

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 10th September, 2013, at 7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor	A. Harvey - Chairman
"	M. Barham
"	G. Davidson
"	Mrs. S. Hull
"	Mrs. T. Kerry

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor	F. Purdue-Horan
"	Mrs. M. Stockwood
	Dr. P. Allen, B.H.T.A.

**1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:**

An Apology for Absence was received and accepted from Councillor Mrs. J. Marshall.

**2.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

**3.00 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July, 2013, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

01 Matters Arising, including Action Points

There were no matters arising to report.

**4.00 700TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRANTING OF MARKET CHARTER:**

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Peter Allen from Bingham Heritage Trails Association to the meeting. Dr. Allen confirmed that he had spoken with Barrie Thomas who is responsible for the Thursday market and he was quite positive about the idea of marking the event. The Headmaster from Robert Miles Junior School was also enthusiastic, especially in relation to the children's choir. Ideas had also been put forward such as dressing in medieval costume and having a series of events, including a Medieval Town Fair, although Dr. Allen confirmed it may prove difficult to hire medieval costumes. It was recognised that an additional budget would be required and agreed that the Promotions Working Group should progress this matter, inviting Dr. Allen or another representative from B.H.T.A. on to the Working Group. It was agreed that Events Organisers from Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council be contacted, together with County Councillor Martin Suthers and other Borough Councillors regarding the possibility of funding. Other Bingham Town Councillors also to be contacted regarding any other ideas they may have to mark the occasion.

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**5.00 PROMOTION ISSUES:**

01 Website

The recent statistics were presented showing how well the site was being used; a review to take place approximately six months from the new website going live.

02 Christmas, 2013, including-

(a) Christmas Lights

The Chairman confirmed that the revised quotation of £4,080.00 from the current contractor had been approved at Full Council, along with a three year long-term agreement.

(b) Christmas Fair

To date, eighteen stalls had been booked and the necessary licences had been applied for, along with the road closures. At this stage, progress is in line with previous years. A survey was also being undertaken regarding holding the fair on Saturday rather than the Friday evening. All stall-holders/entertainers/service providers would receive a questionnaire in their packs. Shops will also be consulted, together with the public on the evening.

(c) Christmas Competition in Conjunction with the Newark Advertiser

It was

**RECOMMENDED** to support the Christmas Competition with £300.00 prize money in line with the previous two years.

03 Town Guide - Update

This was on target, with the first editorial submissions week commencing the 16th September, 2013. The first proof should be available on the 24th September, 2013. Community Committee members, plus Councillor J. Eagles to proof read with a view to corrections being fed back to the printers.

**6.00 BEST KEPT VILLAGE ACTION PLAN:**

See attached Appendix 'A'.

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**7.00**      **CONSIDERATION OF RISKS WHICH FALL UNDER THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE'S REMIT:**

Risks which fall under the Community Committee's remit include:-

- Fairs/Health/Safety issues
- Fairs - Communication and cancellation- reputational risk
- Town Guide and other literature signed off by Council - Legal risks
- Christmas Trees - Structural damage
- Policing Priorities - Environment issues
- Website - Reputational risks

**8.00**      **COMMUNITY ISSUES:**

01      Policing

The Chairman reported on the previous Priority-Setting Meeting. It was noted that, currently, there was a temporary police constable, together with two P.C.S.O's., covering Bingham.

02      Aims for the Forthcoming Year

- Review of website and other social media
- Implementation of Christmas Fair 2013
- Implementation of Summer Fair 2014
- Review/Consultation of Dates for 2014 Christmas Fair
- Edit and Review Town Guide for issue within the year
- Continue to be part of providing priorities for local policing
- Review and devise action plan in respect of services for the elderly.
- Review relationship of public sector and voluntary sector services to get the best for Bingham.
- Examine possibilities of celebrating 700th anniversary of Market Charter.
- Promotion of local events

**9.00**      **CORRESPONDENCE:**

01      Rushcliffe Borough Council

An enquiry had been received regarding YouNG Initiative. The general opinion was that there was insufficient room at the Christmas Fair to accommodate young people. However, Councillors supported the project in principle and said that it may be possible to promote the idea at a Farmer's Market as only half of the Market Square was utilised on these days.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date.....

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**BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2013 - COMMENTS**

	<b>Issue Raised</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Feedback</b>
1.	State of Social Housing Properties, including Litter and Garden frontages	Town Clerk to write to Metropolitan Housing (copy to RBC) pointing out comments and requesting details of what actions (if any) they propose).	
2.	Linear Park Walk Sign	Town Clerk to speak to Linear Park Group to see what actions are appropriate. Consider grant of applicable.	
3.	Crow Close Notice Board dirty and difficult to read	Town Clerk to examine, cost remedial action and report to next Community Cttee.	
4.	Community Notice Board needs cleaning, painting and maintaining	As Above.	
5.	Letter boxes/telephone boxes need repainting	Town Clerk to write to BT and ask for remedial action (or update on maintenance programme).	
6.	Entrance to Robert Miles School overgrown and littered	Clarify exact issues and ownerships. Contact owners as appropriate.	
7.	Market Place – drab and unremarkable	Town Clerk to point out comments to RBC and ask for any proposals, particularly in light of 700 <sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.	
8.	Lack of BKV Notices on Notice Boards or Old Courthouse	Town Clerk to note for future submissions.	
9.	Shabby and uninviting Library/Health Centre	Town Clerk to forward points to NCC with request for programme for library extension/refurbishment.	
10.	Flower beds at above need addressing	As above.	
11.	CPRE Comments - General	Town Clerk to point out to CPRE that: a) Action List of points made as best we can b) Not all areas under our jurisdiction c) New health centre being built (did they not see it!).	