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Town Clerk: Mr. C. P. Wayman



Tuesday, 24 March 2015

Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of Buckingham Town Council will be held on **Monday 30th March 2015** at 7pm in the Town Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham.

Mr. C. P. Wayman
Town Clerk

Please note that the Environment Committee meeting will be preceded by Public Session lasting for a maximum of 15 minutes, in accordance with Standing Order 1.3.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive and accept apologies from members.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Minutes

To receive the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 9th February 2015 and approved at Full Council on the 9th March 2015. **Copy previously circulated**

4. Thornborough Parish Council

To receive Members from Thornborough Parish Council for a presentation on Thornborough and Coombs Community Woodland

5. Budgets

5.1 To receive the budget report for information

5.2 To agree to carry forward £5,000 from Buckingham LAF income to the next financial Year

6. Action Report

To receive the report and note the updated information.

Appendix A

7. Chandos Park

To receive an email and verbal update from the Green Spaces Manager

Appendix B

Buckingham



Twinned with Mouvaux, France



8. **Chris Nicholls Walk**
To receive and discuss the attached correspondence from AVDC **Appendix C**
9. **MVAS Sign**
To receive a request for the purchase of a second sign and agree a budget **Appendix D**
10. **Fir Trees for School, Community and Youth Groups (UK)**
To receive and discuss and email from AVDC **Appendix E**
11. **Grit Bin**
To receive and agree a request for Westfields **Appendix F**
12. **Access Awareness**
To receive a verbal update from Cllr Strain-Clark
13. **Dog Foul Bins**
To receive a request to review dog bins in the town **Appendix G**
14. **BCWP**
14.1 To receive the minutes of a meeting held 15th December 2014 **Appendix H**
14.2 To receive the Agenda for the forthcoming meeting on 30th March 2015 **Appendix I**
15. **Green Buckingham Group**
To receive the minutes of a meeting held 26th February 2015 **Appendix J**
16. **Correspondence**
To receive an email Buckingham Tennis Club **Appendix K**
17. **News Releases**
18. **Chair's Announcements**
19. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 1 June 2015

To:

Cllr. T. Bloomfield
Cllr. H. Cadd
Cllr. G. Collins
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. D. Isham – Vice Chairman
Cllr. R. Lehmann

Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue - Mayor
Cllr. M. Smith – Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. W. Whyte

APPENDIX A

Minute No	Action Required	Action Taken	Result
215/11& 334/11	Discussion Paper – Renewable Energy	Report regarding fuel poverty – Solar panels for Community centre.	On agenda
737.2 & 344/13	Cemetery Paths	Prices to be sought for a replacement of all paths, budgets to be set aside in earmarked reserves for the replacement footpath	
741/11	Chandos Park lime trees	GSM to produce report regarding planting a replacement row of trees as one of the lime trees had to be removed	To be within Chandos Park Management Plan
481/12	BMX Track	Look into possibilities for new BMX track and if it could be included in the Neighbourhood plan	Ongoing
85/13, 231/13 & 346/13	Dog issues in Bourton Park	Dogs off the leads and problems of fouling. Park Volunteer Warden scheme to be introduced	To be included in dog awareness event 2015
396/09, 695/09, 221/13, 79/14	Devolved Services	Agreement under way	
597/13, 769/13, 202/14	Disability Access	Investigate disabled access across the Town Councils Estate and making improvements where possible	Regular agenda item
877/13	Community Centre	To be brought back to Committee when new lease signed	
878/13, 598/12, 199/14	Bourton Ponds Project	Public being consulted as to opinion of proposed plans, funding being sought,	Ongoing
329/14	Mount Pleasant pavilion	Write to AVDC and scouts to ask for an update on what is happening with the building	
330/14	Ken Tagg Play Area	Replacement of play equipment	
580/14	Purchase or rental of New Premises	investigate the purchasing or rental of suitable premises	Ongoing
581/14	Lace Hill Dog Bins	Purchase and locate 4 new dog Bins	
705/14 326/10 & 218/13	Cemetery Burial Space	Report to be brought to committee regarding further provision	
708/14	Bollards at Church	To be installed on grass verge to prevent parking details to be agreed and budget found	Ongoing
709/14	Solar panels at Community Centre	Issue with testing of roof to be resolved	
710/14	Town Centre Audit	Following Audit findings have been reported	Ongoing

