

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Tuesday 4th May 2010** in Room MB1 in the Masons Building, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham at 7:05pm following the Annual Statutory Meeting.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
Cllr. H. Cadd
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. D. Isham
Cllr. R. Lehmann
Cllr. G. Loftus
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. M. Smith Town Mayor
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. M. Try
Cllr. W. Whyte

In attendance: Mr. C. P. Wayman Town Clerk

05/10 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that there were apologies from Cllr. Mordue and Cllr. Mrs. P. Stevens, District Cllrs. Blake and Mills, and County Cllr Polhill.

06/10 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED to note that Cllr. Mahi, as an employee of Tesco, declared a prejudicial interest in item 17; that Cllr. Cadd, being an AVDC Councillor, declared a prejudicial interest in item 17; and that Cllr. Loftus declared a personal interest in item 15.

07/10 Full Council Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 8th March 2010 (**BTC/11/09**) subject to the date being changed to the 8th March on the title of the minutes.

08/10 Interim Council Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 12th April 2010 (**IM/07/09**).

Cllr. Try arrived at the meeting

09/10 Planning Committee Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on Monday 15th March (**PL/13/09**) and 12th April 2010 (**PL/14/09**) subject to the date of the minutes of the 12th April being changed to 2010.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Smith, that the **RECOMMENDATION** from minute number **1032/09 (PL/14/09)** be **AGREED** as follows:

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Smith, and **RECOMMENDED** that all Committees of the Council reconsider what infrastructure improvements were necessary. The Planning Committee would co-ordinate a list based on residents' wishes from the Buckingham Plan and the ideas laid out in the Parks Policy document.

AGREED

10/10 Environment and Property Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on 22nd March 2010 (**EP/07/09**), subject to Cllr. Loftus being shown as attending and recording Cllr. Lehmann's declaration of interest in agenda item 11.

11/10 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 29th March 2010 (**TCE/07/09**).

12/10 Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 19th April 2010 (**FAP/07/09**)

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Smith, that the **RECOMMENDATION** from minute number **1049/09 (PL/07/09)** be **AGREED** as follows:

Members **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** the changes suggested by Cllrs. Lehmann and Newell and further changes to Standing Orders 21.1, 25.1 and 23.6.

AGREED

13/10 Motion from Cllr. Stuchbury

Cllr. Stuchbury spoke to his motion suggesting that the people of the area should be consulted to see if they wish for any change in the current situation with regard to the levels of Councils in the area, including separation of the north of the Vale from AVDC.

Members then discussed the reasons behind the motion in great depth, including the amount of capital funding received by the town. Some Members did feel that Aylesbury was in a poor state and required a vast amount of investment. Points

were also raised as to what would take the place of AVDC and whether Buckingham would be treated in a similar way under a different District Council, given that it was likely that any change would nevertheless result in a new Council above Buckingham Town Council. Questions were also raised over some of the assertions in Cllr. Stuchbury's supporting papers, which overlooked that AVA had recently begun work on the town access strategy and on updating the Vision and Design Statement. Members also discussed what form the consultation might take and how the information would be collated.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** by 10 votes to 4 that Buckingham Town Council begins a consultation with the surrounding area as to the current status as part of AVDC and if an alternative arrangement would be more suitable, and that once the consultation is completed, information is sought on the preferred outcome.

14/10 Motion from Cllr. Stuchbury

Councillor Stuchbury presented his motion which highlighted the continued growth of Milton Keynes and its potential impact on Buckingham. He urged support for the motion so that officer correspondence could start. Members reminded him that this dialogue was currently underway via the Planning Committee.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Newell and **REJECTED** by 9 votes to 5 that Buckingham Town Council begin talks with Milton Keynes Council over the continuing growth of both Milton Keynes and Buckingham as with this development we are edging closer together.

Cllr. Loftus commented that he would have supported the motion if Cllr. Stuchbury had included officers in the motion, however, the motion only dealt with the Council as a corporate body.

15/10 Motion form Cllr. Stuchbury

Councillor Stuchbury presented his motion seeking agreement to write to the BCC Cabinet Member for Achievements in relation to schools, and whether a lottery based pupil allocation system would be brought in. Members noted that a BCC officer was attending the Planning Meeting on 10th May to discuss issues related to schools. A spelling mistake in the name of the cabinet member was identified in the motion and an Amendment to correct it was made.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and **AGREED** by 11 votes to 0 (with Cllrs. Hirons and Isham abstaining) that Buckingham Town Council write to the BCC Cabinet Member for Achievements Cllr. Mrs. Marion Clayton and enquire as to if changes to the school selection process are coming into force in 2011 and also ask the direct question over if BCC will bring a lottery based allocation for grammar schools

ACTION TOWN CLERK

16/10 Attendance Records

Members drew attention to the omission of attendance at the 8th of February Town Centre and Events Meeting.

AGREED subject to the above omission being rectified that the Attendance Record be noted.

17/10 Representation on Committees

Members **AGREED** their representation on Committees for the forthcoming year.

