

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 13 November at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: J Stockwood (Chair), Jane Costello (late), F Purdue-Horan, P Moskwa, S Orr and G Williams

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

Public: 1 member of the public, Councillor A Shelton and Mr L Sycamore

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor P Moskwa declared an interest in items 4, 5 and 6 as the Chair of the Bingham Community Play Parks group.

Councillor G Williams declared an interest in item 7 as a member of Bingham Rugby Club.

Councillor F Purdue-Horan declared a pecuniary interest in item 13 as a County Councillor.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 September 2018, Folios 9065 to 9067 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREFERRED DESIGN FOR THE CARNARVON PLAYING FIELDS PLAYPARK**

Mr Sycamore, the Town Council's playpark consultant, updated the Committee on the evaluation meeting that consisted of three members of the Bingham Community Parks Project and three Bingham Town Councillors. The evaluation of tender responses has been completed and has resulted in a recommendation to the Committee. It was agreed to

**RECOMMEND:** that the Carnarvon Playpark contract be awarded to Proludic.

**5. PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE PLAYPARK REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME**

- a) The Wychwood Road land has transferred to Crown Estate as the developer ceased to exist before a transfer to the Town Council had taken place. As part of the legal process to complete the transfer, a consultation with neighbouring properties would take place. The legal progress was noted.

Mr Sycamore then updated the Committee on tender process that was underway for the refurbishment of the park. Once tenders were received, another evaluation process would take place and a recommendation would come back to the Committee. This design would then be held until the land issue was resolved.

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b) It was noted that the head of terms was imminent for Cogley Lane.

**6. TO CONSIDER THE FUNDING FOR WYCHWOOD ROAD PLAYPARK REFURBISHMENT**

It was noted that funding applications to the Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) and Wren scheme would be applied for. It was also noted that any of the remaining £80,000 budget for Carnarvon Place, not utilised, would be re-allocated as budget for Wychwood Road.

**7. TO CONSIDER MATTERS IN RELATION TO THE RUGBY CLUB:**

- a) Progress on a new lease – the solicitor's costs were noted and the lease would proceed as previously agreed.
- b) New training lights – the Committee agreed support in principal, but further discussions would be required on the impact to the south facing residents via the Planning Application process.
- c) Review of premises – the review carried out by the Town Clerk and the Chair was noted.

**8. TO AGREE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BUTT FIELD SPORTS CLUB TO DISCUSS PROGRESS**

Clarity was required on the maintenance provision going forward, the new lease and potential grant applications for equipment. It was therefore agreed that a meeting be arranged with representatives of Bingham Town Sports Club with the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee, the Chair of Recreation and Amenities Committee and the Mayor.

**9. TO REVIEW THE LATEST DRAFT OF THE LINEAR PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Friends of Bingham Linear Park were thanked for their work in managing the nature reserve and the work that is required should be arranged with the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk to update the Chair as this work is arranged.

**10. TO CONSIDER HOW TO TAKE FORWARD THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BRILLIANT BINGHAM MASTERPLAN**

Standing orders were suspended at 8.42pm to allow a member of the public to speak. A comment was made about Bingham Town Council not having enough say and the decision to take the Master Plan through the Growth Board should be challenged. Standing orders were re-instated at 8.43pm.

The Bingham Growth Board will be taking forward the discussion on the ideas raised within the Masterplan. It was noted that this has been considered the best way for partners working together.

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**11. TO IDENTIFY ANY POTENTIAL NEW PROJECTS AS PART OF THE BUDGET PLANNING FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR**

Additional knee-high fencing at the Rugby Club was noted for security and the Friends of Bingham Linear Park could be approached for ideas mentioned within the Masterplan.

**12. TO RECOMMEND BUDGETS FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR**

The budgets were noted and it was agreed that £4,000 should be included in the sports pitch maintenance budget for the next financial year, until confirmation of a way forward had been agreed.

**13. TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY OTHER POTENTIAL IDEAS FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME GRANT**

Grant applications for the new playparks were noted.

**14. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

- a) Resident's request for bee-hives at the allotments – An email regarding an allotment holder's severe allergy to stings was noted. This request was declined by the Committee.
- b) Resident's request for an existing bench at Butt Field to be used as a memorial – The Committee had no objection in principal. The Clerk would liaise with Bingham Town Sports Club as the Town Council's tenant and a specification of the work bought back to Committee for approval.

Meeting Closed at: 9.17pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date: .....

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- The Carnarvon play park contract be awarded to Proludic