

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Committee** of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on **Tuesday, 9th September, 2014, at 7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor	A. Ashmore
"	F. Purdue-Horan
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**1.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:**

Apologies for Absence and Acceptance were 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 15th July, 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 15th July, 2014.

**4.00 MATTERS RELATING TO PROMOTION ISSUES:**

01 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of Granting of a Market Charter

Congratulations were given to bell ringers of St. Mary & All Saints Church for ringing a successful full peal on Friday, the 15th August, 2014, which was the actual 700th anniversary date of the granting of the Market Charter.

02 Summer Fair 2014

The Chairman reported on a Statement of Income & Expenditure. It was agreed that the Fair had been a success, and on budget, despite a few gaps in attendance from entertainment providers.

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03 Summer Fair 2015

The date of the Summer Fair, 2015, was set as Saturday, 13th June, 2015.

Discussion took place regarding the feasibility of a change of location to Wynhill Playing Fields. It was agreed that the Fair would continue to be held on the Market Square and Robert Miles Junior School Playing Field for the following reasons:-

- The Market Place was the traditional location for the Fair as it was in the centre of the town and close to traders.
- The event created a vibrant atmosphere in the town and drew in a range of visitors from a wide area.

04 Christmas Fair 2014

(a) Confirmation of Stall Charges

It was agreed to retain last year's prices at £40.00 for commercial and £25.00 for community stalls.

(b) Christmas Lights

It was noted that Rushcliffe Borough Council was planning refurbishment works to the Market Square this autumn which includes the felling of seven trees; this would have an effect on the number of Christmas lights which could be displayed in the Market Place. Alternative methods of displaying the lights are to be considered.

It was also suggested that the stalls at the Christmas Fair could be set out, in the centre of the Market Place, facing outwards, which would enable visitors to see surrounding shops more easily.

05 Christmas Competition

It was agreed to continue this year with the Christmas Competition which last year attracted twenty-four entries. Prizes of vouchers to the value of £150.00, £100.00 and £50.00 would be awarded to three winners.

06 Festive Window Competition

It was agreed that this competition would be repeated again this year.

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## **5.00 COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARDS:**

### 01 Volunteers

To date, four volunteers had come forward to maintain the noticeboard in the Market Place. It was agreed that simple rules needed to be put in place regarding which notices were acceptable and the noticeboards needed to be open rather than contained in cabinets; the Clerk to arrange a meeting with the volunteers with a view to running a trial period.

### 02 Noticeboard Near Library

This board would continue to be used for Town Council notices.

## **6.00 MATTERS RELATING TO POLICING ISSUES:**

### 01 Police – Update

A report entitled '60 Days in Bingham' had been received from the police. Councillors praised it for its clear layout and large amount of information.

### 02 Update from Police Liaison Committee Meeting

The Chairman reported the following information from the meeting:-

- Seven ASB contracts issued.
- Extra patrols deployed, including use of C.C.T.V.
- Most incidents focussed on Friday evenings around Eaton Place.
- Burglaries in decline – Bingham was no longer on high priority 'red route'.
- Thefts from shops represented the biggest increase in crime in the town.
- Auto Crime – Seventy notices issued over the past few months, including speeding on Nottingham Road. It was unclear whether car crime was being enforced.
- Drug enforcement took place using sniffer dogs – minimal response reported.

Priority setting targets remained as Speeding, Burglary and ASB.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the police regarding the enforcement of traffic offences, and requesting information regarding the forthcoming changes due to take place in Police structure.

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**7.00 MATTERS RELATING TO COMMUNITY ISSUES:**

01 Positive Futures – Update

The police were impressed by the standard of outreach work carried out by Positive Futures who had been successfully running events for young people over the summer.

02 Youth Issues

Nothing to report.

03 Woodland Trust – Offer of Trees to Community Groups

The Woodland Trust was offering a total of four thousand packs of one hundred trees to community groups. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Butt Field Sports Club and Bingham Rugby Union Football Club, asking if they would like to take advantage of this offer.

04 Rushcliffe Community Awards

The closing date for nominations for the Awards is 26th September, 2014.

Councillor Barham suggested nominating Positive Futures for their work in supporting children and young people in the town. The Clerk and Councillor Hull to research the nomination process and criteria, with a view to entering a nomination for Positive Futures.

**8.00 WEBSITE ACTIVITY - COMMUNICATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE:**

Councillor Harvey and the Clerk to review the website survey.

**9.00 CORRESPONDENCE:**

01 Newark Community First Aid

A letter which had been received about provision of free first-aid courses was noted, but Councillors would prefer to direct potential candidates to Vale First Responders who, it was felt, would be more inclined to respond in this area and who already provided free local training.

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02     Update on Broadband

It was noted that broadband for twenty per cent of Bingham and some surrounding villages would not be improved, leaving these areas with appallingly slow download speeds, unacceptable in a modern town environment. Clerk to write to Nottinghamshire County Council, requesting it lobbies the Government to increase funding so that Bingham and its surrounding villages can be one hundred per cent covered by top-level broadband.

03     Nottinghamshire County Council

An e-mail had been received from the Principal Road Safety Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the absence of the School Crossing Patrol (SCP) at School Lane. To date, the SCP remains absent from the Kirkhill Crossing. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Council and local schools to follow up progress in appointing a relief SCP.

As there was no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.

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