

Mayor's Announcements prior to the commencement of the Full Council Meeting of Bingham Town Council held in The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday, 5th November, 2013, at 7.00 p.m.

Since the last meeting, the Town Mayor announced that she or a representative had attended the following events:-

- 1.00 Sunday, 8th September, 2013, at the invitation of Newark Town Mayor, Councillor T. Fox attended the Battle of Britain Commemoration Service in the absence of Bingham Town Mayor.
- 2.00 Monday, 16th September, 2013, attended the Newark Town Mayor's Quiz Night.
- 3.00 Friday, 20th September, 2013, attended the Mayor of Grantham's Quiz Night.
- 4.00 Sunday, 13th October, 2013, attended the Mayor of Rushcliffe's Charity Event at The Nottinghamshire Golf & Country Club, Cotgrave.
- 5.00 Friday, 18th October, 2013, together with the Clerk, attended the Bingham Cancer Research Group's Soup Kitchen from 12 noon to 2.00 p.m. The Mayor's raffle raised £82.00, with the event raising £392.10 plus a donation from the card stall of £100.00.
- 6.00 Sunday, 27th October, 2013, attended Bingham Town Council's Civic Service at the Methodist Church.
- 7.00 Saturday, 2nd November, 2013, attended Butt Field Sports Clubs' Firework Night. Thank you to all Councillors who gave up their time to volunteer at the event. Although figures have yet to be confirmed, a profit was made.

Future fund-raising events for note are:-

- 01 Friday, 22nd November, 2013, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon at The Old Court House - 'Meet the Mayor'.
- 02 Sunday, 24th November, 2013, at 'The Bingham', Long Acre, - Sunday Lunch.

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PRESENT:

Councillor G. Davidson - Chairman
 " P. Abbey
 " A. Ashmore
 " M. Barham
 " Mrs. A. Bryan
 " J. Eagles
 " T. Fox
 " A. Harvey
 " Mrs. J. Marshall
 " F. Purdue-Horan
 " Mrs. S. Hull
 " J. Stockwood
 " Mrs. M. Stockwood
 County Councillor M. Suthers
 23 Members of the public
 1 Press

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, prayers, led by the Reverend Richard Tanner, were said.

One minute's silence was held in respect of ex Councillor Stephen Durber and his wife, Samantha, who died recently in a tragic road traffic accident, leaving behind a three year old son who is now progressing well. The thoughts of everyone at the Town Council are with the family.

1. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (as per list attached)

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE:**

Apologies for absence and acceptance were received from Councillor Mrs. T. Kerry.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Ashmore declared an interest in Folio 7115, Item 13/01985/ADV, 35, Market Place.

Councillor Eagles declared an interest in Folio 7090, Item 11, and 7118, Item 12, B.R.E.A.D.

4. **PRESENTATION OF PETITION RE. CEMETERY RULES REGULATIONS:**

The Clerk accepted a petition in relation to the Cemetery Rules & Regulations which was presented by a resident.

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5. **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd September, 2013, (Folios 7084/7091), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record, subject to the following amendments:-

01 **PRESENT** - Insert '*Councillor A. Ashmore*'.

02 Folio 7088, Item, 7.05 – Borough Councillor J. Stockwood

To read:-

"Councillor Stockwood confirmed that:-

- (a) *The electoral canvas would take place in November, and that*
- (b) *The Leisure Centre would be open for training from 6.00 a.m.*

03 Folio 7090, Item 11 – Grant Application – B.R.E.A.D.

To read:-

"Councillors Eagles and J. Stockwood abstained, with all other Councillors in favour. Votes were recorded and the following Councillors all voted in favour:-

*Mrs. T. Kerry,
P. Abbey
A. Ashmore
M. Barham
G. Davidson*

*T. Fox
A. Harvey
F. Purdue-Horan
Mrs. S. Hull
Mrs. M. Stockwood*

It was

RESOLVED *that a grant of £200,000.00 be awarded from the Community Chest, subject to the conditions outlined above."*

6. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillor Barham reiterated the request for rules and regulations in relation to procedures for monies to be released from the Community Chest.

