

Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Environment Committee, of Bingham Town Council, held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 23 January 2018 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: K Vallance, Jane Costello, Jim Costello, M Stockwood and J Best.

Also in attendance: Councillors: F Purdue-Horan (for part of the meeting), A Shelton and S Orr.

Officers: J Riddle (Deputy Clerk).

Also in attendance: 2 Public

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Jim Costello was proposed as Chair by Councillor M Stockwood and seconded by Councillor Best. Councillor Jim Costello was, therefore, duly elected as Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor Bird.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor M Stockwood was proposed as Vice Chair by Councillor Jane Costello and seconded by Councillor Best. Councillor M Stockwood was, therefore, duly elected as Vice Chair.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Stockwood declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 10, BHTA grant aid application. Councillor Vallance declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10, BHTA grant aid application.

5. EVENTS WORKING GROUP NOTES

The notes of the events working group, 21 November 2017, were accepted by the committee.

6. REVIEW OF THE CHRISTMAS FAIR AND DECORATIONS

The Deputy Clerk updated the committee that the combined spend for the Summer and Christmas Fair was expected to be £10,232 with an estimated combined income of £3,999, resulting in a cost to the Council of approximately £6,233.

Totals raised for the Charity and Community Groups had been requested.

One of the bespoke motifs had not been utilised as no electricians were present on one post. A cost to rectify this for the 2018 year has been requested.

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The Christmas lighting was expected to have a total spend in the region £7,000, £500 over budget, this included £1,000 for the new lights for the small trees, as the bespoke motifs cost was met from Reserves.

The Deputy Clerk also updated that a meeting had been arranged with Via East Midlands and Trent Barton regarding road closures for future events. Councillor M Stockwood confirmed that she would be available to attend the meeting.

The Deputy Clerk was asked to query the costs of additional snowflakes for the trees and confirm if changes could be made to the initial hire contract.

The Committee noted the update and agreed to defer further discussion to the March meeting of the Community and Environment Committee.

7. DATE AND FORMAT OF THE CIVIC AWARDS

RECOMMENDED: that the Civic Awards be moved to September and that the Chair and Vice Chair would work with Officers to include examples of the nomination reasons so that nomination forms could be created.

It was also agreed that the event would be discussed further at the March meeting of the Full Council.

8. DATE AND FORMAT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

RECOMMENDED: that the Annual Town meeting be held at the Methodist Church, 22 May 2018. If this date is unavailable the Office to liaise with the Chair to identify an alternate date.

9. FORMAT OF THE SUMMER FAIR

The committee agreed to proceed with no alterations to the location of the Summer Fair, Eaton Place and the Market Place would be utilised the same as the previous year.

RECOMMENDED: that the Chair and Vice Chair move forward with the organisation of the Summer Fair through the office and working group.

10. GRANT AID APPLICATION

Having declared an interest, Councillors M Stockwood and K Vallance did not vote on this item.

Standing Orders were suspended at 19.39 and were re-instated at 19.42 to allow Councillors to ask questions to a member of the public.

RECOMMENDED: that a grant of £500 be awarded to Bingham Heritage Trails Association towards a community wide event to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One.

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11. CONSIDER EVENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2019

The committee was in support of additional events but these would have to be self-funding events at no additional cost to the Council.

12. SUMMER FLORAL DISPLAYS

RECOMMENDED: that the quote from Plantscape be accepted, minus the planter for the Council building, with a red, white and blue theme using dry weather tolerant plants.

Consideration was given to the idea of purchasing planters and opening up to local community groups to create and implement a planting scheme or to ask a nursery to plant up each year.

RECOMMENDED: that the example of a tiered planter (dark in colour) be purchased and planted, for the Council building.

13. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT TOWN GUIDE

The Deputy Clerk noted the amendments given. The final proof would be re-circulated to Councillors.

14. DELIVERY OF THE TOWN GUIDE

RECOMMENDED: that the Clerk approach possible local groups and confirm their capacity to deliver to every household in Bingham, with an offer of £400 to the group.

If no local groups could confirm delivery, the Clerk to arrange a company to complete the delivery.

15. UTILISING PAGES WITHIN THE BUTTERCROSS

RECOMMENDED: that the Council trial a year of fixed pages within the Buttercross.

16. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEBSITE

The Deputy Clerk updated the committee on the pages under development. Councillors were asked to liaise with the office if they have ideas for the website.

17. PROVISION OF DOG BINS

The Deputy Clerk updated the committee that the office had arranged a review of locations and ownership of dog and litter bins within Bingham. Three bins have been vandalised this current financial year. Several requests for new bins had been received and a report would come back to the committee.

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18. TAXI PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROVISION IN THE MARKET PLACE

Standing Orders were suspended at 20.52 and were re-instated at 21.02 to allow a member of the public to describe parking issues for taxi pick-ups. The member of the public was unsure whether he could utilise the loading bay to pick up fares near the florists on the Market Place.

The Committee requested that the Clerk enquire as to whether a taxi can pull over in a loading bay and also the time allowed to pick up, if any, on double yellow lines, with Nottinghamshire County Council. The Clerk will report back to the resident with the findings.

19. UPDATE ON LONG TERM PARKING PROVISION OF THE FORMER ALLOTMENT SITE

The Deputy Clerk updated the committee that the Clerk had investigated clearing the old allotment site before nesting season. This is not possible for the Grounds staff to clear, due to the site being contaminated. Pre-planning advice is being sought from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

The committee was updated that the Clerk had met with two representatives of Rushcliffe Borough Council who had given an update on the Moorbridge Road site. The sale was expected to be completed in the next 3-5 weeks, the planning process anticipated to take approximately 3-6 months with up to 3 years to complete the site.

Rushcliffe Borough would look at providing indicative costs to extend the proposed road to meet Bingham Town Council's land and provide electric and lighting to the area. These preliminary costs would be reported to Council once known.

Meeting Closed at: 9.10pm

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CHAIRMAN

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