

Minutes of a **Precept** meeting of **The Full Council** of Buckingham Town Council held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

**Present:** Cllr. M. Cole JP  
Cllr. F. Davies  
Cllr. L. Draper  
Cllr. J. Harvey  
Cllr. H. Mordue  
Cllr. J. Mordue  
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue  
Cllr. A. Osibogun Vice-Chair  
Cllr. A. Ralph  
Cllr. A. Schaefer Town Mayor  
Cllr. R. Stuchbury  
Cllr. M. Try  
Cllr. R. Willett

**Via Zoom:** Cllr. A. Mahi

**Also present:** Ms. C. Molyneux Town Clerk  
Ms. P. Cahill Committee Clerk

**Absent:** Cllr. R. Ahmed  
Cllr. G. Collins  
Cllr. M. Gateley  
Cllr. A. Mahi

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

**563/23 Apologies for absence**

Members received and accepted apologies from Cllr. Ahmed, Cllr. Collins, Cllr. Gateley and Cllr. Mahi.

**564/23 Declarations of interest**

Cllr. H. Mordue as Chairman of the Buckingham Christmas Parade.  
Cllr. J. Mordue as Secretary of Buckingham Twinning Association.  
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue declared an interest in Buckingham Youth Club.

**565/23 Budget and precept 2024-2025**

Members received a report from the Town Clerk and **AGREED** the proposed Town Council budget for the financial year 2024/2025.

Members thanked Chairs and Committee Members for their work and the Town Clerk for the clear options in the report.

Cllr. Cole noted that the Council is predicted to be under budget which is amazing; he congratulated the Town Clerk, the Finance Officer, and the team.

**BTC/07/23**

**566/23 Precept 2024/25**

Cllr. Harvey Proposed accepting Option 2.2:

2.2 That the total funding requirement for 2024/25 to be levied on Buckinghamshire Council be set at £1,230,480. Which is an 5.85% increase (against the council tax base) and raises a band D property from £208.74 to £220.96 an **increase of £12.22** a year.

Cllr. J. Mordue Seconded. A vote was taken, and the result was:

For: Cllr. Cole, Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. H. Mordue, Cllr. J. Mordue, Cllr. O'Donoghue, Cllr. Ralph, Cllr. Schaefer, Cllr. Stuchbury, Cllr. Try and Cllr. Willett.

Against: 0

Abstention: Cllr. Osibogun

Members passed a resolution **AGREEING** the Precept figure for 2024/25.

**567/23 Planning application**

Members noted that the Town Council's planning application for the new cemetery is progressing through the planning process and **AGREED** that our response will be to support but not comment further as this is our own application.

23/04010/ADP Land south of the A421 (new cemetery site)  
Submission of details of all matters reserved pursuant to outline planning permission 15/01242/AOP (Application for Outline Planning Permission with access to provide Allotments, Cemetery, Associated Buildings, Landscaping, New Vehicular and Pedestrian Access, Engineering (including Ground Modelling) Works, Infrastructure Works (including Drainage Works and Utilities Provision), Demolition, Car Parking and Lighting).  
*Buckingham Town Council*

Cllr. Cole thanked the Town Clerk, officers, and Cllr. Stuchbury for their work and noted that there are comments on the portal. The Town Clerk is aware of these and is liaising with our specialist consultant.

Cllr. Draper arrived at 7:12pm.

Cllr. Davies Proposed that we thank all officers, accept the report, and add no further comments. Seconded by Cllr. Ralph. A vote was taken, and the result was:

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstention: 4 (Buckinghamshire Councillors)

**568/23 Chair's announcements**

The Chair thanked Members who attended the Holocaust Memorial event on Friday and thanked the Estates Administrator for their hard work in organising this.

The Chair also thanked officers and Members who supported the Developers' Roadshow on Saturday.

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**BTC/07/23**

The Mayor informed Members that a cheque for £2000 for the Mayor's charities has been received from the Buckingham Rugby Club.

**569/23 Date of the next meeting:**

Interim Council (preceded by an informal meeting): Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Full Council: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Meeting closed at 7:15pm

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

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