

**BTC/05/19**

Minutes of the Precept meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

**Present:**

Cllr. T. Bloomfield  
Cllr. M. Cole  
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins  
Cllr. P. Collins  
Cllr. J. Harvey  
Cllr. P. Hirons  
Cllr. A. Mahi  
Cllr. H. Mordue  
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell  
Cllr. A. Ralph  
Cllr. M. Smith  
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark  
Cllr. R. Stuchbury

Mayor  
Deputy Mayor

**In attendance:** Mr. P. Hodson  
Cllr. W. Whyte  
Mrs. N. Stockill

Town Clerk  
County Councillor  
Committee Clerk

*A minute's silence was held in respect for Town Councillor Derrick Isham who died on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Cllr. D. Isham served as a Town Councillor for 32 years and rarely missed a meeting. He held the position of Town Mayor from 1995-97 and oversaw HM the Queen's visit to Buckingham in 1996.*

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Cllr. W. Whyte spoke to Members about the Town Council's Community Grants to be considered later in the evening (agenda item 4). Cllr. Whyte said the Buckingham Area Rural Transport Group (BART Bus) has missed the opportunity to submit a grant application and asked Councillors to consider how the town Council might consider supporting the project within the new financial year.

**670/19 Apologies for Absence**

Members received and accepted apologies from Cllrs. Gateley and O'Donoghue.

**671/19 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**672/19 Budgets 2020/21**

Members discussed the Town Council budgets for the financial year 2020/21.

Cllr. Stuchbury thanked the Town Clerk for preparing the budget and noted that all budgets had been scrutinised by all four of Town Council's committees.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Collins and seconded by Cllr. T. Bloomfield to increase the precept by 0.81p per week on a band D property. The new cost per band D property would be £169.16 and would be a yearly increase of £4.31 or 2.62% per property.

A recorded vote was taken and the results were:

In favour: Cllrs. Bloomfield, Cole, G. Collins, P. Collins, Harvey, Hirons, Mahi, Mordue, R. Newell, Ralph, Smith, Strain-Clark and Stuchbury.

Members **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the overall budget figure to reflect the Committee's recommendations within the precept report.

**673/19 To resolve to provide sundry grants under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as follows which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:**

(The grants recommended were discussed and agreed by the Resources Committee at its meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020, EXCEPT for the proposed grant to the Buckingham Table. This was missed from the final report to Resources due to an administrative error. However, all councillors received information about the request in the detailed grants pack which was circulated prior to the Resources meeting. The total figure Resources agreed included the recommended amount for the Buckingham Table.)

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Grant Recommended by Resources Committee</b>
Buckingham Summer Festival	£1,500
Chandos Park Bowls Club	£1,000
Friends of the Old Gaol	£1,000
Swan Community Hub	£1,000
Buckingham and Stowe Running Club	£1,000
Mortonville Junior Football Club	£1,000
Buckingham and District Angling Association	£916
Lace Hill Residents Association	£900
Buckingham Churches Together Holiday Club	£750
Project Street Life	£700
Buckingham Twinning Association	£700
Buckingham Choral Society	£500
Buckingham West End Bowls Club	£400
Friends of Bourton Meadow School	£0
Royal Latin School	£250
Buckingham Primary School	£0
Buckingham Table	£1,250
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>£12,866</b>
<i>Three year grants (second year)</i>	
Old Gaol	£3,000
Citizen's Advice	£5,346
Youth Centre	£5,200
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>£13,546</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>£26,412</b>
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Members discussed the Town Clerk’s report.  
Proposed by Cllr. P Collins and seconded by Cllr. Newell to agree the report recommendation and to provide community grants totalling £26,412 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 .

Proposed by Cllr. Hirons to award Buckingham Rural Transport Group a Community Grant of £500 towards running costs for the new BART bus. Cllr. Stuchbury said other applications were not considered eligible for a grant because their application missed the deadline. Members noted that the scheme was not included in the agenda and so they could not make a decision on the matter; it was suggested that the Resources Committee discuss ways of supporting the project at a future meeting. No seconder stood for Cllr. Hirons’s proposal and the motion fell.

A recorded vote was taken on Cllr. P. Collin’s motion and the results were:  
In favour: Cllrs. Bloomfield, Cole, G. Collins, P. Collins, Harvey, Hirons, Mahi, Mordue, R. Newell, Ralph, Smith, Strain-Clark and Stuchbury.  
Motion carried.

**674/19 Precept 2020/21**

Members  
Proposed by Cllr. P. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield to AGREE the Precept figure for 2020/21 as per the above discussions. A recorded vote was taken and the results were:  
In favour: Cllrs. Bloomfield, Cole, G. Collins, P. Collins, Harvey, Hirons, Mahi, Mordue, R. Newell, Ralph, Smith, Strain-Clark and Stuchbury.  
Motion carried.

**675/19 Chairman’s Announcements**

**676/19 Date of next meeting:**  
Full Council Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Interim 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Meeting closed at: 19.14

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

Town Mayor