

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a special meeting of the **CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL** held in the Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Thursday, 16 July 2009.

PRESENT

Cllr B J Spurr (Chairman)
Cllr P Hollick (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs	P N Aldis	Cllrs	P Freeman	Cllrs	D McVicar
	R A Baker		M Gibson		S F Male
	Mrs A Barker		Mrs S Goodchild		K C Matthews
	A R Bastable		Ms A M W Graham		T Nicols
	L Birt		T Green		Ms J Nunn
	P A Blaine		Mrs C Hegley		P Rawcliffe
	D Bowater		D J Hopkin		A A J Rogers
	Mrs C F Chapman MBE		J G Jamieson		J A G Saunders
	J A E Clarke		K Janes		A Shadbolt
	N B Costin		R W Johnstone		P Snelling
	Mrs R J Drinkwater		D Jones		J Street
	P A Duckett		M R Jones		G Summerfield
	Dr R Egan		D J Lawrence		A M Turner
	A Fahn		Mrs J G Lawrence		Mrs P E Turner MBE
	Mrs J Freeman		Mrs A M Lewis		P Williams

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs	R D Berry	Cllrs	Ms C Maudlin	Cllr	R Stay
	I Dalgarno		J Murray		
	Mrs D B Gurney		A Northwood		

PRAYERS

Major Joy Davidson led the Council in prayer.

C/09/17

Members' Interests

(a) **Personal Interests:-**

None.

(b) **Personal and Prejudicial Interests:-**

None.

C/09/18 **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

The Chairman announced that Councillor Ray Berry was out of hospital and wished him a speedy recovery.

C/09/19 **Questions, Statements or Deputations**

One application had been received under Procedure Rule No. CM9 to speak during the fifteen minute question and statement period at the beginning of the meeting.

Question/Statement from Mr David Croft in relation to Licensed premises at Sandy known as Island Bar and Restaurant

Mr Croft in his question to Council referred to problems local residents were encountering with licensed premises in Sandy known as the Island Bar and Restaurant. He explained that since moving into the area there had been a significant change of use of the premises from a quiet wine bar into a pub which was licensed till 1.00am. He referred to noise outside the pub at night associated with drinking and smoking and which was particularly bad on Friday and Saturday evenings when there could be up to 100 people. He explained it was not unusual for his children to be woken 4 or 5 times a night from the noise. He concluded by questioning why residents had not had the chance to object to a change of use of the premises and asked what the Council was doing to protect the interests of residents in the future.

Response by Councillor D McVicar, Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities

Councillor D McVicar thanked Mr Croft for his question. He explained that under the terms of the Licensing Act there had been no change of use from the license granted in 2008 as it was still licensed premises, although there may have been a variation of the licence to extend the opening hours and also to include regulated entertainment. There was no right, however, for the premises to be causing a nuisance and such issues were taken seriously by the Council. He explained that separate complaints were being investigated by the Sustainable Communities Directorate and the Police were also investigating allegations made by members of the public. Councillor McVicar explained that he could not comment on ongoing investigations but gave assurance that the Council took such complaints seriously and would take action appropriate to the outcome of the investigation.

C/09/20 **Appointment of Chief Executive**

The Council considered a report from the Leader of the Council/Chairman of Appointments Sub-Committee seeking approval to the appointment of a Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service for Central Bedfordshire Council, in accordance with the recommendation of the Appointments Sub-Committee.

The Leader of the Council in presenting her report referred to the rigorous interview and selection process that led to the Appointments Sub Committee unanimously recommending the appointment of Mr Richard Carr, the current Chief Executive of Wolverhampton City Council.

RESOLVED:

That Mr Richard Carr, currently Chief Executive of Wolverhampton City Council, be appointed Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) of Central Bedfordshire Council.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m. and concluded at 7.07 p.m.)