

Minutes of an **Interim Meeting of Buckingham Town Council** held at 7pm.  
on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 online via Zoom.

**Present:**

Cllr. R. Ahmed	
Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
Cllr. M. Cole JP	
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins	Mayor
Cllr. P. Collins	
Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley	
Cllr. J. Harvey	
Cllr. P. Hirons	
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. H. Mordue	
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell	
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. A. Ralph	
Cllr. M. Smith	
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	
Cllr. M. Try	Deputy Mayor

**Also Present:**

Mr P. Hodson	Town Clerk
Mrs. N. Stockill	Committee Clerk
Ms. S. McMurtrie	
Mrs. K. McElligott	

No members of the public attended and so there was no public session

#### **1094/20 / Apologies for Absence**

Members received apologies from Buckinghamshire Councillors T. Mills and Whyte.

#### **1095/20 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Stuchbury declared an interest in agenda item 4 (Buckinghamshire Town & Parish Charter) as a member of the Buckinghamshire Council.

#### **1096/20 Town Council Awards**

Members received the notes of the meeting of the Town Council Awards Working Group held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021, and discussed the recommendations.

Cllr. Newell suggested awarding small silver swan pins or bars as an alternative to the silver salvers.

Cllr. Stuchbury acknowledged the work of fellow councillors and officers in producing the report.

Members discussed whether awards could be given to persons living outside of the parish for efforts that had a demonstrable and positive impact on the town.

Proposed by Cllr. Gateley, seconded by Cllr. Newell and unanimously **AGREED** to amend the wording of the Natural Environment & Climate Champion criteria to read: "Natural

## **IM/05/20**

Environment & Climate Champion - A person, organisation or business, with a local link, who have actively tried to tackle climate change and or enhance the natural environment.” With the above amendment the following report recommendations were unanimously **AGREED**.

- That awards are only given when necessary instead of automatically being given every year.

To create the following new awards:

- a) **Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Organisation of the Year – For a local group which has made an impact to the civic and community life of Buckingham.**
- b) **Natural Environment & Climate Champion - A person, organisation or business, with a local link, who have actively tried to tackle climate change and or enhance the natural environment.**
- c) **Mayor’s Prize for Outstanding Young Person – This would be a young person up to the age of 18 years’ old who has made a positive impact on the civic and community life of Buckingham.**

- That recipients of the new awards receive a framed certificate
- That the Council reviews alternatives to the current items presented to award recipients
- That the Council seek nominations for the Sports & Art, VCSE Organisation of the Year, Natural Environment & Climate Champion of the Year and Outstanding Young Person of the Year awards from the public.
- That a press release be issued between January and February each year to ask for nominations to the various awards before the upcoming awards.
- That a page on the Council’s website be made listing all the awards that are given, with a brief description of the criteria, and a list of previous recipients

## **1097/20 Buckinghamshire Town and Parish Council Charter**

Members received and discussed a written report from the Town Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. Ralph to submit the proposed response to Buckinghamshire Council. **AGREED**

Cllr. Cole thanked Cllr. Harvey for the production of a summarised version of the Charter

## **1098/20 Display Screen Equipment**

Members received and discussed a written report from the Town Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr. O’Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield and unanimously **AGREED** for the Town Council to purchase a stand for the second Chamber screen at a cost of £1,219 from budgets 901 9046 and 901 9051.

The Town Clerk explained that the Prowise screens and stands have good quality cameras and microphones and might assist with hybrid committee meetings, but further investigations needs to be carried out once the chamber refurbishment is complete.

## **1099/20 Chairman’s Announcements**

There were none.

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**Date of next Meetings:**

Full Council

Monday 15th March 2021

Meeting closed at 19.31pm

Signed

Date