FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7pm on Monday 19th June 2023 in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Present: Cllr. R. Ahmed

Cllr. M. Cole JP Cllr. F. Davies

Cllr. S. Hetherington

Cllr. A. Mahi Cllr. H. Mordue Cllr. L. O'Donoghue

Cllr. A. Osibogun Vice Chair

Cllr. A. Ralph

Cllr. A. Schaefer Town Mayor/Chair

Cllr. R. Stuchbury

Also present: Ms. C. Molyneux Town Clerk

Ms. L. Stubbs
Ms. P. Cahill
Mrs. K. McElligott
Ms. S. McMurtrie
Deputy Town Clerk
Committee Clerk
Planning Clerk
Town Plan Officer

Mr. S. Beech Compliance and Projects Manager

Mr. R. Newall Buckingham Society

Absent: Cllr. G. Collins

Cllr. M. Gateley Cllr. J. Harvey Cllr. M. Try Cllr. W. Whyte Cllr. R. Willett

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

87/23 Apologies for absence

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. Collins, Cllr. Gateley, Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Try, Cllr. Whyte and Cllr. Willett.

88/23 Declarations of interest

There were none.

89/23 Land south of Brackley Road and land south of the A421/west of Gawcott Road

Members received a presentation from Hallam Land Management:

- Here to set a context for the promotion and introduction of this plan.
- The site is South-West of the town and is owned by two parties; Hallam Land Management are acting on behalf of both.
- As part of their assessment in evaluating what is needed they are looking at infrastructure that is permitted in the town and also what is being delivered.
- Recognise that there are weaknesses of the site: it is on the other side of the bypass so connectivity into the town needs to be considered.

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- Up to 800 homes planned.
- Plans for a primary school on the site.
- The cemetery and allotments are in one corner of the site and some provision of employment is planned.
- Recognise that health provision is a key issue in the town, and looking at what can be taken from the previous and emerging Neighbourhood Plans to work into the scheme.
- 35% affordable housing.
- Up to 40% green infrastructure across the site.

Members thanked Hallam Land Management for their presentation and raised the following points:

- Buckingham currently has no unmet housing need.
- Welcomed the addition of a primary school but secondary school provision is also needed.
- Health provision is overloaded in the town.
- The importance of creating a sense of 'place'.
- S106 views of the Town Council to be considered.

90/23 Rural Market Towns Group representative

Members **AGREED** that they will liaise outside of the meeting to appoint a representative.

91/23 PSPO Complaint

Members received a report from the Deputy Town Clerk.

It is recommended that Members agree to complain to Buckinghamshire Council about the imposition of an altered Public Spaces Protection Order covering the Town without following s61 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, and without considering the formal objection of the Town Council.

The Town Clerk explained that a PSPO is a means of trying to prevent anti-social behaviour and there has been one in Buckingham for quite some time. The original order meant that residents could drink alcohol in the town but must stop if asked to do so by the police. This was reviewed in 2020 and the new signs in the town state that consuming alcohol in specific areas is prohibited, with a resulting fine of up to £500. An objection was submitted by the Town Council, requesting that the original wording of the order was reinstated and opposing the outright ban.

The Town Clerk will email the map to Councillors to show the areas covered within the ban.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, Seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue and unanimously **AGREED** by Members to accept the recommendation.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

92/23 Swan trail EMR

Members received a report from the Finance Officer.

It is recommended that Members agree to create a new EMR of £585.00 for the Swan Trail. This is the money that was paid in sponsorship during the previous financial year. Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation.

93/23 S106 funding priorities

Members received a report from the Deputy Town Clerk.

It is recommended that Members agree the recommendation from the Neighbourhood Plan Development Working Group - that the following sports and leisure projects are allocated section 106 funding connected to site Q, 23/00178/AOP - Land West Of London Road Buckingham:

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Type of Provision	Project Name	Cost listed	Ideas for how this budget line could be used	On or Off site
Youth shelter/ Meeting area	Seating	£42,000	Grouped/conversation seating. Could include some shelter from the elements.	On or off site
Community Centre	Community Centre improvements	£600,000	Could be towards any community centre. Lace Hill Centre is preferred as the closest location to site Q. It is requested that active travel routes between site Q and the Lace Hill Centre also be requested as part of this recommendation.	Off site

Members unanimously **AGREED** to the recommendation.

94/23 Chair's announcements

No announcements.

95/23 Date of next meetings: Full Council: Monday 10th July 2023

Interim: Monday 9th October 2023

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION Exclusion of public and press

RECOMMENDED In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded. Members unanimously **AGREED**.

96/23 High Street consultant

Members received a report from the Deputy Town Clerk.

Cllr. Mordue declared an interest as Chair of The Community Board.

A vote on the recommendation was taken and the result was:

For: 10 Against: 0 Abstention: 1

Meeting closed at 19:46.