

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7pm.
on **Monday 19th July 2010** in Room MB1 in the Masons Building, University of
Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. D. Isham
Cllr. R. Lehmann
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. H. Mordue
Cllr. Mrs R. Newell
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. M. Smith (Mayor)
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. M. Try
Cllr. W. Whyte

For the Town Clerk: Mrs. K. McElligott

240/10 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors H. Cadd, P. Collins, G. Loftus and Mrs P. Stevens.

241/10 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Isham declared a personal interest in the next item.

242/10 Buckingham Community Centre

A letter had been received regarding the use by members of the public of the Community Centre toilets, with regard to a notice posted indicating that the toilets were for the use of Centre hirers only.

Members were assured that the notice had been replaced and that the toilets were, as before, available for use when the Centre was open to the public, but not when the Centre was booked for a private function.

A letter would be sent to the complainant.

ACTION THE CLERK

Cllr. Try arrived towards the end of the following discussion

243/10 Youth Services

Information on the tendering for the youth services contract had been circulated with the agenda.

Members expressed concern at the uncertainty caused to the staff by the proposed change, and asked for clarity on the following points:

1. Whether the present staff would be guaranteed employment until the contract was awarded and effective
2. Whether the range of values for each contract lot reflected the current actual costs of running the service; any less would imply a diminution of provision

3. Given that the contract would be county-wide, whether there was any guarantee that services in Buckingham would continue as existing for the duration of the contract
4. Whether the Youth Centre building would remain in BCC ownership and used for Youth Services

ACTION THE CLERK

Cllr. Newell arrived during the following item

244/10 Stratford Fields parking

The consultation document from AVDC regarding the new proposed car park at Stratford Fields had been circulated with the agenda.

Members noted that their suggestion in discussions with Parking Services that the charges for Stratford Fields and Western Avenue be less than those for Cornwalls Meadow had not been implemented, nor was there any indication that safe pedestrian access was to be provided. It was also felt that a full day charge for the half-day available on Saturdays was inequitable. The Council had been informed that vouchers for market traders had been refused: a scratchcard system might be employed, as in Aylesbury.

Members asked that AVDC monitor use of the car park and any increase in on-street parking resulting from the introduction of charges.

ACTION THE CLERK

245/10 CIPFA Statistics

To receive correspondence from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and agree if the Council wishes to supply information as part of this scheme.

Members felt that the work would take more time than the office had available, and also declined to join the steering group.

ACTION THE CLERK

246/10 Chandos Park Naming

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** to agree to name the new facilities in Chandos Park Pam Desorgher Play Area and Ken Liverseidge Multi Use Games Area. The families of each of the late Councillors would be contacted and a suitable weekend date arranged.

ACTION THE CLERK

247/10 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman noted that he and Cllr. Whyte had made representations about the recently issued directory from Community Impact Bucks; they felt that inclusion of the companies listed implied endorsement of those companies; further, it was quite difficult to obtain a listing via the website.

CIB (previously Bucks. Community Action) would be reviewing the publication.

248/10 Dates of next meetings

- Full Council - Monday 9th August 2010
- Interim Council - Monday 6th September 2010

Meeting closed at 7.23 pm

Signed **Date**