Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th November, 2015**, at **7.15 p.m**.

PRESENT:

Councillor R. Bird - Chairman

" A. Harvey

" Mrs. A. Langford

A. Shelton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor J. Ferguson

" Mrs. E. Hutchison
" F. Purdue-Horan

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1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. T. Kerry and Mrs. C. Williams.

2.00 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>:

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3.00 **MINUTES**:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th September, 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 8th September, 2015.

4.00 "DEMENTIA FRIENDS" - UPDATE:

The Chairman confirmed that Scott Smith was happy to run an awareness course, and it was agreed that this be arranged for Tuesday, 19th January, 2016, at 6.00 p.m. which will be open to all Councillors.

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5.00 <u>MATTERS RELATING TO PROMOTION ISSUES</u>:

01 <u>Preparation of Town Guide - Update</u>

The Clerk confirmed that this was due to be printed the following day, subject to amending the name of the ex Moot House site

02 Christmas Fair, Lights and Festive Window Competition - Update

The Clerk confirmed the following:-

- 22 Community/charity stalls
- 16 Commercial
- 3 Sponsors totalling £80.00
- Everything in place for entertainment, Persiflage, band, rides, Santa's Grotto, etc.
- Trees should arrive week commencing 23rd November, 2015, and installation of lights will be commenced towards the end of that week.
- Festive Window Competition to be judged week commencing 7th December, 2015, by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairman of Community Committee.

03 Christmas Competition Linked with Newark Advertiser - Update

The Newark Advertiser is happy to run the Christmas Competition in line with previous years.

6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO POLICING ISSUES:

01 Police Priority Setting Group - Update

In line with report at Full Council, i.e. three priorities remain the same (drugs, theft of 4 x 4's, speeding), plus motorbikes.

7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO BUDGETS, 2016/17:

01	Promotion)	See attached
02	Community		Report Appendix 'A'
	See attached		

RECOMMENDATIONS as per attached.

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8.00 <u>COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP MEETING - CONFIRMATION OF DATE</u>:

The Clerk to arrange a meeting for December.

9.00 **ENQUIRY RE. DEFIBRILLATORS:**

Councillors fully supported the idea of the Rugby Club pursuing the project in principle. However, please note that the Town Council has already given grant aid for the installation of a defibrillator in the town centre.

10.00 <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>:

01 Best Kept Village Competition

A letter received re. the above was noted. (Refer to attached letter Appendix 'B'). The judges' comments were very positive.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN	
Date	

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2016/2017 BUDGET recommendations

Community	Budget	Actual @	Estimated	Budget	
	2015/2016	30-Sep-15	31-Mar-16	2016/2017	
<u>Expenditure</u>					
CCTV Maintenance*	700	0	500	700	
Notice Boards	200	0	100	200	
Trans to Comm. Reserve	350	0	350	350	
	1250	0	950	1250	
Less Income					
CCTV Grant		0	0		
	1250	0	950	1250	

*CCTV Maintenance

Covers contract for maintenance and any necessary repairs and is increased to cover the cost of possible repairs £320 pa (2 visits per year)

PROMOTIONS	Budget	Actual @	Estimated	Budget	
	2015/2016	30-Sep-15	31-Mar-16	2016/2017	
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Town Fair	7000	5359	5360	8500	
Christmas Fair	2750	51	2750	2750	
Christmas lights	6500		6500	6500	
Christmas Trees	0	0	0	6000	
Other promotions	1000	8	500	500	
Web Site	1500	1256	1256	1500	
Town News/leaflets	2500	444	2500	2500	
Town Guide/Promotional					
Literature	2100	45	2100	1000	
	23350	7163	20966	29250	
Less Income					
Town Fair	-4000	-2155	-2300	-4000	
Christmas Fair	-1200	-940	-1200	-1200	
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Bingham

Domestic:

Some excellent domestic properties with very well-maintained gardens and tidy verges. Some have excellent topiary.

Community facilities:

The Market Square provides an importance focus for the town and a major amenity. The paved areas were in good condition but there was some weed both on the pavements and the gutters. The weed had been sprayed but had not been removed. Eaton Square shopping centre was also generally tidy.

Litter bins provided in many locations.

Schools and various playing fields looked free of litter. The playing fields were very well maintained. Some graffiti noted on the wall opposite the derelict Manor House on the road to the school.

The main streets are generally free of litter and kept very tidy. However, these high standards are not always to be found in the side streets.

The children's play area near the church was in excellent condition and no evidence of litter or graffiti. Many of the public footpath s throughout the town were generally wellmaintained and had litter bins and dog bins nearby.

The cemetery off The Banks area was exceptional – very well maintained despite the tricky sloping site. Informative notice board nearby is about the Roman well.

Notice boards in the town are in good condition and notices are up-to-date.

The Sports and Leisure Centre was a large complex and fairly free of litter for such a busy site though the area outside the Southers building had a considerable amount of litter. Some graffiti on the sign to the leisure centre.

Commercial:

The public houses were well maintained and had attractive outside appearances. The Buttercross pub near the market place had a part-empty beer glass on an outside window sill – still there an hour later. The car park of the Chesterfield Pub and Kitchen was large and fairly tidy. The various shops, in the centre of the town were generally tidy and very welcoming. Very little litter here despite the heavy footfall.

General:

Excellent map giving all the details a visitor might need. Very clear directions to main points of interest. Very good finger-post signs guide the visitor everywhere.