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Minutes of a meeting of the **Town Centre and Events Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham

Present:

Cllr. S. Hetherington	
Cllr. M Gateley	Town Mayor
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. A. Schaefer	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	Chair
Cllr. R. Willett	

Via Zoom:

Cllr. R. Ahmed
Cllr. H. Mordue

Also attending:

Ms. L. Stubbs	Deputy Town Clerk
Mrs. A. Brubaker	Events Co-ordinator
Ms. P. Cahill	Committee Clerk

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

587/22 Apologies for absence

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. Davies.

588/22 Declarations of interest

There were none.

589/22 Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Town Centre and Events Committee meeting held on 12th December 2022.

590/22 Action list

Members received action reports and an update.

Discussions on the action list:

Youth Council – Buckinghamshire Council is holding the consultation presently so we would expect to hear the outcome shortly.

Skate Park – the report is from November 2022 and Members were informed that there will be a further survey in March 2023 with an official start date for the new skate park announced in the near future. Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed to write to Cabinet Member Clive Harriss to request an update prior to the next Town Centre and Events meeting. Seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue and unanimously **AGREED** by Members. **ACTION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

590/22.1 Members received a response from the BBC.
Disappointment at the closure was expressed unanimously by Members.

591/22 Markets

Members reviewed the market fees.

It is recommended that the Street Market pitch fees be changed to metric and be charged in bands of three sizes as per the below table. This will make for a simpler and easier to understand pricing structure.

Pitch Type	Proposed New Charge
Up to 3m x 3m Pitch Casual	£20
Up to 3m x 3m Pitch Regular	£15
3.1m-5.9m x 3m Casual	£25
3.1m-5.9m x 3m Regular	£20
Over 6m x 3m Casual	£45
Over 6m x 3m Regular*	£30
Electric (including VAT)	£20
* Limited availability	

It is recommended that the Street Market minimum fee be raised from £12 to £15.

It is recommended that the Flea Market pitch fees be raised from £8.00 to £10.00 per table and remain at £15 per double table.

It is recommended that gazebo hire rates are frozen at £4 per hire to reflect current usage. Cllr. Gateley Proposed, Cllr. O'Donoghue Seconded. Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendations.

592/22 Planters outside the Town Hall

Members received a proposal from the Buckingham & Villages Community Board.

The Deputy Town Clerk read out a directive from the Community Board which had been agreed by all parties. Buckingham Town Council would be responsible for facilitating only and no costs will be incurred by the Town Council. On this basis, Cllr. Schaefer Proposed, Cllr. Hetherington Seconded. Members unanimously **AGREED** the proposal and a press release at the appropriate time. **ACTION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

593/22 Budget

Members received and noted the latest budget figures.

Members noted next year's budget as agreed by Precept.

594/22 Swan Sculpture Project update

Members noted a report from the Town Centre and External Services Manager.

595/22 Coronation weekend

Members received a report from the Deputy Town Clerk.

It is recommended that the Council focus on supporting Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise over the Coronation Weekend, in line with the wishes of King Charles III to promote The Big Help Out. Alongside this the Council will decorate the town centre and parks and run a Coronation Procession activity hunt for families.

The Chair informed Members that the Lieutenancy has decided not to hold the service in Buckingham. The Mayor informed Members that the Lord Lieutenant would attend a Civic Service in Buckingham if it was to be held. Members **AGREED** to refer this to the Resources Committee.

Cllr. Gateley Proposed an amendment: 'that the Council focus **as far as possible...**' Cllr. O'Donoghue Seconded. Members unanimously **AGREED** the amendment to the recommendation.

Cllr. Gateley Proposed, Cllr. O'Donoghue Seconded. Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation.

596/22 Play Around the Parishes and summer basketball

Members received a report from the Events Coordinator.

The Events Coordinator explained the benefits of using MK Play Association as they can provide full day sessions.

It is recommended that members note the report as well as the attachments for the play sessions.

It is recommended that the Town Council books 3 full day sessions with MK Play Association for the play days.

It is recommended that the £151 overspend for 3 full play day sessions and 7 basketball sessions be taken from budget code 303/4273 one off events.

Cllr. O'Donoghue Proposed, Cllr. Gateley Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendations and a press release at the appropriate time.

Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed that Play Around the Parishes is renamed to reflect that it is now specific to Buckingham. Cllr. Mahi Seconded. Members unanimously **AGREED**.

ACTION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

597/22 Fringe Week

Members received a report from the Events Coordinator.

It is recommended that the Council notes and agrees the proposed programme of events for the Buckingham Fringe Week as outlined below.

Members noted and unanimously **AGREED** the budget for this year's Fringe Week.

598/22 Updates from representatives on outside bodies

There were no updates.

599/22 Forthcoming events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Pancake Race	Friday 17 th Feb	11:00	Green outside St Peter & St Paul's Church
Food Fair	Saturday 11 th March	10:00	Buckingham Community Centre
<i>Town Crier interviews will take place at the Food Fair. The Office Administrator is the lead on the Food Fair and 21 traders have been booked.</i>			
Comedy Night	Saturday 25 th March	TBC	Tanlaw Mill

599/22.1 The Committee was notified that a pop-up Art in the Market and the BART bus will attend the Pancake Race.

