

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 21st January 2013** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
 Cllr. H. Cadd
 Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins
 Cllr. P. Collins
 Cllr. J. Harvey
 Cllr. P. Hirons
 Cllr. D. Isham
 Cllr. R. Lehmann
 Cllr. A. Mahi
 Cllr. H. Mordue
 Cllr. Ms. R. Newell Town Mayor
 Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
 Cllr. M. Smith
 Cllr. R. Stuchbury
 Cllr. W. Whyte

In attendance: Mr. C. P. Wayman Town Clerk
 Mrs. C. Bolton Committee Clerk

The Mayor reminded Councillors to please address her as Madam Mayor, or Chair, as her preferred form of address, not Chairman.

660/12 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that there were apologies from Cllrs Try and Strain-Clark and District Cllr. Mills.

661/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

662/12 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 19th November 2012. (**BTC/06/12**).

Councillor Stuchbury queried what further progress had been made on motion proposed (540/21).

The Town Clerk reported that no further information had been received from AVDC to date.

663/12 Planning Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on Monday 26th November 2012 (**PL/09/12**) and Monday 17th December 2012 (**PL/10/12**).

Proposed by Cllr Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr Hirons and **AGREED** that £20,750 be earmarked into the new financial year and that additional requirement should be identified as soon as possible.

Councillor Whyte advised Members that further to the most recent Planning meeting on 14 January (**PL/11/12**) that there would be no additional budget required and therefore the motion was withdrawn.

664/12 Environment and Property and Health Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 10th December 2012 (**EP/05/12**), subject to the amendments below.

Councillor Whyte commented that there should be an action point to minute 490.5 – to query with AVDC why the test loading was not sufficient.

ACTION: GREEN SPACES MANAGER

Councillor Whyte also commented that minute 491/12 was incorrect and that the area was still in use as car parking. Councillors **AGREED** that the minutes should be amended.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK

665/12 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 3rd December 2012 (**TCE/05/12**).

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Smith, and **AGREED** that a draft protocol be written and a meeting be arranged to negotiate with members of the British Legion.

Councillor Stuchbury drew Members attention to the dates for forthcoming events and indicated that the meeting mentioned as proposed would be arranged.

AGREED.

666/12 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 7th January 2013 (**FAP/05/12**)

666.1 (546/12) **Motion from Councillor Mrs. G. Collins:**

Proposed by Cllr. G. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council provide the budget to the Christmas Parade Committee only and leave them to run the event in its entirety; the event plan and road closure to be their responsibility.

AGREED.

Members held a detailed discussion into the background to the Recommendation.

666.2 Councillor G Collins notified Members that minute 548/12 should have been a Recommendation to full Council.

Proposed by Cllr Smith, and seconded by Cllr Stuchbury, to adopt the Employer LGPS Discretionary Policy and recommendations throughout the document;

An amendment to the motion proposed by Cllr. P. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Newell that the Council should not adopt any policy that would cost money was **AGREED** by vote. This was added to the motion and the amended motion **RECOMMENDED** by vote to Full Council.

Members **AGREED** the recommendation.

667/12 NALC Advice on Disclosable Pecuniary Interest dispensations in relation to the Precept meeting

Received – Members agreed to give dispensation to those Councillors affected.

668/12 Thornborough Community Woodland

Received - The Mayor reported on the meeting she had attended on 14th January, and informed Councillors that assistance to Thornborough Parish Council for the project could be by way of volunteering.

669/12 Credit Union Services in Buckingham

Received - Councillors discussed benefits and disadvantages to the Town Council formally supporting Milton Keynes Credit Union Ltd.

Proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Stuchbury and unanimously **AGREED** that the Town Council should formally support the Credit Union and that the organisation be invited to submit an article for Buckingham Town Matters.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

670/12 Buckingham LAF

Councillors discussed and **AGREED** priorities for the town to be submitted -

1. Bus Stop between The Kings Head and Prezzo
2. Youth Centre should apply to the LAF directly with a specific detailed request.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

671/12 AVDC Cabinet Meeting – Towns and Parishes 30th January 2013

Members **AGREED** to nominate Councillors Harvey and Whyte to attend and submit subjects to be discussed.

1. HiMOS and affordable housing and how to balance the issue.
2. Car parking charges – as a form of regressive taxation.
3. The subdivision of the Housing Allocation Policy.
4. Enforcement of Planning and protection of the Conservation Area.
5. The future economic development of the town identified through the Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan and the towns aspirations.

Councillor Cadd declared an interest in the following item

672/12 Speed Limit Review

Received. Councillors discussed the submission of the email and that the subject should be incorporated as part of S106 discussions at development level and not for the Town Council Meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr Harvey and **AGREED** that a letter be written to County Council to ask if the policy was County wide.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

673/12 Bucks/Northants Economic Express X444

Received. Members discussed the feasibility of a new express service between High Wycombe and Northampton and the benefits for those people wishing to access all towns, villages and places of work the service may include, which are currently inaccessible by public transport. Councillors **AGREED** that the proposal would be very beneficial for the people of Buckingham and that a viable link, if successful could be in place in up to 5-10 years. Councillors unanimously **AGREED** to support Councillor Harvey in taking the issue forward to the county councils of Bucks and Northants.

ACTION: CLLR HARVEY

674/12 AVDC Parking Charges – Swan Pool

Noted. Councillors discussed the introduction of charges and **AGREED** that it should be formally requested how many objections were received to the scheme and from whom and to ensure that taxpayers are not footing the bill for the new parking meters.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

675/12 Buckingham Bypass – Traffic Order

Noted.

676/12 Youth Council

Noted.

677/12 Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence

678/12 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members noted the reports.

678.1 Buckingham Economic Group Minutes 7/11/12

678.2 Buckingham & Maids Moreton NAG Minutes 28/11/12

679/12 Mayoral & Deputy Mayoral Engagements

Members noted the information

680/12 News Releases

680.1 (666.1) Christmas Parade

681/12 Chair's Announcements

None

682/12 Dates of next meetings

Interim Council – Monday 18th February 2013

Full Council – Monday 11th March 2013

Meeting closed at: 8pm

Signed Date

Town Mayor