Items not started

ongoing items

completed items

Green Spaces Manager

From: Green Spaces Manager [greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk]
Sent: 17 March 2015 15:24
To: 'Andrew Mahi'; 'Christine Strain-Clark'; 'cldr.try@tryus.org'; 'Derrick Isham'; 'Geraldine Collins'; 'Howard Mordue'; 'Jon Harvey'; 'Lisa O'Donoghue'; 'Mike Smith'; 'Office@buckingham-tc.gov.uk'; 'Paddy Collins'; 'Paul Hirons'; 'Rob Lehmann'; 'Ruth Newell'; 'Stuchbury, Robin - (County Councillor)'; 'Terry Bloomfield'; 'Warren Whyte'
Cc: 'christopher Wayman'; 'deputytownclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk'; 'Eloise-May'; 'Accounts Machine'; 'Amanda Brubaker'; 'Claire Bolton'
Subject: Riverbank in Chandos Park
Attachments: 20150317_140736.jpg; 20150317_140746.jpg; 20150317_140741.jpg

Hi All,

So you are all aware, following our quarterly park inspections we have noted that the riverbank in Chandos Park has become a lot worse and in places unsafe, today we have temporarily fenced the area off and as an interim measure we will be making the bank safe by cutting back the undermined area's as soon as possible.

We will then make urgent investigations into a permanent solution to the unstable bank .

Regards

Lee Phillips
Green Spaces Manager
Buckingham Town Council
01280 816426

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Green Spaces Manager

From: Town Clerk [townclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk]
Sent: 19 March 2015 09:37
To: 'Bird, Gareth'
Cc: greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Chris Nichols Walk

Hello Gareth,

Can you provide information on what would actually be covered? Would it just be Chris Nicholls Walk? there are questions over the fence, gates to Chandos and land next to the tennis pavilion. In the past AVDC have required a Business Case to take on any aspect of service or land, would this be required? In addition can you provide all details related to the area concerned including information on the street lights and current management plan.

Thanks

Chris

Christopher Wayman MILCM
 Town Clerk
 Buckingham Town Council
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From: Bird, Gareth [mailto:gbird@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk]
Sent: 17 March 2015 16:41
To: 'townclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk'
Cc: greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Chris Nichols Walk

Hi Chris,
 I will ask our Engineers for this information and send on to you.

It's a coincidence that you've emailed about Chris Nichols Walk as I wanted to ask what happened to you taking over this area, as it was previously understood that once we carried repairs to the river bank then you would take over this section given you already own the park.
 Please can you provide an update on this?
 Thanks,
 Gareth

From: Town Clerk [mailto:townclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk]
Sent: 17 March 2015 16:11
To: Bird, Gareth

Cc: greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Chris Nichols Walk

Hello Gareth,

We are looking in to the Gabion basket solution for Chandos Park. Do you have a fuller specification we could have a look at please?

Can you remember what material the baskets were filled with?

Also where did you purchase them from?

Thank you

Chris

Christopher Wayman MILCM

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From: Bird, Gareth [<mailto:gbird@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk>]

Sent: 02 September 2010 14:32

To: 'Christopher Wayman (townclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk)'

Cc: Cllr Hedley Cadd; Cllr Huw Lewis; Cllr David Thompson; Kemplen, Beryl; Davies, Lesley

Subject: Chris Nichols Walk

Hi Chris,

As you know the river bank along Chris Nichols Walk is in need of works to reinstate the bank and AVDC have been working with the Environment Agency to find a suitable solution for this site. It has recently been agreed that AVDC should place a 2 metre wide by 230mm deep gabion and geotextile mattress finished with grass along 200 metres of the river bank.

To prevent further erosion of the bank it's essential this work is under taken as soon as possible and a contractor who is familiar with the site is able to carry out the works on 27th September with completion around the 15th October, depending on weather conditions. All works are being funded by AVDC.