18/10 Representation on Outside Bodies and Organisations

Members discussed the representatives of the Town Council on Outside Bodies and agreed the following:

| ORGANISATION | COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE | TERM OF OFFICE | DUE FOR RENEWAL |
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| A.V. Association of Local Councils | Cllr. D. Isham Cllr. W. Whyte | 1 year | May 2011 |
| AV Local Strategic Partnership Stakeholder | Cllr. P. Hirons | | |
| AV Local Council Planning Liaison Group | Cllr. P. Hirons Cllr. W. Whyte | | |
| A.V. North Sports Council | Cllr. D. Isham | 1 year | May 2011 |
| Buckingham & Gawcott Charitable Trust | The Mayor | Term of office | Ex officio |
| | Cllr. R. Stuchbury | 2 years | July 2010 |
| | Cllr. R. Newell | 2 years | July 2010 |
| | Cllr. R. Lehmann | 2 years | July 2010 |
| Buckingham & River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board | Cllr. Hirons | | |
| Buckingham Arts Steering Group | Cllr. W. Whyte | 1 year | May 2011 |
| Buckingham Community Centre | Cllr. A. Mahi Cllr. M. Try | 1 year | May 2011 |
| Buckingham Community Wildlife Project | Cllr. R. Newell Cllr. T. Bloomfield Cllr. D. Isham | 1 year | May 2011 |

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| Buckingham Economic Group | Cllr. H. Cadd | 1 year | May 2011 |
| | Cllr. P. Collins | 1 year | May 2011 |
| | Cllr. D. Isham | 1 year | May 2011 |
| | Cllr. W. Whyte | 1 year | May 2011 |
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| Buckingham General Charities | The Mayor | Term of Office | Ex officio |
| | Cllr. D. Isham | 4 years | 4 January 2013 |
| | Cllr. R. Newell | 4 years | 4 January 2013 |
| | Cllr. P. Hirons | 4 years | 2 January 2011 |
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| Buckingham Partnership | The Mayor | 1 year | May 2011 |
| | Cllr. R. Newell | 1 year | May 2011 |
| | Cllr. R. Stuchbury | 1 year | May 2011 |
| | Cllr. W. Whyte | 1 year | May 2011 |
| | Cllr. P. Hirons | 1 year | May 2011 |
| Deputies | Cllr. P. Collins | 1 year | May 2011 |
| | Cllr. M. Try | 1 year | May 2011 |
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| Buckingham Youth Centre | Cllr. R. Stuchbury | 1 year | May 2011 |
| | Cllr. L. O'Donoghue | 1 year | May 2011 |
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| CAB | The Mayor | 1 year | May 2011 |
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| Local Area Forum | Cllr. W. Whyte | 1 year | May 2011 |
| | Cllr. M. Smith | 1 year | May 2011 |
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| Licensing Forum | Cllr. D. Isham | 1 year | May 2011 |
| | Cllr. M. Smith | 1 year | May 2011 |
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| Neighbourhood Action Group | Cllr. M. Smith | 1 year | May 2011 |
| | Cllr. T. Bloomfield | 1 year | May 2011 |
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| North Bucks. Parishes Planning Consortium | Cllr. P. Hirons | 1 year | May 2011 |
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| Tree Wardens | Cllr. R. Newell | | |
| | Cllr. R. Stuchbury | | |
| | Cllr. T. Bloomfield | | |
| | Cllr. D. Isham | | |
| | Cllr. H. Cadd | | |
| | Cllr. P. Hirons | | |
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| Twinning Association | <i>Cllr. H. Mordue</i> | | |
| | Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins | | |
| | Cllr. G. Loftus | | |
| | Cllr. P. Hirons | | |

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| Buckingham Green Group | Cllr. R. Newell Cllr. M. Smith | | |
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| Tourist Information Centre | Cllr. D. Isham Cllr. H. Mordue | | |

Cllr. Smith informed Members that he was still seeking information on becoming a trustee for the CAB before formally accepting a place on their board.

Members **AGREED** that the issue of the Public Transport Consultative be remitted to the Planning Committee.

Members also **AGREED** to write to the AVDC Licensing Officer and enquire when a meeting covering Buckingham would be held.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

19/10 Honorary Freeman of Buckingham

Members noted that there would be an Extraordinary meeting of the Council immediately prior to the next scheduled Planning Committee meeting, to consider conferring the title of Honorary Freeman on Cllr. Loftus. A number of changes to the draft scroll were **AGREED**, subject to the decision at the Extraordinary meeting to confer the title.

20/10 Annual Town Meeting

Members discussed the requirements of the Annual Town Meeting and debated the current layout of the agenda and its affect on attendance. The consensus was that the current format, which complied with all legal requirements, offered a good balance of information and opportunities to ask questions; however, it would be looked into more closely to see if it might be livened up to attract greater public attendance.

21/10 Flooding at the Tesco site

Members **AGREED** that a more in detailed response should be sought for from Buckinghamshire County Council.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

22/10 Council Photograph

Members **AGREED** to commission the photograph and noted that it was due to be taken at the Mayor's Reception on the 29th May.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

Cllr. Try left the meeting.

23/10 Great Ouse Catchment Flood Management Plan Consultation

Members discussed the Flood Management plan and noted the work already being undertaken. Members **AGREED** to write in support of the plan and request a timetable for action. Members were very pleased that a flood management plan for the town would be included.

24/10 Buckingham Hospital and North Bucks Action Group

Members noted the minutes of the group and **AGREED** that Cllr. Stuchbury should ask the group if they would like Town Council representation on the group.

ACTION CLLR. STUCHBURY

25/10 Other Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence. Cllr. Hirons highlighted details of the speed limit meeting and informed Councillors that, statistically, Buckingham's roads were the safest in the County.

26/10 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members noted the reports from representatives on outside bodies.

Cllr. Try returned to the meeting.

27/10 Chairman's Announcements

The Mayor reminded Members that the Mayor's Reception is on the 29th May 2010 and asked Members to respond to the invitations.

28/10 Dates of next meetings

Special Meeting – Monday 10th May 2010
Interim Council – Monday 1st June 2010
Full Council – Monday 21st June 2010

29/10 COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED 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, **RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

Signed Date

Town Mayor