

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 19th January, 2010, at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor F. Purdue-Horan – Chairman
 " Mrs. S. Hull
 " Mrs. J. Marshall
 " A. Shelton
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Hall.

1.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th November, 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*)

Folio 6168, Item 10.01 – Letter from Resident

A copy of a letter sent to this resident by the South Notts. Community Safety Partnership in connection with scrap metal was received. The Clerk also confirmed the matter had been posted on ringmaster messages, asking residents of Bingham to be vigilant.

2.00 COMMUNITY ISSUES:

01 Report of the Community Building Working Group

Councillor Mrs. Stockwood updated members of the meeting held on the 12th October, 2009, (copy attached), confirming that there were meetings outstanding with various organisations such as Y.M.C.A., B.R.E.A.D. and the Scouts. There had been discussions with the Crown Estate and others regarding possible alternatives for a proposed Community Centre.

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01 Report of the Community Building Working Group continued.....

Another reason for the delay was the fact that, to date, the Primary Care Trust had not made an official announcement of the site location for the new Health Centre and this announcement obviously impacts on any decisions Bingham Town Council may make in relation to a community building. Once the P.C.T. announces the site of the new Health Centre, it is feasible that the Town Council may still have discussions with Liftco.

The Town Council has also been involved with another major project, Butt Field, which impacted on its resources as it had to be able to finance expenditure whilst waiting for grant-funding to be received.

3.00 **PROMOTION ISSUES:**

01 Town Guide

The Clerk provided a draft copy of the 2010/11 Town Guide. The official copy would be delivered to the Town Council on the 20th January, 2010, and to households by the end of January, 2010.

02 Town News

No firm decisions had been approved, and Councillors were open to other ideas/suggestions.

03 Christmas/Town Fairs

It appears these events are looked forward to by residents and are a great success.

04 I.C.T. (Information & Communication Technology)

Further discussion regarding advertising on the website is to be undertaken at the next meeting.

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4.00 BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES:

01 Update on Eaton Place Clock Project

Councillor Mrs. Stockwood updated members on the recent assembly at Toothill School, attended by her and Councillor Purdue-Horan. Students are designing clocks and three per tutor set will go forward to be judged by the academy with these winners then being judged by the public following displays at the Library and Old Court House. Prizes will be given at each stage with the overall winner seeing their design in situ in Eaton Place Precinct. It is hoped that the Town Council will also offer a suitable prize. The students will be involved with a clock manufacturer and the project funded by B.B.C. It is hoped that the clock will be unveiled at the next Summer Fair.

5.00 BINGHAM 2020 “SHAPING OUR FUTURE”

The Chairman welcomed Councillors' thoughts and ideas on how the Community Committee could address this exciting project. Councillor Mrs. Stockwood made reference to the 2003/04 Market Town Initiative and the elements under the community remit such as community safety – involve police re. anti-social behaviour; youth issues; support for local schools; community building; Health Centre; support for emergency services; support for post office; business database; support for all arts across the board, including craft, theatre, drama; education and health, including U3A.

The Chairman went on to raise the question as to whether or not Bingham's young peoples' needs were being met, i.e. such as sufficient affordable housing, variety of shops, etc.

Whilst the A46 improvements will open Bingham up in the future, will the infrastructure grow at the same rate? Businesses will have to be developed and the future of the market will have to be considered. The Chairman felt there were a lot of areas which the Committee could investigate, and he would distribute his own notes and ideas to Councillors.

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6.00 CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Nottinghamshire County Council

The Clerk distributed the pro forma supplied by the County Council about Community Emergency Planning. A brief discussion about need or whether or not this matter should be left to the County Council. It was agreed to send a letter to Nottinghamshire County Council asking whether or not any funding would be available for emergency planning. Councillors would peruse the pro forma; all information would be collated at a later date and the matter would be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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ACTION POINTS:

AGENDA ITEM NO.	DETAILS	ACTION REQUIRED
6.01	Community Emergency Planning	Clerk to write to N.C.C. Councillors to update pro forma.