

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 15th July, 2014, at 7.50 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillor	A. Harvey - Chairman
"	Mrs. S. Hull
"	Mrs. T. Kerry
"	Mrs. J. Marshall

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor	A. Ashmore
"	F. Purdue-Horan
"	Mrs. M. Stockwood
	1 Member of the Public
	1 Press

1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received and accepted from Councillors M. Barham and G. Davidson.

2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May, 2014, 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 of the meeting held on the 13th May, 2014.

4.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PROMOTION ISSUES:

01 Summer Fair/700th Anniversary of Granting of Market Charter Celebrations - Debrief

The Chairman reported on a successful day. However, it was felt, generally, that there was a gap in the entertainment provided. Three providers had pulled out the day before due to illness. There was less footfall and there had been problems with diesel spillage, both on the hard-standing and grassed areas, which had to be addressed after the Fair.

A Promotions Working Group meeting is to be arranged shortly.

The Clerk reported that whilst some income was still outstanding, the Town Fair had come within budget.

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4.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PROMOTION ISSUES continued.....

01 Summer Fair/700th Anniversary of Granting of Market Charter Celebrations – Debrief continued.....

The 700th Anniversary Celebrations activities generally had been a success and had promoted the market.

02 Best Kept Village Competition – Update on First-Round Results

Whilst Bingham had failed to make it through the first round, positive comments had been received from the judges. Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood reported on the negative comment regarding the Market Place which would, hopefully, be addressed via Rushcliffe Borough Council's investment of £60,000.00 later in the year.

03 Community Noticeboards

(a) Eaton Place

The Chairman confirmed that due to refurbishment of the library, heras fencing had been erected in front of the noticeboard. The Clerk confirmed that once drainage work had been undertaken in the vicinity of the noticeboard, the fencing would be placed behind the board. Nottinghamshire County Council had confirmed that this work should be completed by the 4th August, 2014. Therefore, after that date, there should be access to the noticeboard.

Councillor Mrs. Stockwood reported that SureStart may also request use of a notice board as it would be based in the library after re-opening.

(b) Corner of Market Street

An idea had been submitted by a member of the public in relation to the upkeep of the noticeboard on the corner near to the Co-op. A suggestion that volunteers from members of the public could monitor the notices and remove old ones had been put forward. The Clerk to insert an article in the Town News to see if there would be any volunteers for this role.

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4.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO PROMOTION ISSUES** continued.....

04 Reflection on W.W.1

The Chairman invited ideas relating to marking the commencement of World War 1, one suggestion of which was poetry reading in church. Councillor Purdue-Horan reported on a march which was taking place from Newark to Radcliffe-on-Trent, and suggested that, possibly, people from Bingham may join in. The Chairman to contact the British Legion and local church to pursue these suggestions.

05 Christmas Tree Festival

An invitation had been received to provide a tree for St. Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival which is being held from the 4th to the 7th December, 2014. Councillors invited to assist staff with the decorating.

5.00 **REPORT ON WEBSITE ACTIVITY:**

There was a brief discussion on the recent report and data provided.

6.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO POLICING ISSUES:**

01 Police – Update

The police were unable to attend this meeting due to an ongoing operation addressing recent burglaries in the area. It was suggested that an article should be placed in the Town News reminding people to be security conscious.

The Chairman reported that recent burglary issues would be subject to focus at the next meeting of the Police Priority Settings Group.

7.00 **MATTERS RELATING TO COMMUNITY ISSUES:**

01 Positive Futures – Update

Councillor Mrs. Hull reported on the recent meeting, copy attached, Appendix 'A'.

The Chairman commended Mrs. Hull's written report and considered that there may be future potential for either Rushcliffe or the Town Council to consider a Civic Pride Grants Scheme.

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8.00 TOWN/PARISH CONFERENCE - FEEDBACK:

The Chairman reported on this event and, in particular, on the presentations held.

