

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7.35pm.

**Present:** Cllr. T. Bloomfield  
Cllr. M. Cole  
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins  
Cllr. P. Collins  
Cllr. J. Harvey  
Cllr. P. Hirons Deputy Mayor  
Cllr. D. Isham  
Cllr. A. Mahi Mayor  
Cllr. H. Mordue  
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell  
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue  
Cllr. M. Smith  
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark  
Cllr. R. Stuchbury  
Cllr. M. Try

**In attendance:** Mr. C. P. Wayman Town Clerk  
Mrs. C. Bolton Committee Clerk  
Cllr. T. Mills AVDC

**11/15 Apologies for Absence**  
None.

**12/15 Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest.

**13/15 Minutes**  
**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (**BTC/10/14**).  
Agreed.

**14/15 Interim Minutes**  
**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (**IM/06/14**).  
Agreed.

**15/15 Extraordinary Minutes**  
To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Extraordinary Council meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015. (**BTC/11/14**)  
Agreed.

**16/15 Planning Committee**  
**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (**PL/13/14**)

Proposed by Cllr Hirons, seconded by Cllr Smith and **RECOMMENDED** to Town Centre and Events committee to investigate the possibilities of changing the existing planters to a more sympathetic material.

Agreed.

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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Proposed by Cllr. Hirons, seconded by Cllr. Smith, and **RECOMMENDED** that the reporting structure for local District and County Members be re-vitalised. Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
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Members **AGREED** to refer the review of the reporting structure for local District and County Members to Resources Committee.

**ACTION: RESOURCES AGENDA JUNE**

**17/15 Environment Committee**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (**E/07/14**).

Agreed.

**18/15 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 (**TCE/07/14**).

Agreed.

**18/15 Resources Committee**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (**R/06/14**)

Agreed.

*The Town Clerk advised Members that as Cllr Lehmann had not been re-elected to the Council, the following 2 motions could be discussed if Standing Orders were suspended, or the items could be passed over.*

*Members **AGREED** that following Cllr Whyte's information in the previous Public Session that item 10 would be passed over.*

**19/15 Motion – Cllr Lehmann**

This Council opposes the introduction of any street parking scheme by Bucks County Council that involves costs to users of the town centre or for resident parking permits

This Council disagrees that any schemes of payment would be to solve parking issues but believes they would be introduced solely as a revenue generating scheme by Bucks County Council

These decisions will be incorporated any future Town Council newsletter on the subject and conveyed to Bucks County Council.

Cllr Harvey declared an interest in the following item as Campaign Co-ordinator for the Labour party.

Cllr Stuchbury declared an interest in the following item as a District Councillor.

*Members agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Cllr Tim Mills to speak*

**20/15 Motion – Cllr Lehmann**

This Council believes the proposed siting, by AVDC, of public toilets adjacent to the Community Centre and facing Waitrose is an inappropriate location and will have a detrimental impact on the street scene in that area.

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Should AVDC proceed with that location, this Council will not make any contribution to the maintenance or running costs of those toilets.

Cllr Mills expressed his desire for the subject of the public toilets to be agreed by District Councillors. He had looked at all aspects of the project and felt for the following reasons he would support the Town Council in its application to secure the site adjacent to Cornwalls Meadow Car Park, where the currently recycling services were.

1. The location was preferable, out of the way of the thoroughfare and would address the safety issues required to provide a footpath from the bottom of the footbridge to the toilets and then over the car park.
2. Planning permission had been granted.
3. Cllr Mills felt that should a developer take on the land behind the proposed site that an entrance to the site would be adapted and access would not be a problem.
4. That Parish Councils will be required to take on further services from District and County Councils, it would therefore be preferable for the facility to be taken on and run by the Town Council.

The Town Clerk reported that he had been copied in to 3 responses to the District Council's application consultation (site adjacent to the Chamber), all of which were negative. He would be meeting with Andrew Grant and Jane Hayward of AVDC to discuss the matter further in the coming week.

Cllr Stuchbury commented that he was very frustrated with AVDC's handling of the project and that a set of public toilets for the town was far more important than winning an issue.

Members hoped to see a co-operative agreement reached between AVDC and the Town Council to provide public toilets.

*Members **AGREED** to re-instate Standing Orders*

## **21/15 Representatives on Outside Bodies 2015-16**

To review and agree representatives to organisations per the attached list.

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>PRESENT REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>TERM OF OFFICE</b>	<b>DUE FOR RENEWAL</b>
<b>Access for All</b>	Cllr. C. Strain-Clark	1 year	May 2016
<i>Deputy</i>	Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	1 year	May 2016
<b>A.V. Association of Local Councils</b>	Cllr. J. Harvey Cllr. D. Isham (deputy)	1 year	May 2016
<b>AV Local Strategic Partnership Stakeholder</b>	Cllr. P. Hirons		
<b>AV Local Council Planning Liaison Group</b>	Cllr. P. Hirons Cllr. W. Whyte		
<b>A.V. North Sports Council</b>	Cllr. D. Isham	1 year	May 2016
<b>Buckingham &amp; Gawcott Charitable Trust</b>	<i>The Mayor</i>	Term of Office	Ex officio
	Cllr. R. Stuchbury	2 years	July 2016

