

Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee of Bingham Town Council
held in the Council Chamber at The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham,
on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: A Shelton, T Wallace, R Bird, M Stockwood, J Stockwood and F Purdue-Horan

Officer: J Riddle (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 3 including Councillor V Leach

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All members of the Committee were present.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

3. **PROGRESSION OF A PUBLIC WORKS LOANS BOARD APPLICATION**

Standing orders were suspended at 7.34pm and reinstated at 7.44pm to enable members of the public to participate.

Representatives from Bingham Rugby Club confirmed that an application had been made in the new year to Rushcliffe Borough Council, for £400,000 from the Community Chest Fund. They had also received a response from the planning department to confirm that their planning application would be discussed at the February planning meeting and had a favourable recommendation. Applications were being made to Sports England and the RFU and other grant sources like Severn Trent, were being investigated. Queries were raised about timescales for the Council to secure a PWLB loan, should the Community Chest be granted in full to the Chapel Lane development.

The Committee confirmed that a 28-day consultation would be required with the public before the application could be submitted, but a response regarding the Community Chest Fund had not yet been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council. Assurances would need to be discussed with regards to the hand over of funds to the project and the processes will be discussed further, once a response was received from Rushcliffe Borough Council. Additional meetings could be called as required.

4. **ARMED FORCES COVENANT**

The Committee agreed that they wished to support the signing of the Covenant and that a Champion should be nominated at the next meeting of the Full Council. After this the Champion would work on supporting the Covenant in Bingham and a report would be brought to the next meeting. It was therefore agreed to

RECOMMEND: that Bingham Town Council support the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant and that a Champion should be elected at the next meeting of the Full Council.

5. **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DATE**

It was **RECOMMENDED**: that the Annual Town Meeting be held on Monday 1 June 2020.

6. **MEETING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021**

The Committee reviewed the draft schedule. Planning meeting dates would need to be inserted and this would be brought back to the next meeting.

7. **RE-SUBMISSION TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF COGLEY LANE PARK**

It was confirmed that the documents were now in place to allow a re-submission for a grant application to the Local Improvement Scheme.

It was **RECOMMENDED**: that a re-submission be made for the Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme for the refurbishment of Cogley Lane Play Park.

8. **SEVERN TRENT WATER'S COMMUNITY FUND**

The Committee noted this fund and the Freemasons Fund were available. The funding opportunities would be considered for any of the Council's projects currently ongoing. It was agreed to place the item on the agenda for the Recreation and Amenities Committee and Community and Environment Committee, so that funding opportunities for the Committee priorities could be considered.

9. **BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021**

The first draft budget was considered by the Committee. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that line codes could be discussed in further detail as areas of priority were agreed for the forthcoming year. A three-year reserves strategy would be brought back to Council for consideration with the budget. It was agreed to:

RECOMMEND: the draft budget to the Full Council.

10. **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

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"

Councillor Leach, remained in the Council Chamber.

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The following matters were discussed:

1. Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 29 October 2019

RECOMMEND: that the minutes be signed, subject to the alterations noted.

2. Confidential notes from 1 October 2019

RECOMMEND: that the notes are accepted

3. Confidential notes from 29 October 2019

RECOMMEND: that the notes are accepted

4. Warner's Paddock rent increase

RECOMMEND: that a condition is placed in the lease that allows for the provision of a rent review.

5. Potential Land Acquisitions

RECOMMEND: that valuations of the land be arranged

6. Staffing matters

Meeting Closed at: 9.28pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The signing of the Armed Forces Covenant and to elect a Champion
- The Annual Town Meeting be held on Monday 1 June 2020.
- Re-submission of the grant application to Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme for the refurbishment of Cogley Lane Play Park
- Draft Budget to Full Council