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7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

All Committee reports were presented and it was

RESOLVED to approve the following recommendations:-

(a) Planning Committee, 10th September, 2013, Folio 7092

Councillor Mrs. S. Hull presented her report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

(b) Community Committee – 10th September, 2013, Folio 7095

Councillor A. Harvey presented his report. Councillor Purdue-Horan felt that the C.P.R.E's. comments on the Best Kept Village Action Plan (i.e. that the Market Place was drab and unremarkable) were totally unfounded. Clerk to contact C.P.R.E., requesting an explanation supporting the comment.

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

(c) Recreational & Cemetery Committee, 24th September, 2013, Folio 7099

Councillor J. Stockwood presented his report. Councillor Barham referred to a succession of letters received from a resident in relation to the goal-end screen at Carnarvon Play Area and suggested it should be repositioned.

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

(d) Planning Committee, 8th October, 2013, Folio 7104

Councillor Mrs. S. Hull presented her report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

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7. COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

(e) Environment Committee, 8th October, 2013, Folio 7108

Councillor J. Eagles presented his report. Councillor Purdue-Horan's name to be added to list of attendees at this meeting. Councillor Barham expressed concerns regarding the knock-on effect of parking on surrounding streets if double yellow lines are introduced in line with the current consultation on Cherry Street/Long Acre, etc. Clerk to confirm which households had been directly contacted.

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

(f) Planning Committee, 22nd October, 2013, Folio 7114

Councillor A. Ashmore presented his report and it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

(g) Policy & Resources Committee, 22nd October, 2013, Folio 7116

Councillor G. Davidson presented his report and, with one abstention, it was

RESOLVED:-

- 01 To approve Budget Reports 'A', 'B' 'C' and 'D' up to 30th September, 2013, subject to the work undertaken on the Mayor's Chain of Office being referred back to Policy & Resources Committee for further discussion.
- 02 To approve of no change to the current Committee structure although, however, to continue monitoring the Committee workloads.
- 03 To approve Risk Management Strategy. However, the constitution to be referred back to Policy & Resources regarding Canvassing of, and Recommendations by, Members (page 23, item 33); Resolutions Moved on Notice to be discussed further by Policy & Resources (page 16, Item 11).
- 04 Approval of grant aid for £500.00 to Bingham Community Arts Committee.

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7. COMMITTEE REPORTS continued.....

(g) Policy & Resources Committee, 20th August, 2013, Folio 7072
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- 05 Approval of Mr. D. Slight as internal auditor.
- 06 Approval of the adoption of the revised Code of Conduct.
- 07 Approval of Town Council opening hours for the Christmas period.
(Closed from Monday, 23rd December, 2013, re-opening on Thursday, 2nd January, 2014).
- 08 Approval of pesticide training for groundstaff.
- 09 Approval of quotation for decorating various rooms in The Old Court House at a cost of £1,880.00.

It was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee be accepted.

It was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Reports and Recommendations of all the Committees and Working Groups referred to, including Private & Confidential matters, be approved.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:

01 County Councillor M. Suthers

- (a) County Councillor Suthers expressed his dismay that the two plans in relation to Traffic Regulation Orders and Highways did not reflect the same layout. He had been assured that the correct one from the County Council would be forwarded to the Clerk.
- (b) Grass-cutting was still a priority to ensure a better standard would be achieved next year.
- (c) Next week the future of the current N.C.C. health centre building and possible library extension would be considered.
- (d) Councillor Suthers expressed concerns over the current County Council's budget consultation in relation to Children's Services and Youth Service provision in Bingham. It was agreed to refer this matter to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee.

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02 Borough Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood

Councillor Mrs. Stockwood said there had been eight public meetings, along with other working group meetings, which were all working to deliver for Rushcliffe residents the priorities outlined in the published Corporate Strategy. Along with agreeing the Borough Council's licensing policy for the next five years, scrutinising the partnership with Metropolitan Housing and the County Council's rural broadband programme, it has also continued to progress the Rushcliffe Local Plan. The Council now proposes to agree a Local Plan to submit to the Planning Inspector at its December meeting.

Rushcliffe Borough Council is continuing its Leisure Strategy, and has begun a consultation on moving leisure facilities in West Bridgford to the Bowls Arena which would occur alongside an agreement with the school to continue allowing community access at evenings and weekends to the facilities on the site. The Council is also considering moving its administration offices to the Bowls Arena from the Civic Centre. Converting the joint use arrangement in West Bridgford into a new facility along with continued use of the school facilities, plus relocating the Council's administration, would deliver savings which help keep Bingham residents' council taxes down and also releases capital for investment in other schemes such as those identified in the Council's Leisure Strategy.