In order to carry out the works the contractor will need access via Chandos Park, please can you let me know if this can be arranged. If so then please can you let me know the code for the combination lock, which I will then pass onto our Engineers.

I have copied in District Councillors so they know these essential works are being carried out and would appreciate it if you could inform Buckingham Town Councillors. I will arrange to have some notices displayed on site to inform site users.

If you require any further information regarding this project then please contact myself (01296 585228) or Principal Engineer Beryl Kemplen (01296 585336).

Kind Regards,

Gareth

Gareth Bird
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Leisure and Cultural Services
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Green Spaces Manager

From: Mike Smith [mns47@tiscali.co.uk]
Sent: 19 February 2015 09:31
To: greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Request to purchase 2nd MVAS sign

OK - stick it on next EnvCom Agenda, and suggest a budget head.

Mike Smith (via his BlackBerry)
Original Message
From: Green Spaces Manager
Sent: Thursday, 19 February 2015 09:03
To: 'Mike Smith'
Reply To: greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk
Subject: Request to purchase 2nd MVAS sign

Hi Mike,

Robin has asked if he could request the Environment Committee could find funds to purchase a 2nd MVAS sign, we will soon have 6 locations where we can put the sign up and it may be a good idea to have 2, they cost about £2300 . Do you want this on the next agenda to discuss or agree ?

Thanks

Lee Phillips
Green Spaces Manager
Buckingham Town Council
01280 816426

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Green Spaces Manager

From: Mike Smith [mns47@tiscali.co.uk]
Sent: 10 March 2015 19:36
To: Lee Phillips
Subject: FW: Free trees for Community and Youth Groups to mark 100th Anniversary or WW1

Hi Lee

Could we usefully include this on the next EnvCom Agenda, seeking suggestions of who we might encourage to apply?

Mike Smith

☎ (mobile) 07717 377314

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From: Roffe, Jan [mailto:JRoffe@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk]
Sent: 10 March 2015 12:49
Subject: Free trees for Community and Youth Groups to mark 100th Anniversary or WW1

Free Trees for School, Community and Youth Groups (UK)

The Woodland Trust has 4500 free tree packs to give away to schools, community and youth groups.. The packs available are: Small (30 saplings); Medium (105 saplings); and Large (420 saplings).

Last August marked the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. The Trust would like organisations, schools and groups to take part in a once-in-a-generation tribute to all those who gave their lives by creating a growing legacy that will stand tall for centuries to come.

Over the next four years the Trust are offering three million free trees to help communities, schools and youth groups remember their local heroes. Register now to receive your free trees and create special, living memorials.

The closing date for applying for a free pack is the 3rd September 2015.

AVDC are sending you this funding information as it may be helpful to your organisation, but please note that the council does not hold any additional information to that listed. If you would like to know more about any of the funding streams available, please use the links provided and contact the relevant funding body directly.

If the information you receive is not relevant to your organisation, or if you would like your organisation to be taken off the funding distribution list, please let me know.

Thank you.

Jan Roffe
 Grants and Voluntary Sector Support Officer
 Communities
 Aylesbury Vale District Council
 The Gateway
 Gatehouse Road
 Aylesbury

Green Spaces Manager

From: Jon Harvey [jonharvey2014@gmail.com]
Sent: 10 March 2015 12:07
To: greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Salt Bins

Brilliant - thanks Lee.

atb

Jon

On 10 March 2015 at 11:59, Green Spaces Manager <greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk> wrote:

Jon,

I'll have a look for a suitable location and ok it with highways and then put it on the Environment Committee to be agreed to come out of next year's grit bin budget.

Lee

From: Jon Harvey [mailto:jonharvey2014@gmail.com]
Sent: 10 March 2015 11:23
To: greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk
Cc: Mike Smith; Warren Whyte
Subject: Re: Salt Bins

Hi Lee

Yes - please could you put a salt bin up near Westfields in the schedule as you say - through the committee as needed?

