

Meeting Four 2023-2024

Minutes of a meeting of the **Equality, Community Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group** of Buckingham Town Council held on Thursday, 2nd May 2024 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham.

Present: Ms. Ohene-Djan
Cllr. Harvey
Cllr. Gateley
Ms. A. Awoska
Sgt. D. Kuttner
Ms. E. Scales

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

Absent: Mr. Abyad
Cllr. Ahmed
Cllr. O'Donoghue
Cllr. Schaefer
Cllr. Try
Cllr. Willett

1. Apologies for absence

Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Mr. Abyad, Cllr. Ahmed, and Ms. Davies.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

Members received and agreed the notes of the Equality, Community Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group meeting held on 8th February 2024.

4. Bingo Disco

Members received feedback and discussed the event details, including creating an email working group to decide on an appropriate inclusive playlist, ensuring that all songs are appropriate to ECD&I values e.g. do not glorify drug taking, misogyny or violence.

Cllr. Harvey has arranged the event with the King's Head; it is now part of Fringe Week and has been included in the promotional material. The Group must agree a playlist of tracks (120 songs) by the end of May. These are to be emailed to the Committee Clerk.

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5. Black History Month

Members received feedback:

Cllr. Gateley informed Members that Buckingham Library were very positive; the Group must now decide what they would like on the noticeboard.

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Ms. Awoska explained that the University usually hold their event on Instagram, but nothing is planned as yet. The Deputy Town Clerk suggested the possibility of linking the Instagram material with the Library display.

Cllr. Harvey said that the bookshop is interested in promoting relevant books and may create a display of black authors.

Ms. Ohene-Djan explained that awareness and perception is the key. The Deputy Town Clerk said that the Town Council does have a youth budget and that suggestions can be made that may appeal to young people in the town.

Members discussed the possibility of holding an information/chat stall outside the Chamber in October.

6. Event options

Members discussed options to explore holding an access event/black history month event/picnic event.

The Deputy Town Clerk explained that if resources are needed then this must go to the Town Centre and Events Committee. If this is an independent event by an outside group wanting to use the parks, they should contact the Town Council for information and permission to use the parks. Ms. Ohene-Djan will forward details when available.

7. Notable religious holidays

Members discussed a report from the Deputy Town Clerk.

The Deputy Town Clerk explained that this was trialled for one year and asked Members for their views on restarting the project. It was agreed not to reinstate this.

8. Action list

Members received action reports and updates.

Residents at the Annual Town Meeting raised accessibility issues in the town. The Committee Clerk will invite all Councillors and Members to agree a date to test the initial data collected in January.

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9. Updates from representatives on outside bodies

10. News releases

11. Chair's items

12. Date of the next meeting: 27th June 2024

Meeting closed at: 7pm

Chair Date

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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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