599/22.2 Members received a verbal update from the Events Coordinator about the Comedy Night:

25th March 2023 at Tanlaw Mill. The comedian has been booked: Glenn Moore is the headliner, and the MC is Andrew Bird. Support Act to be confirmed.

Members thanked the Events Coordinator for her work in organising this event.

600/22 Event reviews

Members received reports on the following events:

Christmas Parade

It is recommended that Buckingham Town Council continues to support the Christmas Parade. It is an event that is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike and brings footfall into the town from the surrounding villages.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that a breakdown of costs will be brought to the next meeting.

ACTION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Community Fair

It is recommended that Buckingham Town Council continues organising the Community Fair as it provides a platform in which local societies, charities and groups to be able to fund raise.

It is recommended that the Community Fair continues to be run on the same day as the Christmas Parade as it attracts not only residents but members of the public from the surrounding area who have come into town to see the parade.

Concerns were expressed regarding the impact of the road closure on footfall at the Community Fair. Members **AGREED** to bring this for further discussion to a future Committee meeting.

Members expressed their thanks to Terry Bloomfield for his hard work and commitment.

Holocaust Memorial Day

It is recommended that the Town Council hosts another event on Saturday 27th January 2024.

Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed that the reading from the children is attached as an appendix to these minutes. Cllr. Gateley Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED**.

Cllr. Gateley Proposed, Cllr. Willett Seconded. Members unanimously **AGREED** all the above recommendations.

601/22 Access

Members reviewed Town Centre access.

601/22.1

Members received an email response about town centre repairs.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that the local area technician left their position last year; a new member of staff will start on 1st March 2023.

Members expressed concern regarding the safety of elderly and disabled residents moving around the town although the planned repairs are positive. Routes into the town should also be taken into consideration.

Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed that we write to Transport for Buckinghamshire to show appreciation for the plans but also to express concerns about the fabric of the town centre and request an action report with specific dates for repairs. A press release will follow to explain the actions taken. Cllr. Schaefer Seconded. Members unanimously **AGREED**.

ACTION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

602/22 Public Spaces Protection Order update

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Draft minutes subject to ratification

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PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY 2010/CRIME AND DISORDER ACT, 1988: the decisions made during the course of the meeting were duly considered and it was decided that there were no resulting direct or indirect implications in respect of crime and disorder, or equalities considerations, other than those stated in the minutes.

Initial.....

Members received a verbal report from the Deputy Town Clerk:
A consultation took place in the Summer but the Officer at Buckinghamshire Council who was working on this has now left; this means that there is no firm update. An update will be brought to the next meeting.

ACTION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

603/22 Climate Emergency Action Plan

Members received and discussed updates to the Climate Emergency Action Plan.
Cllr. Schaefer Proposed that this is put as an earlier agenda item on a future meeting for more detailed discussion. Cllr. Gateley Seconded. Members unanimously **AGREED.**

ACTION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

604/22 News releases

Planters
Play Around the Parishes – rename
Access

605/22 Chair's items

For information: During Bandjam weekend there may be a scheduled stop for a motorbike rally.

606/22 Date of the next meeting: Monday 3rd April 2023

Meeting closed at 20:36pm

Signed Date

Martin Niemoller's First They Came, read by Royal Latin School pupil, Abi Moore

*First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist
Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist
Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist
Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew
Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me.*

The Action In the Ghetto of Rohatyn, March 1942 by Alexander Kimel, read by Royal Latin School pupil, Eleanor Davan Wetton

*Do I want to remember?
The peaceful ghetto, before the raid:
Children shaking like leaves in the wind.
Mothers searching for a piece of bread.
Shadows, on swollen legs, moving with fear.
No, I don't want to remember, but how can I forget?*

*Do I want to remember, the creation of hell?
The shouts of the Raiders, enjoying the hunt.
Cries of the wounded, begging for life.
Faces of mothers carved with pain.
Hiding Children, dripping with fear.
No, I don't want to remember, but how can I forget?*

*Do I want to remember, my fearful return?
Families vanished in the midst of the day.
The mass grave steaming with vapor of blood.
Mothers searching for children in vain.
The pain of the ghetto, cuts like a knife.
No, I don't want to remember, but how can I forget?*

*Do I want to remember, the wailing of the night?
The doors kicked ajar, ripped feathers floating the air.
The night scented with snow-melting blood.
While the compassionate moon, is showing the way.
For the faceless shadows, searching for kin.
No, I don't want to remember, but I cannot forget.*

*Do I want to remember this world upside down?
Where the departed are blessed with an instant death.
While the living condemned to a short wretched life,
And a long tortuous journey into unnamed place,
Converting Living Souls, into ashes and gas.
No. I Have to Remember and Never Let You Forget.*