

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 18th May, 2010, at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Wollacott, Chairman, Bingham Business Club.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Hall and A. Shelton.

1.00 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

Councillor F. Purdue-Horan, **Proposed** by Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood and **Seconded** by Councillor Mrs. J. Marshall, was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

2.00 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Councillor A. Shelton, **Proposed** by Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood and **Seconded** by Councillor F. Purdue-Horan, was duly elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following item.

3.00 PRESENTATION BY BINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB:

Richard Wollacott reported on the format of the newly re-launched Bingham Business Club with breakfast and lunch meetings taking place every month. The Club had been well received so far with membership numbering between 20-25 from a range of businesses, and enthusiasm for the Club to become a focal point for businesses in Bingham. A new website would be the starting point for a directory of businesses in Bingham. In anticipation of this presentation, Mr. Wollacott had canvassed views and opinions from members at recent meetings, and priorities had been identified as follows:-

01 Car Parking

This was a long-standing problem in the town. Car-parking was required for both shoppers and business staff, and it was, therefore, essential that long-term parking was provided for workers.

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3.00 PRESENTATION BY BINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB continued.....

02 Town Centre Congestion

The Bingham Business Club was in favour of a one-way system in the Market Square which would lead to the easing of congestion in the town.

Other Issues

- The Town Council should support applications for new businesses in the town, regardless of type.
- The Town Council could do more to promote the town as a business centre and attraction for visitors.

The following points were raised by councillors in response to Mr Wollacott:

- Some of the issues mentioned by Mr. Wollacott had been raised before.
- The Town Council would encourage a link from the Bingham Business Club to the Town Council's website.
- The Town Council promotes the town as much as it can through the Promotions Working Group. It welcomed the re-launch of the Bingham Business Club as it could only assist the promotion of business in the town.
- It was explained that the Town Council's role in the planning process was as a statutory committee and not as a planning authority. As the designated areas for different business categories had been drawn up long ago, steps were now being taken to have the area re-defined.
- The Town Council was happy to support the Bingham Business Club in its endeavours and was particularly interested in the recently launched Nottinghamshire County Council Travel Plan which helped businesses share spare parking spaces. The emphasis had shifted from the previously-held view that shoppers 'Park & Ride' to Nottingham, to a need for parking for workers. It was felt that the Nottinghamshire County Council proposals were weak as many workers come in from outlying areas with poor public transport facilities. The feasibility of providing a small park & ride car park on the edge of the town was discussed

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3.00 PRESENTATION BY BINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB continued.....

Other Issues continued.....

- On the issue of promoting Bingham, it was suggested that the Bingham Business Club might be willing to consider providing practical help at the Bingham Town Fairs.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Wollacott for his input at the meeting.

Standing Orders were reinstated

4.00 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd March, 2010, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to the following amendment:-

Folio 6250, Item 3.01 (a – Town News)

Amended to read “.....and be available for *opportunities for* consultation if necessary.”

01 Matters Arising (For information)

(a) Folio 6251, Item 5.05 – Clock Project

This had been postponed until June when the finalists would be announced at the Town Fair, following which a public display would be held at Bingham Library week beginning 14th June, 2010. The clock will be unveiled at a special assembly at Toot Hill School.

5.00 WORKING GROUPS - RATIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

01 Community Building Working Group

Councillor	G. Davidson	Councillor	A. Shelton
“	F. Purdue-Horan	“	Mrs. M. Stockwood

02 Promotion Working Group

Councillor	A. Hall	Councillor	A. Shelton
“	F. Purdue-Horan	“	Mrs. M. Stockwood
“	Mrs. J. Marshall		

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6.00 **COMMUNITY ISSUES:**

01 Report of the Community Building Working Group

Awaiting the Primary Care Trust meeting at the end of May, following which members would look in earnest at the available options. A suggestion was made at the Annual Town Meeting to establish a current valuation of the community chest. The amount available at 31st March, 2010, was £1,101,355.00.

7.00 **PROMOTION ISSUES:**

01 Report of the Promotions Working Group

All the items under Promotion were updated at the last Full Council meeting.

It was reported that the Town Fair programme would be distributed within the June edition of the Butter Cross.

8.00 **ROBERT MILES INFANT SCHOOL - TOWN COUNCIL GOVERNOR:**

It was suggested that clarification should be sought from the school. Clerk to follow up.

9.00 **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE (EMERGENCY PLANNING) - WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP:**

It was proposed to set up a working group entitled 'Emergency Planning Working Group'. - members to be Councillors R. Barnett, F. Purdue-Horan, A. Shelton and Mrs. M. Stockwood.

Assistance was available at Nottinghamshire County Council level. The Mayor reported on her attendance at the N.C.C. 'Back to Winter' conference which had proved very interesting and informative. Councillor Mrs. Stockwood would be reporting on its relevance to individual Town Council Committees.

The Mayor would also be attending a meeting on Emergency Planning being held at Rushcliffe Borough Council on the 25th May, 2010.

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10.00 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Bingham Heritage Trails Association – Siting of Roman Well

It had been suggested that the well should be located at the Cemetery. The proposed site to be measured up in the event that flower beds needed relocating.

02 B.R.U.F.C. – Permission for Car Boot Sales

Referred to Recreational & Cemetery Committee.

03 Toot Hill Action Week 21st July, 2010

No objection.

04 Newsletter – Putting People First

Noted.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.31 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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AGENDA ITEM NO.	DETAILS	ACTION REQUIRED
23.03.10 Item 5.01	N.C.C. – L.I.S. Seat	Clerk confirmed with N.C.C. Bingham has been allocated a seat and all Parishes/Towns should have received them by end of August, 2010.
18.05.10 Item 8	Robert Miles Infants' School – School Governor	Clerk to speak with School
18.05.10	B.H.T.A. Roman Well	Clerk has spoken with both grounds-staff and B.H.T.A. An area of 3 x 3metres is adequate. B.H.T.A. suggested left-hand side of entrance so the well could be dug into the banking as back-filling would be required otherwise.