

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 13th May, 2008**, at **7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Molineaux - Rushcliffe Community & Voluntary Services

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Mrs. J. Marshall.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Councillor F. Purdue-Horan, **Proposed** by Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood and **Seconded** by Councillor G. Davidson, was **Unanimously** elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Councillor A. Hall, **Proposed** by Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood and **Seconded** by Councillor G. Davidson, was **Unanimously** elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3.00 PRESENTATION RE: 'RUSHCLIFFE SUPPORTS' UPDATE:

Item 3 was brought forward to allow a presentation by Jessica Molineaux of Rushcliffe Council for Voluntary Services re. update on the 'Rushcliffe Supports' project.

Mrs. Molineaux updated members on progress to date. The project was set up to gain a greater understanding of the needs of older people. Information gathering had taken place over the past few weeks. Groups consulted had included Bingham Tape Scheme, W.R.V.S., Arthritis Care, U3A/ Emergency Services, Library, Sheltered Housing groups.

The next stage would involve collating findings from consultations and gathering together representatives from groups, identifying gaps in provision and suggesting solutions tailored to Bingham.

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SUPPORT SERVICES:

A need had been identified around help at home for people who did not qualify for support from Social Services. More active people were already members of social group networks.

Low level support was needed for the target group in the form of visiting, befriending, accompanying on shopping and social trips, respite care.

HEALTH:

From a health perspective, the population had increased disproportionately to the level of services, resulting in an inadequate level of services and a shortage of available carers.

TRANSPORT:

Although public transport links into the larger towns and cities were good (with the exception of Nottingham's Victoria Centre), transport around Bingham was poor.

INFORMATION:

Access information was generally good, from the Library and the newly opened Rushcliffe Borough Council Customer Contact Point at the Town Council Offices. It was agreed that a representative of the Community Committee would attend future meetings which would be held at The Old Court House during the day.

Councillor Mrs. Stockwood volunteered to represent the Community Committee at the next meeting which was provisionally arranged for the 15th July, 2008.

Although funding for the project ended in July, 2008, it was intended to take the scheme forward with the support of the R.C.V.S.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Molineaux for her presentation and reiterated that the Town Council fully backs the 'Rushcliffe Supports' project.

Councillor Mrs. S. Hull joined the meeting at this point.

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1.00 **MINUTES:**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st April, 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record .

2.00 **WORKING GROUPS - RATIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP:**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs. Stockwood for her hard work as a member of the Working Groups for the past two years.

The membership of the Groups was agreed as follows:-

<u>Promotion Working Group</u>	Councillor	G. Davidson
	"	J. Eagles
	"	A. Hall
	"	F. Purdue-Horan
	"	Mrs. M. Stockwood
		(plus additional members on an ad hoc basis when required).

<u>Community Building Working Group</u>	Councillor	G. Davidson
	"	Mrs. S. Hull
	"	F. Purdue-Horan
	"	Mrs. M. Stockwood

4.00 **COMMUNITY ISSUES:**

01 Clerk's Report

It was agreed that the Clerk's Report should be restored to its original format.

02 Post Boxes

Clerk to follow up current position regarding replacement of previously vandalised post boxes.

03 Best Kept Village Competition

Sites to be excluded from the application were confirmed as The Manor House and the Pioneer Shop.

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4.00 **COMMUNITY ISSUES** continued.....

04 Community Building Working Group Report

Councillor Mrs. Stockwood presented her report. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Working Group would be arranged for 11.00 a.m. on 29th May, 2008, following a meeting of the Promotion Working Group.

The following points were made regarding Community Building options:-

(a) Methodist Centre

- From discussion at the Annual Town Meeting, it was evident that there would be no likelihood of obtaining a licence for events held at the Methodist Centre.
- The Methodist Centre was the best possible site for a Community Hall; there was potential for an excellent partnership. It was important to keep lines of communication open.
- Although a professional fundraiser had been appointed, and they were confident of obtaining all necessary funds, there was still a long way to go.
- It was important to identify type of functions which could be accommodated in a new hall, e.g. theatre productions, concerts, parties.
- It was important to visit existing halls for comparison.

(b) Health Centre

A planning application had been received for development of an area of adjacent land as a five bedroom house.

(c) Warner's Paddock

Discussions needed to take place with planners regarding potential cost of access.

(d) Pioneer Shop

A valuation of the Pioneer premises needed to be obtained. Pressure needed to be put on Rushcliffe Borough Council and Lambert Smith Hampton to take to the next stage.

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5.00 **PROMOTION ISSUES:**

01 Town Fair

A report on the Town Fair was presented by the Deputy Town Clerk.

02 Garden Competition

As only three entries had been received to date, it was agreed that a personal approach by Councillors was favoured to encourage more entries. An item would be placed in the weekly bulletin, asking Councillors to approach individuals with suitable gardens. The Garden Club would also be approached to see if members had any recommendations.

03 Christmas Lights

It was agreed that the Town Council would continue with the current scheme, including small Christmas trees above the shops around the Market Square. In addition, costings would be obtained for extra sets of good quality lights for the large trees in the Square.

04 Crossword Prize

It was **Proposed** by Councillor Davidson, **Seconded** by Councillor Mrs. Stockwood, and

RECOMMENDED that the crossword prize be increased from £10.00 to £20.00 with effect from September, 2008.

6.00 **BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES:**

01 Precinct Clock

This is being pursued.

7.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were no items of correspondence received for consideration.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date.....