

Minutes of a meeting of **Bingham Town Council** held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th March, 2009**, at **7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor G. Davidson– Town Mayor in the Chair  
 " P. Abbey  
 " R. Barnett  
 " Mrs. A. Bryan  
 " J. Eagles  
 " A. Hall  
 " S. Hull  
 " F. Kerry  
 " Mrs. J. Marshall  
 " F. Purdue-Horan  
 " A. Shelton  
 " J. Stockwood  
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood  
 County Councillor M. Suthers

Opening prayers, lead by the Reverend David Harper, were said prior to the start of the meeting.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillors Hall, Kerry, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. M. Stockwood declared an interest in Folio 5999, Item 9.01, Grant Aid, St. Mary & All Saints Flower Festival Fund Group.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C. Lancaster.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Since the last meeting, the Town Mayor announced that he had attended the following functions:-

- 1.00** Thursday, 22nd January, 2009, Health Centre Consultation public meeting.
- 2.00** Thursday, 29th January, Tuesday, 10th February and Wednesday, 11th February, 2009, Health Centre Group consultation meetings.
- 3.00** Friday, 27th February, 2009, Parish & Town Councils' Conference at Plumtree.
- 4.00** Saturday, 28th February, 2009, Bingham Civic Reception and presented Civic Awards. Thanks were also given to Lynn, Claire, Cynthia, Amanda, David and Eddie for all their hard work.

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**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS continued.....**

Councillor Davidson also thanked the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood, and Committee Chairmen for all their enthusiasm and hard work during the past year.

**1.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th January, 2009, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**2.00 MATTERS ARISING: (For information):**

There were no matters arising for consideration.

**3.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Chairman or Committee representatives of the individual Committees gave a brief report on the relevant Minutes as follows:-

- 01 Planning Committee – 20th January and 17th February, 2009.  
Councillor Shelton reported the Minutes were self-explanatory and these were agreed and accepted.
- 02 Community Committee – 20th January, 2009.  
Councillor Purdue-Horan reported that it had been agreed to the **RECOMMENDED** purchase (prior to any price increase) of a C.C.T.V. digital recorder as per the previous quotation.
- 03 Recreational & Cemetery Committee – 3rd February, 2009.  
Councillor Kerry reported that it was **RECOMMENDED** that approval be given to the installation of wire around the fence at the Hill Drive allotment site.
- 04 Environment Committee – 17th February, 2009.  
Councillor J. Stockwood reported that it had been agreed to establish whether or not there is an active speed watch group in Bingham and to purchase a speed gun if a positive response is received.

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### **3.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....**

05 Policy & Resources Committee –24th February, 2009.

Councillor Purdue-Horan gave a brief report and it was  
**RECOMMENDED:-**

- (a) To approve Budget Monitoring Report 'A' up to the 31st January, 2009.
- (b) To approve Accounts for Payment Report 'A'.
- (c) To approve Accounts for Payment Report 'B'.
- (d) To approve Accounts for Payment Report 'C'.
- (e) To approve the purchase of a total of ten signs for Butt Field and Wynhill.
- (f) To approve expenditure up to a maximum of £1,500.00 to enable detailed plans to be obtained for a community centre. (8 in favour; 1 abstention).
- (g) To approve meeting dates for 2009/2010.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that all the Reports and Recommendations of the Committees be accepted.

### **4.00 GRANT AID APPLICATIONS - FOLIO 5999/9.01 and 9.02**

The following grant aid applications were agreed:-

Councillors Hall, Kerry, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. M. Stockwood withdrew from the meeting whilst the next item was discussed:-

- 01 It was agreed to grant £500.00 to St. Mary & All Saints Flower Festival Fund Group.

Councillors Hall, Kerry, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. M. Stockwood returned to the meeting.

- 02 It was agreed to grant Bingham Model Railway Club £400.00.

**RESOLVED** that the above applications for grant aid be approved.

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## **5.00 OTHER REPORTS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

### 01 Toot Hill School

Councillor Eagles confirmed he had addressed the consultation document for Toot Hill School and that, as a Foundation School, the governors would be in total charge as the employer rather than Nottinghamshire County Council.

### 02 Formal Decision on Eco-Town at Newton

Councillor Davidson confirmed the situation to date and reported that a financial viability study was now on line and open for comments. It was agreed to set up a working party, made up of Councillors Davidson, Eagles, Mrs. M. Stockwood and the Town Clerk, to address a formal response to the study. An initial draft response had been circulated to Councillors prior to the study being on line. It was

**RESOLVED** to submit the draft response, with the working party formulating a further response later on before the closing date.

### 03 Report on Town & Parish Conference, 27th February, 2009.

The Town Clerk reported on the above conference. Councillor Davidson also gave a brief account and reported that following the conference, two information evenings had been arranged on the 23rd and 24th March, 2009, on the Greening Campaign. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Environment Committee, and anyone interested in attending should inform the Town Clerk.

## **6.00** Following a recommendation from the Internal Auditor, it was

**RESOLVED** to approve all reports and recommendations of Committees and Working Parties from 1st April, 2008, to date.

## **7.00 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE:**

### 01 Community Building

It was agreed that a letter from Community Concern should be referred to the Community Building Working Group.

### 02 St. Mary's Road

A letter had been received from a resident of St. Mary's Road re. Butt Field, and it was agreed to refer to the Recreational & Cemetery Committee.

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03 Open Garden Competiton

A letter had been received about the Open Garden Competition. It was agreed that the competition be publicised on the notice-boards; also that the grant aid request be referred to the Policy & Resources Committee.

04 Lillie Cricket Club

A letter had been received from Bingham Cricket Club requesting a gift for Lillie Cricket Club. The Mayor confirmed that enquiries were being made about the possibility of providing a certificate to mark a special cricket match. The proposed date for the match was the 18th April, 2009, and, to date, no quotation had been received. However, the certificate would include logos of Bingham Town Council and Bingham Cricket Club.

05 Pay Award

A letter had been received informing the Council that a pay award had been finalised, giving 2.75% award in total. Noted and this matter to be referred to Policy & Resources Committee.

06 N.A.L.C.

Notification received re. training course on the 24th March, 2009, covering CiLCA, V.A.T., Quality Parish Status and Power of Wellbeing. The Town Clerk to attend. If any Councillor wishes to attend, contact the Clerk.

07 R.B.C.

Notification of Funding & More event to be held at Rushcliffe Borough Council on Wednesday, 18th March, 2009, from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m.

**8.00 OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

01 Disappointment was expressed at the Town Council's lack of support towards the Twinning Association.

02 Disappointment was raised over the situation in connection with a community centre as progress does not appear to be any further forward; petition supported against use of Warner's Paddock for building of a health centre.

It was stressed that public consultation was essential across all areas, be it for a health centre, community centre, glass recycling or any future plans. Regarding glass recycling, it would appear kerbside collection may now be comparable.

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**9.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:**

**PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT BUSINESS, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:**

“That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.”

The following matters were discussed:-

**BUTT FIELD PROJECT**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date:- .....