

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 17th March, 2009**, at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor F. Purdue-Horan - Chairman
 " G. Davidson
 " A. Hall
 " Mrs. S. Hull
 " Mrs. J. Marshall
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no apologies for absence received.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th January, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2.00 COMMUNITY ISSUES:

01 Matters Arising (For information)

Councillor Davidson confirmed he had attended P.C.T. meetings as Bingham Town Council's representative and the decision regarding siting of the new health centre would be announced next week.

02 Report of the Community Building Working Party

Councillor Mrs. Stockwood responded to a letter received from Community Concern, suggesting there had been little consultation with the public and expressing concern that £1,500.00 was to be spent on acquiring detailed plans and other issues. Councillor Mrs. Stockwood reported that the S106 agreement covering the funding of the community centre specifically stated that the monies were for a "community centre with facilities and which shall be available for a range of community uses, including youth groups, the elderly and disadvantaged groups".

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02 Report of the Community Building Working Party continued.....

Reference was also made to a feasibility study undertaken in 2001 which was evidence of public consultation. This information within the feasibility study was still applicable today.

Councillor Purdue-Horan reaffirmed the relevance of the feasibility study and the fact that the results still stand today. He added that Grange Hall at Radcliffe had become so successful that people were being turned away, and if Bingham had such a facility, this would be able to take on those bookings.

The Community Building Working Group had met on the 16th March, 2009 (see Minutes attached) and had addressed the matters raised in the letter from Community Concern. It was

RESOLVED that the feasibility study be summarised and published on Bingham Town Council's website. Also that an A5 leaflet be prepared, asking for residents' comments, and this to be distributed to every household in Bingham.

3.00 **PROMOTION ISSUES:**

01 Matters Arising (*For information*)

There were no matters arising for information.

02 Christmas/Town Fair/Guide

The Clerk provided a list of income and expenditure in relation to the 2008 Christmas Fair. This showed a net expenditure of £1,114.41.

The working group had met on the 16th March, 2009, (see Minutes attached) and reported that preparation for the Town Fair on the 13th June, 2009, was well underway. A new attraction for this year would be "Jumicars" which are small jeep-type cars for young people (adults can also accompany youngsters not big enough to use them). There would also be urban art and unveiling of a banner made by Bingham's young people.

The subject of the Bingham Town Guide 2010 is to be discussed at the next Promotions meeting.

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3.00 PROMOTION ISSUES continued.....

03 Open Garden Competition

After discussion it was

RESOLVED not to hold a garden competition in 2009, and, thereafter, possibly hold it bi-annually. Councillors were also informed that the Open Gardens' Scheme was running an event on the 14th June, 2009, which coincides with the Town Fair weekend.

4.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Cogley Lane

A letter had been received about anti-social behaviour, and Councillor Purdue-Horan confirmed he had spoken to the resident and also the police. At the moment it was felt that the problem had been addressed. However, it was agreed to invite the police to the Community Committee meetings as it was felt that Bingham was not well served by the police.

It was agreed to refer the question of the steps on Cogley Lane to the Environment Committee, with a view to installing a ramp instead.

02 Cycles in Bingham

An e-mail had been received about the lack of facilities for leaving cycles securely in Bingham. It was agreed to refer this to the next meeting of the Environment Committee.

03 Newgate Street Car Park

A letter had been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council giving notice of the intention to resurface the car park. Councillors expressed disappointment at the late notification. The Clerk confirmed a suggestion of utilising a Bank Holiday to undertake the work had been put forward and this was being looked into.

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4.00 **CORRESPONDENCE continued.....**

04 Police

A press release had been received in connection with work to upgrade Cotgrave Contact Point that this was due to finish at the beginning of April, 2009.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date.....