The first presentation was on the Smarter Use of Local Health Resources, and highlighted the national conflict between the C.C.G's. and the hospitals in respect of both the provision of health care and resource allocation. On a positive note, it was reported that:-

- Many people in Rushcliffe live longer and enjoy better health than average.
- Rates of obesity, smoking and alcohol-related admissions are low compared to the rest of the county, and
- Early deaths from cancer, heart disease and stroke are better than average.

On a negative note, the 2025 forecasts show:-

- An increase in population greater than in any other area of the county.
- The over sixty-five population will increase by forty per cent.
- The over eighty-five population will increase by more than two thirds.

The second presentation was on Parish Councils Doing More (for less) by James Kingston of the Communities Department, highlighting some of the legal powers open to parishes to undertake certain actions. In particular,

- Community and Neighbourhood Planning.
- Right to Challenge/Right to Bid.
- Asset Regulation/Community Shares.
- Repeal of Two Signatories Rule.
- Sustainable Communities Act.
- Local Audit & Accountability Act.

The third presentation was on the WW1 Commemoration Trent to Trenches Project aimed at promoting and supporting (with small grants) events around the county to commemorate the commencement of WW1.

Other presentations included the National Citizen Service and the Young People's Network.

The Chairman commended Rushcliffe for running an interesting and fact-filled session for parishes.

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9.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Nottinghamshire County Council

A document had been received about the stakeholder bulletin regarding broadband in Nottinghamshire.

02 Scouts and Youth Services

The Chairman reported on youth service provision and gave an update on a meeting held with partner agencies and issues in relation to Wykeham House, confirming that the situation was ongoing. Both the County Council and Toothill Academy were addressing various matters, and Bingham Town Council had received a somewhat pedestrian response to its letter to the County Council in support of the scouts.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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REPORT ON THE POSITIVE FUTURES MEETING 19 JUNE 2014

Mark Clifford, Jermaine Shread and Emma Bradley are the team for Bingham. The Positive Futures (PF) initiative has already produced good results in both Cotgrave and Keyworth. This 2 year programme is designed to target young people who have the may not achieve their potential at Senior School.

They have already started working with Robert Miles Junior School (RMJS) with a group of 20 transition students who have been identified by the school. Carnarvon School has not responded to the initiative request.

PF aims to communicate with the parents of those children to ensure it is not seen as a bad thing but a more positive outlook for children who otherwise might not achieve when they get to Secondary school.

PF organise activities that the children have identified they want. It can be sport orientated or arts and crafts. There is a summer school of activities the dates of which will be communicated to the parents and children to ensure attendance. Children can be referred to the PF who are not necessarily in RMJS. The activities are not for the general public but for children who have been specifically recommended by either a school or any other avenue.

Each child is encouraged to earn accreditation in a particular activity and the target for the PF team is to award 2 accreditations to each child.

The Manager of the Leisure Centre has offered PF the gym facilities for those children who express an interest in sports activities. They will be able to access the Fitness Studio at reduced rates.

There is an Open Day on 22 August to which everyone will be invited.

They are using the Youth Centre at the moment for some activities but that closes on 15 August. They are in consultation with Toot Hill regarding the closure of the Youth Centre.

An item of note. A local Council in the South of England has set up a free Wi-Fi access area in the centre of the town which attracts the young people and is very popular.

PF hope to be able to talk to local employers with a view to taking on youngsters on apprenticeships. Mark suggested that the Council should talk to Crown Estates to ensure the developer takes on apprentices from PF into the building trade. As regards the female children who do not want to take up the building trade, PF have contacts with Metropolitan Housing who have a call centre in Nottingham which may result in applications from the youngsters on this scheme. There is also the potential of Waitrose and Tesco coming to Nottingham who may offer apprenticeships.

Community Pride. Mark asked for suggestions in Bingham where the youngsters could take on a project and complete it within the term of the scheme and take ownership of it afterwards.

Rushcliffe Borough Council has targeted PF to deliver on a number of targets which are regularly monitored and scrutinised.

Sue Hull
20 June 2014