Many thanks

Very best wishes

Committee Clerk

From: Mike Smith <mns47@tiscali.co.uk>
Sent: 20 March 2015 07:13
To: 'Committee Clerk'
Cc: Lee Phillips; Jon Harvey
Subject: FW: Dog excrement bins

Importance: High

Hi Claire

Please also add the following to the EnvCom Agenda.

Ta.

Mike Smith

☎ (mobile) 07717 377314

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From: Jon Harvey [<mailto:jonharvey2014@gmail.com>]

Sent: 20 March 2015 06:23

To: Mike Smith

Subject: Dog excrement bins

Dear Mike

Possible motion for next Environment agenda?

This Committee requests the Green Spaces manager to review the need for new dog excrement bins in the town especially in areas where children are likely to play / walk to school & report back with costed options for this committee to consider.

....?

Jon

Notes from a meeting of the Buckingham Community Wildlife Project Steering Group held on 15th December 2014 in the Town Council Chamber.

Present:

Ruth Newell in the chair	Buckingham Town Council
Athina Beckett	Buckingham Canal Society
Ted Farmer	Buckingham Society
Derrick Isham	Buckingham Town Council
Jenny Manning	Railway Walk Conservation Group
Bill Truscott	Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group

1. **Apologies:** Terry Bloomfield, Matt Dodds, Lee Phillips.
2. Ruth agreed to take notes.
3. **Notes of Meeting** held on 2 June 2014, were agreed as a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising** from previous meeting

Maids Moreton Avenue: Ruth and the Town Clerk had met with the Headteacher at Buckingham Primary to seek the school's current proposals for the site, as to date they had supported the move of the fence to retain the original width of the Avenue. The Headteacher went through the current situation, the school had paid for tree works and had a teacher who led forest schools, they wanted the area to be free of dog faeces, and the infants play area was close to the fence, so they want a gap between that and the school's perimeter fence. The school did want to work with the community and governors would be meeting that evening.

Ruth asked whether there could be a compromise with the fence being moved between where it currently was, and the original boundary to the Avenue.

The Headteacher would check with governors and then Ruth would seek advice from Ian Hopcroft about where the fence could be placed without damaging any of the trees.

Ruth and Bill informed the group about a meeting they had had with the Paul Roberts, scheme delivery, who was dealing with the footpath / cycleway improvement from Highlands Road to Stratford Road, with section 106 funding from the Moreton Road development, and Bill had showed the officer the wet patches. Mr Roberts explained the planned works with the french drain and the construction of the path with road scrapings, together with the tree works that were needed to make it accessible and wide enough for the path. Ted added that there had long been problems with wet patches due to springs and that Anglian Water had rebuilt 2 x 9 inch pipes that had been leaking.

5. **Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group** – Jenny thanked the Town Council for paying the insurance for the group and tools. The group enjoys meeting each month, and are keeping a steady group of volunteers.
The group had informed the Town Council that the fence around the pond needed repairing and trees needed cutting down and Lee Phillips had organised for the work to be done.
6. **Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group update** - Bill reported that there was a new TPO to replace the old TPO. It covered the whole area, and although a slightly smaller area it covers all the trees, including some around the school, rather than on specific trees. The group still met monthly with 3 stalwarts who had done tidying up, as

that was what was required and there were quite complicated reasons as to why activities had not happened as planned, due to odd weather – i.e. seed event planned for September but there were no seeds.

Bill felt it could be more cost effective if their group came under the Railway Walk groups insurance? Jenny and Bill would look into this. The group would love to have more people. They meet on the third Saturday of month at 10am at the Page Hill Avenue entrance. **Ruth offered to get it in to the Spire Town and Gown events.** The Railway Walk group found facebook helpful for publicity.

7. **Bourton Park and Heartlands** – No report from Lee who was absent.

8. **Buckingham Canal Society** - Athina reported that the liner had to be replaced and would be installed between January and March next year. The coir matting with planting in it, had been saved with the assistance of community pay back, and would be put back with the new lining and 4000 aquatic plants would go back in. Volunteer help was welcomed, **Ruth to add this to Spire 'Town and Gown'** – the Canal Society meets the second Sunday of the month and alternate Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, at 4 different sites, and need to telephone Athina to check where?

