

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 27th September 2010** in Room MB1 in the Masons Building, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr. H. Cadd
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. D. Isham
Cllr. R. Lehmann
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. M. Smith Town Mayor
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. M. Try

In attendance: Mr. C. P. Wayman Town Clerk

414/10 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that there were apologies from Cllrs. Bloomfield, Loftus, Mordue, Mrs. Stevens, and Whyte.

Cllr. Lehmann arrived at the meeting.

415/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

416/10 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9th August 2010 (**BTC/06/10**).

417/10 Interim Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 6th September 2010 (**IM/03/10**).

418/10 Planning Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on Monday 16th August (**PL/05/10**) and Monday 6th September 2010 (**PL/06/10**).

419/10 Environment and Property Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd August 2010 (**EP/03/10**).

420/10 Town Centre and Events Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Town Centre & Events Committee meeting held on Tuesday 31st August 2010 (TCE/04/10).

421/10 Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 13th September 2010 (FAP/03/10), subject to the following being included after Minute number 393/10:

Cllrs P&G Collins and Cllr. Try returned to the meeting; Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins resumed the Chair.

422/10 Motions from Cllr. Stuchbury

The Mayor drew attention to written submissions from Cllr. Mordue.

422.1/10

Cllr. Stuchbury proposed:

That this Council cease all work and negotiations on building an extension to the current Town Council Offices and once other accommodation has been found to convert the current offices into town centre toilets.

Cllr. P. Collins seconded the motion. Members discussed the advisability of keeping this option open and whether, given the building's ownership, it would be feasible to turn the existing offices into toilets.

An amendment proposed by Cllr. Try and seconded by Cllr. P. Collins:

That the Council cease all work and negotiations on building an extension to the current Town Council Offices once other accommodation has been found; succeeded by 8 votes to 4 and became the substantive motion which was **AGREED** by 10 votes to 1 with 1 abstention.

422.2/10

Cllr. Stuchbury proposed:

That this Council negotiate with BCC to move the Town Council Offices to the Buckingham Centre and agree to move subject to confirmation of successful negotiations being brought back to the Full Council.

Cllr. Mahi seconded the motion. Members discussed some potential problems associated with moving into the Buckingham Centre, including possible loss of Town Council identity; and pointed out that negotiations had to be favourable otherwise alternative options would have to be sought.

An amendment proposed by Cllr. P. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Try that the following become the substantive motion:

To negotiate with BCC to move the Town Council Offices to the Buckingham Centre was then **AGREED** by 11 votes to 1.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

423/10 Red Cross Day Centre

Members discussed the paper tabled by Cllr. Mordue.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Hirons, and **AGREED** by 11 votes to 0 with 1 abstention, that: *The Council writes to Trevor Boyd to re-iterate the Council's willingness to be consulted on service provision and the use of BCC buildings in Well Street and Verney Close.*

ACTION TOWN CLERK

424/10 Traffic Orders for information

Members noted the information and requested that the Clerk ensure that there is only a waiting restriction on Castle Street, and that work is not taking place which could affect the Remembrance Parade.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

425/10 Chandos Park Bowls Club

Whilst Members were not opposed to issuing a new lease or allowing the proposed extension, it was felt that it should go through the Committee process and be dealt with by the Environment and Property Committee.

426/10 Consultation on Revenue Support Grant Top-slice for Improvement Services to Local Authorities

Having discussed the potential impact on staff and Member training, Members **AGREED** that the Clerk should formulate a response.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

427/10 Youth Services

Members discussed the contents of the letter received. It was noted that BCC staff at the Centre had not been given any further information. It was also noted that the Youth Centre has lost its bursar and is therefore under-resourced to handle bookings, leading to a reduction in income.

Members **AGREED** that a further letter be sent, re-affirming the Council's standpoint and expressing its concern at the developing situation.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

428/10 Royal Latin School

Members **AGREED** to support the initiative to create a nature area at the school.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

429/10 Other Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence

430/10 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members noted the reports.

431/10 Mayoral Engagements

Members noted the information

432/10 Chairman's Announcements

The said that he would shortly be signing the lease for the new storage area.

433/10 Dates of next meetings

Interim Council – Monday 25th October 2010

Full Council – Monday 15th November 2010

434/10 COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

Signed Date

Town Mayor