

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee, of Bingham Town Council, held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham, on Tuesday 6 February 2018 at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: J Stockwood, P Moskwa, Jane Costello, R Bird and G Williams

Also in attendance: Councillors: F Purdue-Horan, A Shelton and Jim Costello

Officers: S Pyke (Town Clerk) and J Riddle (Deputy Clerk).

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Councillor J Stockwood was proposed as Chair by Councillor Jane Costello and seconded by Councillor Williams. Councillor J Stockwood was, therefore, duly elected as Chair.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Councillor P Moskwa was proposed as Vice Chair by Councillor J Stockwood and seconded by Councillor Jane Costello. Councillor P Moskwa was, therefore, duly elected as Vice Chair.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R Bird - declared a non-pecuniary interest in Bingham Heritage Trails Association.  
Councillor P Moskwa declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6, Community Parks Project.  
Councillor G Williams declared a personal interest in Bingham Rugby Club.

**5. NEXT STEPS TO PROGRESS WYNHILL SITE ENHANCEMENTS**

The Wynhill site and its facilities were discussed. It was identified that before making decisions on future plans for the site and moving forward with the architect, a more thorough meeting with site users and aspirations of the groups involved would be required.

**RECOMMENDED:** that a meeting be facilitated with Bingham Rugby Club and Bingham Scouts regarding their short, medium and long terms needs.

**6. BINGHAM COMMUNITY PARKS PROJECT UPDATE**

- a) The Clerk advised that Rushcliffe Borough Council had offered to advise the Town Council on their experience of advertising tenders via public portals in order for the Town Council to comply with its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.  
Three proposals had been received so far. It was agreed that the three proposals would not be opened. Chair of the Community Parks Project, Councillor P Moskwa, to consult with Rushcliffe Borough Council before proceeding to open or advertise for additional proposals so that legal requirements are met. Community involvement was seen as key so the public would be consulted on the developing proposals.
- b) Councillor P Moskwa updated the Committee that the teen provision was being considered by Community Parks Group. A local PSCO and the Positive Futures Group were assisting

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with ideas. Once any ideas and recommendations had been agreed, these would be reported to the Town Council.

c) No further steps were required at this time until all proposals were received and scored.

## **7. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OF BUTT FIELD**

The Committee was updated on a recent meeting with the FA Foundation. A meeting is to be arranged with representatives of Bingham Town Sports Committee, the Town Council and FA Foundation, to discuss the continuing maintenance at Butt Field and to identify a sustainable way forward.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the budget of £8,000 from previous years be set for 2018/2019.

## **8. ECOLOGY REPORT FOR THE LINEAR PARK**

The Committee discussed that the Ecology report for the Linear Park was out of date and as the land owner, the Town Council should look to update this. The report would help to produce a plan that the Council and the Friends of Bingham Linear Park could work to in future years. The need for one-off costs for securing the site, repairs to footpaths, notice boards and Bridge maintenance would also be required.

**RECOMMENDED:** that an Ecology Management Plan be produced in conjunction with the Friends of Bingham Linear Park and Rushcliffe Borough Council Environmental Sustainability Officer.

## **9. RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCILS OPEN SPACES DOCUMENT**

The document was updated for return to Rushcliffe Borough Council.

## **10. ANNUAL TREE SURVEY**

The work reported was within budget and some of the works would be completed by the Grounds Staff. It was agreed to note that the work would be addressed.

## **11. TO PLAN FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

The committee agreed to discuss ideas for the coming year at the next meeting to provide focus and structure on the direction of the Committee.

## **12. TO CONSIDER A CEMETERY REQUEST**

The nature of the ground conditions is the main reason for refusing pre-purchase requests in the cemetery.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the request for pre-purchase be denied.

Meeting Closed at: 9.50pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: .....