Bourton Meadow Academy wanted to get involved with volunteering for the Canal Society. Bill suggested that the Town Council's newsletter could include the Canal Society update to pick up volunteers for the planting and then the Maids Moreton Conservation group article could go in the following one. **Ruth to send details to Athina.**

9. **Buckingham Society**

Ted asked for an update on the replacement story boards in Maids Moreton Avenue and Chandos Park to be improved and replaced. The Buckingham Society was concerned with rubble that was still behind 13 High Street. Ted thanked Ruth for chasing up AVDC who had moved 49 tonnes at a cost of £8000, but they were no longer concerned as there was no rat problem. BCC was responsible for landfill and had asked the pub owners to remove the trade waste. **Ruth agreed to chase.**

Ted informed the group that he had stood down from being the Green Spaces coordinator for the Buckingham Society but the new Chair, Roger Edwards was happy for him to continue on this group. Members thanked Ted for continuing on the committee.

10. **Wildlife update from Matt Dodds**

Matt was not present, but had sent in the following report :-

Due to changes in the way we have to work now – an onus on income generation by working for other organisations – and due to staff reductions we can no longer check the Mink rafts on the river great Ouse at Water Stratford and into Buckingham. We have therefore arranged to pass our trap checking programme over to local landowner George Eaton and BBOWT. We wrote an article in AV Times asking for volunteer help to take over trap checking and these respondents will now be managed by BBOWT and George. The population is thankfully still in good health and we are hopeful that the volunteers will be able to continue to monitor this population and keep Mink numbers down. Otters of course will also help to reduce Mink numbers and they continue to be regularly seen at Bourton Park. We met with the developer looking to develop the site by the cricket club to inform them of biodiversity constraints but also specifically the Otter holt. This application is still being considered.

11. Date and time of next meeting - Monday 30 March 2014 at 6pm

Ruth thanked all for attending and for all the work they were doing to benefit the wildlife in Buckingham, and wished them a Happy Christmas. Mince pies were shared.

RDN 15.12.14

Buckingham Community Wildlife Project Meeting

on Monday 30th March 2015 at 6pm

in the Town Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Appointment of note taker for the meeting
3. Minutes of last meeting held on 15th December 2014
4. Matters arising
5. Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group (Jenny)
6. Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group (Bill)
7. Bourton Park and Heartlands (Lee)
8. Buckingham Canal (Athina)
9. Buckingham Society (Ted Farmer)
10. Wildlife update from Matt Dodds (AVDC)
11. Any other business
12. Date and time of next meeting 20th July 2015 at 6pm

Circulation:

Aylesbury Vale District Council – Matt Dodds

Buckingham Canal Society – Athina Beckett

Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group – Jenny Manning

Buckingham Society – Ted Farmer

Buckingham Town Council – Terry Bloomfield , Derrick Isham, Ruth Newell,

Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group – Bill Truscott

TCV – Monique van Assouw

GREEN BUCKINGHAM GROUP

MEETING AT THE WOOLPACK ON THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 1900 HRS