	Cllr. D. Isham	2 years	July 2016
	Cllr. T. Bloomfield	2 years	July 2016
<b>Buckingham &amp; River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board</b>	Cllr. Hiron		
<b>Buckingham Centre for the Arts</b>	Cllr. C. Strain-Clark	1 year	May 2016
<b>Buckingham Community Centre</b>	Cllr. A. Mahi Cllr. M. Try	1 year	May 2016
<b>Buckingham Community Wildlife Project</b>	Cllr. R. Newell Cllr. T. Bloomfield Cllr. D. Isham	1 year	May 2016
<b>Buckingham General Charities</b>	<i>The Mayor</i>	Term of Office	Ex officio
<b>Buckingham General Charities</b>	Cllr. T. Bloomfield	4 years	14 November 2016
	Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins	4 years	14 November 2016
	Cllr. R. Newell	4 years	14 November 2016
<b>Buckingham Partnership</b>	<i>The Mayor</i>	1 year	May 2016
	Cllr. M. Smith	1 year	May 2016
	Cllr. P. Hiron	1 year	May 2016
	Cllr. P. Collins	1 year	May 2016
	Cllr. J. Harvey	1 year	May 2016
<b>Buckingham Youth Centre</b>	Cllr. J. Harvey	1 year	May 2016
	Cllr. G. Collins	1 year	May 2016
<b>CAB</b>	<i>The Mayor/Deputy Mayor</i>	1 year	May 2016
<b>Christmas Parade Committee</b>	Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins		
	Cllr. M. Try		
<b>Green Buckingham Group</b>	Cllr. R. Newell		
<b>Green Buckingham Group Deputy</b>	Cllr. R. Stuchbury Cllr. C. Strain-Clark		
<b>Local Area Forum</b>	Cllr. J. Harvey	1 year	May 2016
<b>Neighbourhood Action Group</b>	Cllr. M. Smith	1 year	May 2016
	Cllr. T. Bloomfield	1 year	May 2016

<b>North Bucks. Parishes Planning Consortium</b>			
<b>North Bucks. Parishes Planning Consortium Deputy</b>	Cllr. P. Hirons	1 year	May 2016
	Cllr. M. Try	1 year	May 2016
<b>Tree Wardens</b>	Cllr. R. Newell		
<b>Tree Wardens</b>	Cllr. R. Stuchbury		
	Cllr. T. Bloomfield		
	Cllr. D. Isham		
	Cllr. P. Hirons		
	Cllr. C. Strain-Clark		
<b>Twining Association</b>	Cllr. T. Bloomfield		
	Cllr. R. Newell		
	Cllr. P. Hirons		
	Cllr. C. Strain-Clark		
	Cllr. H. Mordue		
<b>Visitor Information Centre</b>	Cllr. H. Mordue		
	Cllr. D. Isham		

Members went on to discuss the re-vitalisation of the Buckingham Partnership which had not met for a number of years. Councillors felt that it would be beneficial for the town to call a meeting of the partnership to bring together senior AVDC officers, traders, safety advisors, and other advisory organisations to agree and move forward actions for the benefit of the town.

Proposed by Cllr Stuchbury, seconded and **AGREED** to bring the subject of the re-formation of the Buckingham Partnership back to a Full Council meeting, and suggest agenda items.

**ACTION: JUNE FULL COUNCIL AGENDA**

**22/15 Action List**

To receive and discuss the list.

University Access. Members discussed the University's negative response to supplying an Evac chair for the use of the Film Place in the lecture theatre. The Town Clerk was asked to check on the relevant legislation and speak with the Estates Office at the University.

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**23/15 Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan**

To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk

The Town Clerk reported that the pre-submission consultation had ended on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 16 submissions had been made. The comments would now be passed to Mr Ghurk,

the independent examiner. A public hearing may be set for June, with referendum hopefully by October.

*Cllr Mills left the meeting*

**24/15 Buckingham Town Council Action Plan**

Members are requested to agree the Action Plan for 2015/16

Members commented that some of the high priority activities should be re – addressed as business as usual. The document would be amended and progressed through the Resources Committee. **ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**25/15 Local Government Award Scheme**

To agree the required supporting statements for the Local Government Award Scheme – Gold Application

25.1 Delivering Value for Money

25.2 Staff Management

25.3 Providing Community Leadership

25.4 The Council as a Corporate Body

25.5 Bio-Diversity, Crime and Disorder  
Agreed.

**26/15 Local Government Award Scheme**

26.1 That this Council confirms it has all policies and procedures on the Council's website as per the local Council award scheme, gold standard.

*A copy of the Local Government Award Scheme guide is attached for Members information.*

18.2 To agree to submit the formal application

Agreed.

**27/15 DCLG New programmes, grants and network**

To receive an information bulletin and discuss possible interests

Noted.

*Cllr Strain-Clark left briefly during the following item*

**28/15 To receive reports from District and County Councillors**

Cllr Stuchbury reported that he would be meeting with the leader of the District Council to discuss the narrowing of the responsibilities of the scrutiny committee.

Cllr Stuchbury also reported briefly on the recovery plan for Children's services and commented on challenging time ahead for the young people of many communities in the Vale.

**29/15 Attendance figures**

To receive for information the attendance figures for 2014-15

Noted.

**30/15 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Members are asked to note the reports listed below:

Twinning Association meeting minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Buckingham & Maids Moreton NAG meeting minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015

Noted.

Cllr O'Donoghue requested the minutes

**31/15 Mayoral & Deputy Mayoral Engagements**

Members noted the information

**32/15 News Releases**

Members **AGREED** that the Town Mayor send a letter of support to Maids Moreton Parish Council

**33/15 Chair's Announcements**

The Mayor welcomed new Councillor, Cllr Mark Cole to Buckingham Town Council, and all Councillors back to their committees for the new municipal year.

**34/15 Dates of next meetings**

Interim Council – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
Full Council - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Meeting closed at: 9.15pm

Signed ..... Date .....

Town Mayor