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Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7pm on Monday 17th June 2024 in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

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

Also present: Ms. C. Molyneux Town Clerk
Ms. P. Cahill Committee Clerk
Ms. L. Stubbs Deputy Town Clerk
Ms. S. McMurtrie Town Plan Officer
Ms. L. Haim ONH
Two members of public

Absent: Cllr. R. Ahmed
Cllr. G. Collins
Cllr. M. Gateley
Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. M. Try

Public session

The Chair and Vice Chair of Buckingham Twinning Society joined the meeting to request the Town Council's approval for full Twinning status with Valmadrera. A Friendship Agreement with the town has been in place since November 2022 but EU funding for Valmadrera can only be secured with full Twinning. Links have already been established including a tennis team from the town taking part in a recent tournament in Buckingham, and Buckingham Art For All have invited artists from Valmadrera to include their work in an exhibition to be held in November. Contact between the technical school and Buckingham Secondary School has been set up.

Members explained that a decision cannot be made at this meeting and that the Council cannot fund costly civic events if Twinning is granted.

Cllr. Schaefer thanked them for their presentation. The visitors left the meeting at 7.10pm.

94/24 Apologies for absence

Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllr. Ahmed, Cllr. Collins, Cllr. Gateley, Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Mahi and Cllr. Try.

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95/24 Declarations of interest

Cllr. O'Donoghue and Cllr. Schaefer declared an interest in agenda item 7 (minute 100/24).

96/24 Inventory of Land and Assets

Members received a report from the Finance Officer and Compliance and Projects Manager.

It is recommended that Members review and approve the revised Asset Register as at 31 March 2024.

Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed, Cllr. Davies Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation.

97/24 Annual Internal Auditor's Report, the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and Accounting Statements.

- 97/24.1 Annual Internal Audit Report 2023/24.
- 97/24.2 Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024.
- 97/24.3 Accounting Statements 2023/24.
- 97/24.4 Internal Audit Observations with RFO's responses.

Cllr. Davies Proposed, Cllr. Draper Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** and accepted the above documentation.

The Town Clerk and the Chair signed the Annual Governance Statement.

98/24 Exercise of Public Rights.

Members noted the dates set by the RFO for the Exercise of Public Rights as being Monday 24th June to Friday 2nd August 2024.

99/24 Committee Membership

Members **AGREED** to appoint Cllr. Jane Mordue as a member of the Communications Strategy Sub Committee.

100/24 Motion: Cllr. H. Mordue

'That the land off March Edge on Linden Village is registered by Buckingham Town Council as common land with Buckinghamshire Council, under Section 15(1) application under the Commons Act 2006.'

Cllr. H. Mordue explained the ownership history of the land and the criteria for registration as a common land.

Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed that it would be prudent to note this motion, move it to the next Full Council meeting outside Purdah, and ask the Town Clerk to prepare a report. Cllr. Davies Seconded.

Cllr. Osibogun Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. H. Mordue requested a recorded vote on Cllr. Stuchbury's amendment.

Members voted for the amendment, and the result was:

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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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For: Cllr. O'Donoghue, Cllr. Cole, Cllr. Willett, Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Draper, Cllr. Ralph and Cllr. Stuchbury
Against: Cllr. J. Mordue, Cllr. A. Osibogun and Cllr. H. Mordue
Abstention: Cllr. A. Schaefer

The amendment passed.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

101/24 Chair's announcements

No announcements.

102/24 Date of next meeting: Full Council: Monday 8th July 2024

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

Exclusion of public and press

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

103/24 Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan

Members received a report from the Deputy Town Clerk and Town Clerk.

It is recommended that Members decide whether to proceed with Project Plan A or B for the future direction of the new Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Cllr. H. Mordue and Cllr. Osibogun declared an interest.

Members received an explanation from ONH.

Cllr. Cole Proposed that we aspire to Project Plan A, and give the Town Clerk the authority to spend as required. Cllr. Ralph Seconded. Cllr. Stuchbury requested a recorded vote, and the result was:

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

Against: 0

Abstention: Cllr. Osibogun and Cllr. H. Mordue

Cllr. Cole thanked Members for their support and Members thanked the Working Group for their work.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

104/24 Moreton Road Phase III s106 open space

Members received a report from the Estates Manager.

Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed, Cllr. O'Donoghue Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendations.

Meeting closed at 8:13pm

Signed Date

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