Cllr. Whyte, Cllr. Smith

North Bucks. Parishes Planning Consortium Cllr. Hirons

Buckingham & Gawcott Charitable Trust
3 members plus the Mayor are required for a 2 year term of office starting on 1st August 2008.

The following Councillors expressed an interest: Cllr. Stuchbury, Cllr. Newell, Cllr. Isham, Cllr. Lehmann, Cllr. Whyte. It was **AGREED** that a secret ballot be held to decide the 3 members who would join the Mayor as the Town Council representatives; after 2 rounds of voting Cllr. Stuchbury, Cllr. Newell, and Cllr. Lehmann were appointed.

Cllr. Stevens had taken the minutes whilst the Town Clerk had conducted the ballot.

Members were reminded that it was the representatives' responsibility to inform their deputies when they could not attend a meeting, and to pass on any relevant papers.

3127 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ON THE 31ST MARCH 2008 YEAR-END ACCOUNTS

This was deferred to the next meeting as the Chairman had not been able to discuss the accounts with the Town Clerk.

ACTION CLLR P. COLLINS

3128 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE CHANGES TO THE STANDING ORDERS AS ISSUED FOR 14.04.08 MEETING [MINUTE NO 3105]

This was deferred pending a side by side version being circulated to all Members.

ACTION THE TOWN CLERK

3129 TO RECEIVE RESPONSE TO LETTERS SENT TO BUCKS. COUNTY COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF MINUTE NO 3101

Members noted the response from Bucks. County Council officers in respect of the publicity of the one way system and the restriction on heavy goods vehicles.

3130 TO RECEIVE THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES) REGULATIONS 2007

Members were informed by the Town Clerk of the background to the order which is an addition to the order made in 2002.

3131 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE DONATION TO COVER THE COST OF HALL HIRE FOR FREE CHILDREN'S SHOW IN BUCKINGHAM.

Cllr. Isham declared a personal interest and Cllr. Bloomfield declared a pecuniary interest as an employee.

Proposed by Cllr. Stevens, seconded by Cllr. Desorgher, and **AGREED** to pay £30 towards the hire of the hall at the Community Centre for the Children's Show.

3132 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ATTENDANCE AT THE LOCAL COUNCIL ADVISORY SERVICE ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SEMINAR

It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Mordue would attend on behalf of the Town Council.

3133 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE SLCC CONFERENCE AT BINFIELD ON 15.04.08

Members noted the report and thanked Cllr. Smith and the Deputy Town Clerk for attending.

3134 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE LARGER LOCAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE 24TH/25TH APRIL 2008

It was **AGREED** to place this on the next Council Meeting agenda to discuss the Town Clerk's comments.

3135 TO RECEIVE A MOTION BY CLLR. MORDUE IN RESPECT OF THE FREEDOM OF THE TOWN TO THE 7TH RIFLES

Motion by Cllr. Mordue

In recognition of the contribution made to the town of Buckingham by the Territorial Army, Buckingham Town Council confers the Freedom of Buckingham on the 7th Rifles.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Hirons and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would convey the Freedom of the Town on the 7th Rifles.

The Town Clerk would obtain costs for the scroll and presentation box for the Finance and Administration Meeting.

ACTION THE TOWN CLERK

3136 RECEIVE, IF REQUIRED, COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

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

3137 TOWN MAYOR'S ITEMS

3137 Councillors' Social

The Mayor would circulate details of the two breweries being considered for the autumn social event. The summer social event of the barbecue at the Mayor's house will be held on 17th August 2008.

The following items were heard under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 which excludes Members of the Public due to the confidential and financial nature of the business to be discussed:

3138 RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES/NOTES AND ADOPT ANY RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED THEREIN

- 3138.1 Town Council meeting held on 14.04.08
- 3138.2 Interim Town Council meeting held on 25.03.08 (revised)

3139 TO DISCUSS THE EXTENSION PROJECT INCLUDING MEETING ROOM AND PUBLIC TOILETS

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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