

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held following the Extraordinary meeting of the Full Council on **Monday 28th March 2011** in Room MB1 in the Masons Building, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
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. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. M. Smith (Mayor)
Cllr. Mrs. P. Stevens
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. M. Try

For the Town Clerk: Mrs. K. McElligott

868/10 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G. Loftus, H. Mordue and W. Whyte.

869/10 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Smith noted that he had already submitted an entry for the Policing Award in his capacity as Chairman of the NAG..

870/10 Suggestion from Cllr. Lehmann

Cllr. Lehmann felt that the Town Council should provide flags of St George to dress the town on national occasions such as St. George's Day, the Royal Wedding, the Olympics and the Grand Prix. This would engender national pride and community spirit and add visual attraction to the town centre, rather as the Christmas lights did. The flags could be placed in the old Christmas tree sockets.

Members discussed whether the St. George's or the Union flag was more appropriate and a suggestion was made that the designs could be alternated along the street. It was pointed out that permission would have to be sought from the buildings' owners or the traders and that the socket mountings would have to be tested as they had not been used for some years. The flags would have to be quite light, and the pole square-section to fit. Two staff would be necessary to check and fit. Cllr. Lehmann volunteered to help.

If the flags were obtained there would have to be a procedure to decide on appropriate occasions. There was no budget, so the costs would have to come from Contingencies.

Members agreed in principle (10 for St George only; 4 for mixed St.George/Union flag); costs would be obtained for a future meeting.

871/10 Community Assets – Consultation (response deadline 3rd May)

Members discussed a response to the Government consultation on Community Right to Buy – Assets of Community Value and agreed that Cllr. Smith, P. Collins and Isham should meet to formulate the answers to the questionnaire.

ACTION CLLRS. SMITH/P.COLLINS/ISHAM

872/10 Community Policing Awards

Members nominated PCSOs Steve Staley and Lawrence Spring, and PC. Richard Davis. Cllr. Stuchbury and O'Donoghue would co-operate to produce citations for the former, and the Mayor for the latter.

ACTION CLLRS. STUCHBURY/O'DONOGHUE/SMITH

873/10 Temporary Event Order – Royal Wedding Street Parties

Members noted the information in the part of the Order relating to Aylesbury Vale.

874/10 Chairman's Announcements

The Mayor thanked all those who had attended his Civic Service the previous Sunday.

875/10 Date of next Meetings:

Annual Statutory Meeting	Monday 9 th May 2011
Full Council	Monday 9 th May 2011
Interim Council	Monday 6 th June 2011

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Signed **Date**