

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 27th June 2011** in the Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham, at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
Cllr. H. Cadd
Cllr. T. Chan (from item 136/11)
Cllr. P. Collins (from item 144/11)
Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. D. Isham
Cllr. R. Lehmann (from item 136/11)
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
Liz Campbell Committee Clerk

- 129/11 Apologies for Absence**
RESOLVED to note that there were apologies from Cllr. Mrs G. Collins, Cllr. Whyte, and Cllr. Mordue, and from Cllr. P. Collins for late arrival.
- 130/11 Declarations of Interest**
Cllr. Cadd declared a prejudicial interest in item 138/11 as a member of the Fire Authority.
- 131/11 Minutes**
RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Annual Statutory Meeting held on 9th May 2011.
(BTC/01/11)
- 132/11 Minutes**
RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2011.
(BTC/02/11)
- 133/11 Minutes**
RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2011.
(BTC/03/11)
- 134/11 Interim Minutes**
RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 6th June 2011.
(IM/01/11)

- 135/11 Planning Committee**
RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on Monday 16th May 2011 (**PL/01/11**) and Monday 6th June 2011 (**PL/02/11**).
Cllr Hirons proposed, and Cllr Stuchbury seconded, the following motion which was **AGREED** unanimously.
This Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that, in view of the seriousness of the matter, the Greatmoor Incinerator should be a Full Council item.
- 136/11 Environment and Property Committee**
RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 31st May 2011. Cllr. Newell proposed, and Cllr. Stuchbury seconded, the following motion, which was **AGREED** unanimously. (**EP/01/11**)
This Committee **RECOMMENDS** to Full Council that the Green Fair is formally adopted by Buckingham Town Council, with a preliminary budget of £100 allocated to it, and that it falls under the remit of the Environment and Property Committee, with a view to precepting for the event next year.

Cllr Lehmann and Cllr Chan entered the meeting
- 137/11 Town Centre and Events Committee**
RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Town Centre & Events Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd May 2011. (**TCE/01/11**)
- 138/11 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 June 2011. (**FAP/01/11**)
- 139/11 Buckinghamshire Fire Authority**
Cllr. Stuchbury outlined the proposals contained in the Fire Authority's Safety Plan, and said that he believed the figures used were flawed, and that the number of call-outs was actually 328 if attendance at incidents outside Buckingham was added in. He also believed that calculations had been made on the basis of the 1971 population of Buckingham (5000), which had now grown to 13,000.
The Safety Plan proposed removing one shift from Buckingham Fire Station, which Cllr. Stuchbury said would lead to a loss of fully trained firefighters covering Buckingham during the day.
Cllr. Stuchbury proposed, and Cllr. Smith seconded, a proposal for the Town Clerk to write to the Fire Authority expressing concern about:
a) The lack of any Integrated Risk Management Assessment
b) The lack of consultation with the local community
c) Discrepancies in the call-out and population figures
d) That Buckingham Town Council was not included as a statutory consultee.
This was **AGREED** unanimously (with the exception of Cllr. Cadd, who had declared a prejudicial interest and did not vote).

- 140/11 Councillor Representatives**
Cllr. O'Donoghue proposed, and Cllr. Bloomfield seconded, Cllr. Harvey to be the Buckingham Town Council representative on the Youth Centre Management Committee. This was **AGREED** unanimously.
- 141/11 Annual Return**
It was proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **AGREED** unanimously to approve the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement for the Town Council.
Cllr. Hirons raised concerns about the brevity of the Council's statement compared with the Buckingham and River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board's Statement. The Town Clerk replied that the Annual Return met the 2006 Audit and Accounts Regulations, and that he was currently drafting a new Risk Management Policy for the Council.
- 142/11 Correspondence**
Members noted the correspondence and **AGREED** the following:
a) AVDC Review of Polling Districts - the Town Clerk to write to AVDC seeking assurance that electors will not be charged to park outside polling stations, and seeking clarification about any legal requirements regarding the maximum distance that electors should travel to a polling station. He would also request that local election counts took place in Buckingham.
b) HS2 – the Town Clerk would write to both BCC and AVDC, asking for details of how the monies from both authorities, earmarked for opposing the scheme, had been spent to date.
c) BCC Flood Risk Assessment – the Town Clerk would write to BCC asking for assurances that they are working on a flood hazard map and to have them provide a copy of the criteria upon which their decision was based upon.
- 143/11 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**
Members noted the reports.

Cllr. P. Collins entered the meeting.
- 144/11 Updates on Council-funded initiatives**
a) Tourist Information Centre – the Town Clerk reported that the contract between the Council and Tourism South East had now been signed, and that they had formally taken over on June 1st 2011.
b) Youth Centre – the Town Clerk reported that BCC had now cut the funding to the centre, and that staff would be made redundant on July 31st 2011. The Youth Centre Management Committee, the Buckingham School, and Clearly Speaking, had taken a decision to set up a limited company to run the Youth Centre, and would have responsibility for hiring it out. BALC had advised that the Town Council could not be part of this company. As a result of discussions a request had come to the Town Clerk that The Town Council would hold a biannual meeting of youth service providers, possibly called a Youth Conference. The Town Clerk hoped to put a paper outlining draft proposals to the next Full Council meeting.
- 145/11 Mayoral Engagements**
Members noted the information.

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Chairman’s Announcements

Cllr. Stuchbury proposed, seconded by Cllr. Smith, a vote of thanks to Council officers who had worked long hours on the recent Buckingham Fringe events. This was **AGREED** unanimously.

Cllr. Lehmann proposed, and Cllr. Stuchbury seconded, that an item regarding AVDC’s proposal to introduce parking charges at The Swan car park be added to the next Full Council agenda. This was unanimously **AGREED**

The Mayor highlighted that Mouvaux’s twin town Neukirchen-Vluyn had set up an unofficial twinning with the town and that representatives had been requested to visit Neukirchen-Vluyn in July and asked if any councillors would like to attend.

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Dates of next meetings

Interim Council – Monday 18th July 2011

Full Council – Monday 15th August 2011

Signed Date

Town Mayor