Present: Gabby Mallett, Ruth Newell, Maria Street

- 1 Ruth took notes.
- 2 **Continuation of GBG** - Agreed we wanted to continue as GBG as we still have a role to play in Buckingham.
- 3 **Website** – We had decided not to renew it. Maria had set up a facebook page, agreed all we needed was introduction, news feed, diary, and email address GreenBuckinghamGroup@gmail.com that Maria had already set up
- 4 **Green Drinks.** Gabby suggested seeking more members and that we could do this via Green Drinks, arranging a regular open monthly meeting to meet to talk about green issues. It was suggested we meet at Villiers lounge/ bar, first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm, first one Thursday 7 May 2015 (Election Day). **Gabby agreed to check venue** and **Ruth would contact B&W Advertiser** for article along the lines, 'come along to the first green drink event, have a chat with like-minded individuals interested in green issues or if you know about them and want to share your knowledge. Subject for first session PVs. **Gabby could do information sheets and up to date tariffs.**
- 5 **Spring Fair 19 April 2015 10am to 2pm** – Town Council organising it in the cattle pens area in the Town Centre. Ruth would be there with Master Composter and Love Food Hate Waste. Maria would be there with Edible Buckingham. **Ruth agreed to book a table** for GBG and **Gabby would be there** to help with 'understanding your energy bill', and we could publicise Green drinks there. **Maria could also cover the stall for part of the time.**
- 6 **Herb Garden** – Ruth had offered to be the contact for the Herb Garden and had met with University - Diana and Gardeners to view the site, and **now needed to draw up plans and get volunteers involved.** Since then the Gardener had left so Diana was making contact with the new Gardener.
- 7 **Hydro Project** – None of us had attended meeting at University between Nigel and Solar Tech, so not aware of what the outcome was.
- 8 **Next events** –
 - Spring Fair 19 April 10am to 2pm in the cattle pens area, Buckingham Town Centre.
 - Green Drinks on Thursday 7th May 2015 at 7.30 pm at Villier's Hotel.

Committee Clerk

From: Mike Smith <mns47@tiscali.co.uk>
Sent: 19 March 2015 11:38
To: Committee Clerk
Cc: Lee Phillips
Subject: Fw: New fencing for tennis club now complete - thank you

Hi Claire

Please include message below on EnvCom Agenda.

Ta...

Mike Smith (via his BlackBerry)

From: Hilary Baxter <hilarybaxter@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, 19 March 2015 11:11
To: mns47@tiscali.co.uk
Cc: townclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk
Subject: New fencing for tennis club now complete - thank you

Hi Mike,

I'm writing on behalf of the Tennis Club to say a big thank you for the money the Town Council paid towards our new fencing.

The job is now complete and looking really great. We've put up new nets as well and this has attracted a lot of new players from the public just in the two weeks since the work was finished.

The clocks haven't even gone forward into official British Summer Time yet, so we are expecting a lot more play by the public this summer. (and we will give you the numbers at the end of the season)

The LTA are also delighted, since their new mission is to get more people, playing more tennis more often.

We will be having our usual Open Day for the public on Sunday 5th July and are also planning a free coaching day for juniors on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May. (this will be publicised on our website and via fliers to all primary schools)

Just a little suggestion that we thought about:

would it be possible for the Town Council to put a permanent (non-vandalisable) table tennis table (like the metal ones they have in London Parks now) outside the tennis courts, opposite the public toilets?

We think this might possibly encourage some of the youths who hang around the toilets to actually do something, and even if it doesn't work for them, it would be great for the parents who stand around watching their kids playing tennis, and anyone else passing by.

Best regards,

Hilary Baxter



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Town Clerk: Mr. C. P. Wayman



TO RESIDENTS OF BUCKINGHAM

You are hereby invited to attend the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** of Buckingham to be held in Buckingham Community Centre on Wednesday 25th March 2015 at 7.30 pm

Clr. L. O'Donoghue
Mayor, Buckingham Town Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 26th March 2014.
3. To receive a report by the Mayor of Buckingham on the work of Buckingham Town Council
 - 3.1 To receive a report on the work of the Environment Committee
 - 3.2 To receive a report on the work of the Resources Committee
 - 3.3 To receive a report on the work of the Planning Committee
 - 3.4 To receive a report on the work of the Town Centre & Events Committee
4. To receive a presentation from representatives of the following on their work in 2014/2015
 - 4.1 Buckinghamshire County Council
 - 4.2 Aylesbury Vale District Council
 - 4.3 Thames Valley Police
5. To receive reports by recipients of 2014/2015 grants over £1000
 - 5.1 Buckingham, Winslow & District Citizen's Advice Bureau
 - 5.2 Buckingham Youth Clubs Ltd
6. Questions from the Residents of Buckingham
Questions submitted in writing to the Town Clerk before 12 noon on 20th March 2015 will be answered on the night. Questions raised during the meeting may not be fully answered until later.
7. Mayor's points for information

Would members of the public please give their name, street name, and the name of any organisation that they are representing, before asking a question.