The Borough Council is now considering the budget for the year ahead, and, faced with an anticipated three more years of reductions in funding from central government sources, it will have seen funding drop by approximately forty per cent over the last few years. In response, the Borough is acting to bring forward actions of the previous four year plan and identify new initiatives to face the challenge ahead. One such initiative is expansion of the green waste collection from Rushcliffe into Newark & Sherwood district thus generating more income for Rushcliffe.

Finding savings and generating new income all help to continue funding services, and access to these services is about to improve with the opening of the new Rushcliffe Borough Council Contact Point in Bingham's new Health Centre. The contact point, along with self-service facilities, will be open five days a week from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., offering help with council tax, benefits, waste and recycling, plus general advice on all council services. This is a clear investment in Bingham by the Borough Council at a time when contact points in other villages are being closed.

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02 Borough Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood continued.....

As encouragement to residents to support the Butt Field Sports Club and help it raise funds needed to manage the facilities at Butt Field, together with another Borough Councillor and County Councillor Martin Suthers, I have helped fund the fireworks for the Bonfire Night event organised by the Butt Field Sports Club.

03 Borough Councillor G. Davidson

Councillor Davidson confirmed that a Working Group for Strategic Housing had been looking into homelessness. One of the hostels had been empty all year and, therefore, had been deemed surplus to requirement and may now be redeveloped.

04 Borough Councillor F. Purdue-Horan

Councillor Purdue-Horan expressed delight that Rushcliffe Borough Council would be operating from the new Medical Centre and felt it would be a positive step forward.

9. OTHER REPORTS:

There were no other reports for consideration received.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Bingham Town Council 2020 Plan is only aspirational and does not provide for the public the assurance that a Neighbourhood Plan can provide. The Government has clearly decided that the only route communities can have an input into planning proposals is through a Neighbourhood Plan.

The following motion was **Proposed** by Councillor Ashmore and **Seconded** by Councillor Mrs. Hull that

"In the light of strong public support, this Council takes immediate steps to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Bingham".

Councillor Ashmore spoke on his proposal and Councillor Fox **Proposed** an amendment to the motion that:-

"The Council facilitates a Community-led Town Plan".

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION continued.....

Councillors discussed the amendment and a vote was taken on the amendment, the results of which were as follows:-

Abstention:	Councillors Barham and Mrs. Bryan
For:	Councillors Abbey, Davidson, Eagles, Fox, Harvey, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Marshall, Purdue-Horan, J. Stockwood and Mrs. M. Stockwood.
Against:	Councillor Ashmore

The amendment was approved.

A vote was then taken on the amended motion and the results were as follows:-

Abstention:	Councillors Barham and Mrs. Bryan
For:	Councillors Abbey, Davidson, Eagles, Fox, Harvey, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Marshall, Purdue-Horan, J. Stockwood and Mrs. M. Stockwood.
Against:	Councillor Ashmore

It was

RESOLVED that "*the Town Council facilitates a Community-led Town Plan*".

Councillor Davidson confirmed that he supported a Community-Led Town Plan, that this should be community-driven with the Market Town Initiative providing a starting point, and reported that the Town Council should concentrate on ensuring that the Crown Estate develops the area in line with what Bingham residents want.

Councillor Mrs. M. Stockwood confirmed that Rushcliffe Borough Council does not support the Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 Agreements would remain in force.

The Clerk to arrange a meeting in relation to a Community-led Town Plan.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

01 Nottinghamshire County Council

A letter had been received in connection with the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and a consultation which was being held from the 23rd October to the 4th December, 2013. Noted.

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11. CORRESPONDENCE continued.....

02 Resident

A further letter had been received from a resident in connection with Carnarvon Play Area. This was noted and it was agreed to refer to Recreational & Cemetery Committee.

12. OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

- 01 Resident said was pleased issue of problem with goal end screen at Carnarvon Play Area was being taken seriously.
- 02 Concern over the support of a Community-led Plan and not a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 03 Concerns over closure of a homeless hostel as a resident had recently requested assistance for two young people in Bingham and no help was forthcoming.

13. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT BUSINESS, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:

"That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw."

The following matters were discussed:-

- 01 PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES 66/67**
- 02 CIVIC AWARDS**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN.
Date: