

Meeting Three 2023-2024

Minutes of a meeting of the **Equality, Community Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group** of Buckingham Town Council held on Thursday, 8th February 2024 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham.

Present: Cllr. M. Gateley
Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. Try

Also present: Ms. Stubbs Deputy Town Clerk
Ms. Cahill Committee Clerk
Ms. A. Davies

Via Zoom: Ms. Ohene-Djan

Absent: Cllr. Ahmed
Cllr. Schaefer
Cllr. Willett

Cllr. Gateley chaired the meeting in Cllr. Ahmed's absence and welcomed Ms. Davies.

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllr. Ahmed, Cllr. Schaefer and Cllr. Willett.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3. Minutes**
Members received and ratified the minutes of the Equality, Community Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group meeting held on 30th November 2023.
- 4. Holding a Bingo Disco**
Members received feedback regarding venues and discussed event ideas.

Cllr. Harvey visited the King's Head and has had a positive initial discussion; a further conversation will take place later this week. The Deputy Town Clerk suggested that the event could be held as part of this year's Fringe Week and confirmed that a budget for the Bingo Disco would need to be agreed by the Town Centre and Events Committee. They asked that Cllr. Harvey forward any information about costs that may be involved. **ACTION CLLR. HARVEY**
- 5. Black History Month**
Cllr. Gateley informed the Group that the University now has a Wellbeing, Skills, and Diversity department. The Inclusivity Adviser is Sarah McDonald.

Ms. Ohene-Djan suggested a 'picnic in the park' with music to acknowledge and celebrate the event. Concerns were raised about the weather in October.

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Cllr. Harvey suggested a walk and talk event, perhaps with the library as a starting point. Cllr. Gateley suggested an exhibition in the library alongside such an event.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that individuals could decide to have a picnic in the park as individuals but that the Town Council would not be able to advertise this. If it is a Town Council event it would need an event management plan and must comply with event rules and regulations, including music licenses; this may incur costs and a report must be sent to the Town Centre and Events Committee to request a budget.

Members agreed the following actions with outcomes to be presented at the next meeting:

- Cllr. Gateley will contact the library and Gill Hill at the University.
- Cllr. Harvey will contact Sarah McDonald, the Bookshop and ask a question on Black Lives Matters Buckingham's Facebook group regarding ideas for an event.
- Cllr. Try will contact U3A.
- The Committee Clerk will email local schools to ask what they are planning.

ACTION CLLRS. GATELEY, HARVEY AND TRY AND COMMITTEE CLERK

6. Access event

Members received a report from the Committee Clerk.

Members received the results of the initial study into accessibility in the town and discussed further options:

- This is a good basis but is a self-assessed result and needs to be tested before publication.
- Create a framework to show what conditions can be met for different access needs.
- Working Group as individuals will organise testing the results and report back to the group.
- Any ideas on presenting the information on the website would be sent to the Communications Strategy Group for agreement.

The Committee Clerk will circulate the questionnaire and Ms. Davies' contact details to the group.

ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK

Cllr. Harvey left the meeting at 6:56pm.

Ms. Davies left the meeting at 7:00pm

7. Action list

Members received action reports and updates.

8. Updates from Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no updates.

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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.

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9. Rescheduling of November ECDI meeting

Thursday, 28th November is Christmas Lights Switch On event.

Suggested rescheduled date: 5th December 2024.

Members **AGREED**.

10. News releases

None.

11. Chair's items

No items.

12. Date of the next meeting: 2nd May 2024

Meeting closed at: 7:10pm

Chair Date