

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 8th September, 2015, at 7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor	R. Bird - Chairman
"	A. Harvey
"	Mrs. T. Kerry
"	Mrs. A. Langford
"	A. Shelton
"	Mrs. C. Williams

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor	J. Ferguson
"	K. Hayes-Heath
"	Mrs. E. Hutchison
"	Mrs. S. Orr
Mr. P. Tipping	Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner
Mr. M. Holland	Chief Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police
Mr. T. Wendell	Head of Estates, Nottinghamshire Police
Mr. S. Smith	Services Manager, Nottinghamshire Alzheimer's Society.
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**1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:**

There were no Apologies for Absence and Acceptance received.

**2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

**3.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July, 2015, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

01 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising out of the Minutes held on the 21st July, 2015.

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Standing Orders were suspended for the following two items.

**4.00 PADDY TIPPING, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER:**

Mr. Tipping addressed two main issues:-

01 Former Police Station, Grantham Road

The building was surplus to police requirements and currently utilised by the National Police Aid Convoy (N.P.A.C.). The Crown Estate had a restrictive covenant on the land which the police were negotiating hard to remove.

The front parking area could be used as a car park immediately, subject to Health & Safety/signage requirements.

The aim of the police, long term, was to put the site up for sale for residential use; however, they would consult first with the Town Council over any proposed future use.

02 P.C.S.O's.

Mr. Tipping reported that an announcement would be made over the next few days concerning the reduction in numbers of P.C.S.O's. in the county which was due to cuts of between twenty-five and forty percent as a result of the forthcoming 2016 Comprehensive Spending Review, plus a grant reduction of fifty-per cent by 2020. The Police were committed to providing a Neighbourhood Policing Service in Bingham and other area hubs. The deployment of police constables and P.C.S.O's. was a professional decision carried out by operational officers. Mr. Holland added that the police would work around the proposed cuts with operational flexibility – the police must maintain visibility and respond to emergencies. This would be achieved by:-

- Improved collaboration between city and county forces
- Removing boundaries between neighbouring county forces by partnership working.
- Centralising 'back office' functions, e.g. H.R./Finance/Forensics/Legal.
- Updating and streamlining systems using data technology
- Implementing a triage system in the control room

The importance of retaining Neighbourhood Policing was recognised, particularly maintaining a recognised named officer for each beat.

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**4.00 PADDY TIPPING, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER continued.....**

Questions on the following topics were asked:-

- Availability of car-parking at former police station
- Consultation with Bingham Town Council over any future cuts
- Police morale

Mr. Holland commented on the following issues:-

- Recruitment of Special Constables
- Encourage development of Neighbourhood Watch

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs. Kerry would contact Tim Wendell regarding the availability of the front car park of the former Police Station. He had already given permission for the Breast Screening Unit to be parked there.

**5.00 DEMENTIA FRIENDS REPRESENTATIVE - SCOTT SMITH:**

Mr. Smith gave a short presentation covering the following points:-

- Dementia Friends is a social programme run by volunteers and supported by the Alzheimer's Society to raise awareness of dementia.
- Anyone in the community can become a Dementia Friend. The programme arose from the Prime Minister's challenge to provide four million Dementia Friends by 2020.
- Dementia is a taboo subject. Society needs to become more aware about the disease which affects one in fourteen people over sixty-five.

A Dementia Friends course can lead to:-

- a dementia-friendly community with an action plan
- reduced stigma
- people talking openly about dementia
- patients more inclined to see general practitioner.

The Alzheimer's Society provides local services, funding research and a campaign arm for dementia sufferers.

Services include memory cafés, carers' groups/information sessions, diagnosis sessions/support.

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Dementia Friends are funded by C.C.G. fund-raising activities, e.g. Memory Walk in West Bridgford Park on the 3rd October, 2015, and local Councils.

There were no Dementia Services in Bingham at present. A Dementia Friends Course could lead to:-

- Social group for dementia sufferers
- A dementia-friendly community
- Dementia-friendly businesses/shops
- Linked to medical services, e.g. hospital
- Carers' Groups – Peer Support

It was agreed that contact would be made with Scott Smith to try to set up a Dementia Friends session in Bingham.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

**6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PROMOTION ISSUES:**

01 Summer Fair, 13th June, 2015. Statement of Income & Expenditure

The Clerk provided a summary of Income Expenditure showing a deficit of £379.00, with still one outstanding receipt for ground rent.

