

20/16 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2016. **BTC/12/15**

21/16 Interim Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 11th April 2016. **IM/04/15**

22/16 Planning Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on:

- Monday 21st March 2016

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Members **Approved** Proposal by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Hirons, and **RECOMMENDED** that this Council decline the offer to join with the other Councils named and Mr. Homer to formulate a strategic plan as described.

Members **Approved** Proposal by Cllr. Try, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **RECOMMENDED** that the Committee's Terms of reference be amended as follows in line with AVDC's new divisions so that paragraph 11, under **Area of Operations**

Members **Approved**

11. The Committee shall be responsible for and have the authority for (unless stated elsewhere) the following aspects of the Town Council's functions:

- Planning Applications (excluding those for more than 20 10 houses or for new multi-unit retail and multi-unit industrial developments)
- Transport
- Forward planning
- Planning Enforcement

Clerk's note Terms of reference amended and included with Annual Statutory Meeting agenda for approval

- Monday 11th April 2016
Approved

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23/16 Environment Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 4th April 2016.

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Members **Approved** Proposal by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Stuchbury and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that through the Town Action Commission, the Town Council bring together various groups within the town to have formal discussion on the subject. To establish a Town Action Commission with a focus on maintaining, enhancing and preserving trees and hedgerows within the town. To discuss what shape this will take at the next Environment committee meeting.

24/16 Town Centre and Events Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Town Centre and Events Committee meetings held on Monday 29th March 2016.

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25/16 Resources Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 18th April 2016.

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26/16 To receive reports from District and County Councillors Standing orders suspended

The following information was included within Cllr. Whyte's report. BCC has agreed to undertake business case similar to AVDC unitary model. 5-6 page summary on BCC website for further information. BCC appointed new CEO who has background in children's services. The budget for roads has been announced and it is likely that work will commence on areas which need most attention in Buckingham to include the bottom end of Bourton Road. Dadford Road preliminary improvements have happened and work will continue to bring this area up to a better standard. The 'Plain and patch' programme is still on-going with an additional central government funded pot hole top-up grant which will go some way to ensuring this strategy for road improvements continues. Highlands Road and Page Hill Avenue may be on the list for this sort of repair work. Cllr. Whyte is now a member of Environment Agency's Regional Flood and Coastal Committee for Anglia Central. There is an improved maintenance budget which could incorporate repair & maintenance of weirs. With BCC support Buckingham residents may be in line to receive flood emergency kit to help alleviate the problems that some residents experience during times of more severe flooding. BCC is carrying out a section 19 review as a result of the recent floods in the town. This investigation will highlight any issues and future actions necessary to enable residents to learn from mistakes and work on best practice. Cllr. Whyte was keen to relay the Environment agency insistence that no weirs or sluices have been opened or modified to enhance flooding problems and went on to say that there aren't any sluices that would enable them to do this in the first place.

Buckingham is one of four areas selected by Transport for Bucks to be part of a public transport pilot project. Cllr. Whyte has requested members support for this project. Cllr. Whyte mentioned that Bus route X60 timetable has been re-launched with better later and early morning services. Bus 8 has been retained to enable to residents to get back later from Milton Keynes. Cllr. Whyte is a member of the growth board which deals with infrastructure planning in the County. The challenges centre around education capacity, transport infrastructure & water infrastructure. Cllr Whyte is keen to work with members on the A421 Expressway project and would like to be kept up to date with any discussions on this matter. Members asked about the Addington Road one way consultation and any update on signage decluttering. Cllr. Whyte would like to think work could commence on Addington Road in the summer but this is dependent on other factors. An update on Signage decluttering will follow. Members asked about the closure of the car park and access onto the medieval bridge near Thornborough. Cllr. Whyte stated that the bridge has been closed due to excess fly tipping and vandalism. No decision has been made about how this problem is to be managed or remedied but BCC are willing to speak to other interested parties to resolve the matter. Members asked Cllr. Whyte about road resurfacing along Victoria Row and whether resurfacing would incorporate the area leading up to and including the cottages. Members also

asked for an update on the lamp posts that had been removed from the old cemetery and whether replacements would be in keeping with those that remain. Cllr. Whyte will find out and update members in due course.

27/16 Cllr. Stuchbury update. AVDC & BCC TFB delays are an on-going issue. Bypass repairs and maintenance work has started but hasn't been completed. Roundabout and Toucan crossing discussions are yet to come to any satisfactory conclusion. A lot of work is going on behind the scenes to gain support for any kind of unitary policy proposal backing from south of the County. County Councillors have committed to a greater understanding of safeguarding from a children's services perspective. Cllr, Stuchbury shared concerns over the long term future of local Surestart centres and the impact that their potential demise will have on Buckingham residents.

28/16 Cllr. Mordue updated members on AVDC activities including the subject of the local economy, Cllr. Mordue reported that MEPC shows the scale of investment going on in Silverstone and that this is very encouraging for the local area. AVDC are carrying out an independent staffing review to independently assess the suitability of each of its employees against the job they're doing. AVDC will be shedding approximately 10% of its existing employees. Every member of staff apart from the CEO and the Director are undergoing this review.

Standing orders reinstated.

29/16 Representatives on Outside Bodies 2016-2017

To review and agree representatives to organisations per the attached list
Use Mayor to describe the function that the Mayor carries out

30/16 Action List

To receive and discuss the list

Town Clerk reported that the Public toilets lease will be signed shortly the Town Clerk hopes to have it installed by September. Members highlighted that the six month delay in getting the lease agreed through AVDC was very disappointing and they hope now that a lease is close to being granted that the whole process can be brought to a speedy conclusion to include bringing Shopmobility under BTC control. Members expressed the importance of resisting any further commitments to assets or staff until the lease is signed and complete.

Members asked about Buckingham Cycle routes and Town Clerk reported that he is researching appropriate routes from Lace Hill on Wednesday 11th May with an Officer from BCC.

Members asked for clarification on payment for the boxes required to enable nominations for Acts of random kindness The Town Clerk confirmed that funds for this will come out of contingencies.

Members spoke in relation to MKCCG and mentioned that in a survey carried out recently on average 6 Buckingham residents visit a minor injuries unit per day and suggested a discussion takes place on whether that level of demand is sufficient to argue for better provision for Buckingham residents.

31/16 Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence

32/16 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members noted the reports.

33/16 2017 Calendar

Members noted proposed meeting dates

34/16 Portrait of the RT Hon John Bercow MP

Members **agreed** to accepting the portrait and to leave it in officers hands to find a suitable location.

35/16 Attendance figures

Members noted meeting attendance figures for 2015-2016

Cllr. Mordue would like his attendance to be checked.

36/16 Correspondence

reply from Mr Alan Heath **Noted**

letter to the Bucks Herald **Noted**

37/16 Mayoral Engagements

Members noted the information

38/16 Chairman's Announcements

39/16 Dates of next meetings

Interim Council – Monday 6th June 2016

Full Council – Monday 27th June 2016

Signed Date

Town Mayor