

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 15th September, 2009, at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor M Stockwood - Chairman
 " Mrs. S. Hull
 " Mrs. J. Marshall
 " A. Shelton

IN ATTENDANCE: Inspector J. Haywood

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs. Marshall and **SECONDED** by Councillor Shelton that Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood take the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Hall and F. Purdue-Horan.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

01 **Matters Arising** (*For information*)

There were no matters arising for information.

2.00 POLICE:

01 Inspector Haywood responded to a written question on C.C.T.V. He reported that the Beat Manager was happy with the existing arrangement and had used recorded data in court on a number of occasions. However, during the hours of darkness, the benefit was significantly reduced due to inadequate street lighting. Inspector Haywood would also recommend an additional camera to overlook Station Street.

Councillor Stockwood responded by saying that the Town Council had looked into installing an additional camera but, despite repeated attempts, could not obtain a licence to locate it in suitable premises on the Market Place.

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2.00 **POLICE continued.....**

- 02 Inspector Haywood referred to the new Local Area Group (L.A.G.) scheme which had recently been introduced to the area.

The appointment of a 'Police Liaison Officer' was a way of improving the communication between police and Town/Parish Councils; the aim was that a representative from the Town Council would be nominated as a single point of contact with the Safer Neighbourhood Team, thereby providing the Town Council and community with an improved line of communication to the police. Immediate benefits include monthly crime reports, (funnelled through the Liaison Officer), and an invitation to beat surgeries, (approximately one per month), to represent and address any issues from the Town Council's point of view. The role is voluntary and would not be onerous. It could be filled by an individual such as a member of Council staff, a Councillor or Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

- 03 Inspector Haywood went on to explain the recently updated Local Area Group scheme (L.A.G.) in which 'Beats' had now become 'Safer Neighbourhoods'. Bingham was now part of a 'Neighbourhood', each of which was obliged to set three priorities. The priorities would be set every three months at Neighbourhood Meetings, the first of which was due to be held on the 29th October, 2009, at Bingham Police Station, and would be the culmination of three months of community engagement throughout the whole neighbourhood.

Once the three priorities had been agreed, they would be publicised and given an enhanced response of action within one hour of reporting. For example, if Priority No. 1 was defined as anti-social behaviour in Bingham Market Place and a report was received by the police concerning a related problem, action would be taken within one hour of the report being received.

Any other issues arising from the consultation would not be sidelined but would be actioned as required.

Following the quarterly meetings, groups would report back on the level of success achieved in addressing the priorities.

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3.00 **COMMUNITY ISSUES:**

01 Matters Arising (*For information*)

There were no matters arising for information to report.

02 Report of the Community Building Working Group

Mr. Dennis Briggs from ComCon was assisting the Community Building Working Group with the next stage in the consultation process which would culminate in a public display of proposed schemes. Unfortunately, the process had been held up due to further sites being proposed. It was agreed that the Town Council would not have been able to oversee both the Butt Field and Community Building projects simultaneously. Further progress would be made on the Community Building from October, 2009, onwards.

4.00 **PROMOTION ISSUES:**

01 Matters Arising (*For information*)

There were no matters arising for information to report.

02 Christmas/Town Guide

Christmas Fair - All arrangements were in hand for the Christmas Fair. To date, eighteen stalls had been booked.

Town Guide – A reminder to go out to Councillors responsible for updating information for replies to be submitted as soon as possible.

5.00 **BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES:**

01 Update on Eaton Place Clock Project

This exciting project is being developed in conjunction with Toot Hill Arts Academy students who will help design the new clock, taking into consideration aspects of conservation and the clock's function, as part of their design brief. The aim is to have students produce models of their designs which will be displayed in the library during the consultation period over Christmas. It is anticipated that the winning design will be manufactured in time for the clock to be installed by the end of March, 2010.

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6.00 BINGHAM MARKET SQUARE - UPDATE RE. MARKET STALL:

Councillors were informed that an appeal had been received by Rushcliffe Borough Council following the rescinding of the stall's licence at the end of August. The Borough had called a temporary halt in legal proceedings pending the outcome of the appeal. It was made clear that the Town Council had no ownership or interest in any property in the centre of Bingham, neither had it any jurisdiction over the activities on the market square.

7.00 ACTIVITIES ON RUGBY CLUB FIELD - REFERRAL FROM FULL COUNCIL:

01 Cars on Car Park

This would be referred to Recreational & Cemetery Committee for discussion.

02 Noise/Nuisance

The Clerk to write to the B.R.U.F.C., asking it to be aware of noise and nuisance to neighbours. It was suggested that noise/nuisance should be considered as an aspect of the Rugby Club's Lettings Policy.

Bingham Town Council should be informed of any activities taking place on the ground as this formed part of the lease.

The Clerk to respond to complainant, saying that all points put forward would be reviewed but that some of the complaints were erroneous.

8.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 C.P.R.E. – Best Kept Village Competition

It was reported that, although Bingham had not won the award this year, it had been placed in the last four.

02 Rushcliffe Community Partnership

Notification of draft consultation, communication and engagement strategy for the South Notts. Area. Noted.

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Allocations and Lettings Policy. Noted.

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8.00 **CORRESPONDENCE** continued.....

04 Rushcliffe Borough Council

. Notification of Licensing Act 2003: Legislative Reform
(Supervision in Church and Village Halls) Order 2009. Noted.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.38 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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