02 Preparation of Town Guide

Updated information has been regularly submitted to KM. Amendments are awaited from a handful of clubs and societies, but, on the whole, most have responded to the request for updates.

Original artwork supplied by Margaret Sibley will form the theme of 'Disappearing Bingham'. A first draft of the Guide will be available by the week beginning 14th September, 2015.

Advertising has reached £4,500.00, approximately three quarters of expected revenue, with two and a half months to go before publication.

A draft Guide will be produced week beginning 14th October, 2015, a copy of which will be sent to all Councillors.

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03 Christmas Fair, Lights and Festive Window Competition

To date, ten community and five commercial stalls have been booked, and preparations are well in hand.

Regarding the Christmas lights, D. & R. Simmons are unable to continue preparing the small Christmas trees as before. Nobletts will be providing a sample tree (due in September) to test in the existing brackets. Leisurelites have re-drawn the lighting scheme to accommodate the new trees in the Market Place.

Quotations for Christmas trees to go out to all Councillors, and Councillor Mrs. Hutchison suggested that groundstaff should be consulted re. decision-making.

The Chairman to go round businesses inviting them to take part in Festive Window Competition.

04 Christmas Competition Linked with Newark Advertiser

It was

**RECOMMENDED** to support the competition in line with previous years, i.e. Bingham Town Council to provide prize money of £300.00 with the Newark Advertiser organizing the competition.

**7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO POLICING ISSUES:**

01 Police Priority Setting Group - Update

Noted that the next meeting is due to be held on the 10th September, 2015.

**8.00 MATTERS RELATING TO COMMUNITY ISSUES:**

01 Use of Telephone Box for Bingham Information (B.H.T.A.)

It was agreed that Councillor Bird would look into this.

**9.00 VOLUNTEERING - UPDATE:**

It was noted that the R.C.V.S. already has a comprehensive database.

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**10.00      MATTERS RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS:**

It was agreed to set up a Working Group, this to include the Chairman of Community, Councillor R. Bird, and one representative from each Committee, plus Community Committee representatives, with a view to a meeting in mid to late October, 2015. Clerk to ask for available dates.

**11.00      LACE GIFT FOR WALLENFELS - UPDATE:**

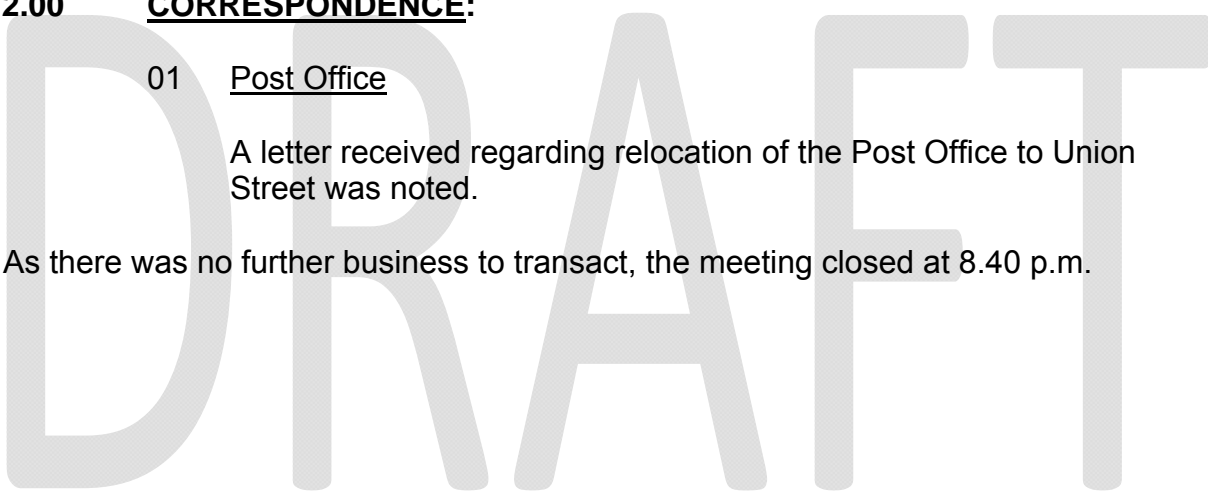
The lace gift has been delivered and the gift of a lace bobbin is also now ready for delivery.

**12.00      CORRESPONDENCE:**

01      Post Office

A letter received regarding relocation of the Post Office to Union Street was noted.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.



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CHAIRMAN.

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