

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee
of Bingham Town Council, on Tuesday 09 June 2020 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Williams, A Shelton, J Stockwood, P Moskwa, M Monni and V Leach

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

Public: 6 members of the public including Councillors W Stapleton, J Lewis, T Wallace, F Purdue-Horan and two representatives from the Rugby Club.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor Simms due to work commitments.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Williams declared an interest in any items relating to the Wynhill site as a Coach at Bingham Rugby Club. Councillor P Moskwa declared an interest in item 5 as the Chair of the Bingham Community Play Parks group. Councillor V Leach declared an interest in item 6 as a member of Bomberz CIC. It was noted that Councillor A Shelton is the Council's representative with the Friends of Bingham Linear Park Group.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on the 21 April 2020, Folios 9522 to 9524, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE WYNHILL SITE AND FURTHER ACTIONS

Standing orders were suspended at 7.28pm and were re-instated at 7.51pm, to allow a representative of the Rugby Club to update the Committee. They were also suspended again at 7.54pm and were re-instated at 8.07pm.

Regular conversations with the Architect were continuing and it was considered a good time for approaching potential contractors. Turton Building Control had been selected for building control monitoring. Tender documents were being worked on and the Club were moving forward with VAT registration. The application to Sports England had been halted during the pandemic and it was hoped to re-activate this in July. The Club was disappointed not to have heard officially from Rushcliffe Borough Council about their application to the Community Chest funds, but now required the Council to confirm timescales for securing the funding of £400,000 through the Public Works Loan Board. The committee confirmed that if a consultation began in June and it was supported by the public, it was likely that a decision could be made in July at Full Council and funds could then potentially be available mid-August.

The Pavilion has been remained closed down to bookings and a query was raised as to any additional guidelines the Council wished to impose on re-opening, other than following the government guidelines. The committee confirmed that the Clerk would share any guidance she received on the re-opening of community spaces, but the Council would not impose anything

further than what the government guidelines stated. The Club confirmed that all risk assessments would be shared with the Town Council.

The Club also confirmed that a detailed Pitch Maintenance Programme was expected and had highlighted the need for weekly cutting. A query was raised as to any issues with this. The Clerk confirmed that it didn't sound onerous but more information on the cutting and equipment would be required before confirmation could be made.

RECOMMEND: that a consultation with the public be undertaken for a Public Works Loan Board loan for £400,000 for the improvements to the Wynhill site, confirming the term of the loan and the cost to the public.

5. PLAYPARKS AND FURTHER ACTIONS

a) Orchard Play Area

- i. Bench – a site visit by the Chair and Vice Chair was outstanding due to the pandemic, a site visit with the Ground Staff would be arranged to agree the location of the purchased Bench and Scooter rack. Consideration to a further bench and siting would be made at the visit and reported back to Committee.

b) Wychwood Road Play Area

- i. Update – the order had been placed with Kompan and the Clerk had some residual work to complete the ESPO framework. Kompan were aiming for an August install due to the amount of grounds work. Payments had been synchronised with in line with Full Council meetings and the Clerk would be working with Wren and LIS to streamline the marketing. The Chair of BCPP would draft an outline press release for the Clerk and work to communicate to the residents in the area would need to be undertaken.

c) Cogley Lane Play Area

- i. Update from the Playparks Consultant – The Playparks Consultant had sent his apologies and had updated the Clerk that little had been progressed since the last update. He still intends to prepare the outline design and complete the application for consent to English Heritage next month.
- ii. Funding – It was still early days but funding options would be considered further as the project developed.

6. TEEN PROVISION AND FURTHER ACTIONS

Standing orders were suspended at 8.28pm and were re-instated at 8.34pm, to allow a representative of Bomberz CIC to update the committee.

It was noted that the planned open event at Bingham Leisure Centre on 31 May had to be postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but would be rescheduled for later this year or early in 2021. The event would be ran in conjunction with Skate Nottingham CIC, and would

involve demonstrations, free lessons for children and an opportunity to raise the profile of Bomberz and skateboarding in general.

It was also noted that an 18 year old Bingham resident was now chairing Bomberz meetings. It was the intention that the project would be run by the younger members who were considered best placed to decide on a facility that will meet their needs. It was also noted that the Town Council grant funding would be discussed at the next Policy and Resources meeting.

A request for a BMX track had also been received by the group, but this would be need to be a separate group considering a location for this activity as Bomberz CIC aim was to provide skate facilities for the residents. No objection to BMX facilities being sited at the same location would be made, but the skate equipment planned would not alone be suitable for BMX bikes. Locations were still be investigated and considered by the group.

7. MEMORIAL BENCH

The siting of a new bench was considered by the committee and it was noted that the Grounds Staff had reported few locations left for new benches. The Chair and Vice Chair would attend site and review bench spaces with the grounds staff.

RECOMMEND: that the memorial bench request received be accepted.

8. IN-HOUSE REPAIRS TO LINEAR PARK STEPS NEAR THE RIVER SMITE

The committee noted that the Ground Staff had confirmed that the work could be completed in-house by the team. The work would be completed once social distancing guidelines had eased due to travel to the location in one vehicle with the equipment. It was confirmed that the Friends of Bingham Linear Park had no preference as to who completed the work but consideration towards making it less inviting for horse riders to come down would be appreciated.

RECOMMEND: that the Ground Staff complete the repairs to Linear Park Steps near the River Smite.

9. UPDATE ON ACCESS AT THE ALLOTMENTS

The Town Council's solicitor has given indication that the closure of the gate would be practicable as the Council give permission for access to the site, it is not a right of way. A meeting with an officer from Rushcliffe Borough Council was being arranged regarding boundary confirmation, this would also be discussed at the meeting.

10. RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH REQUEST FOR AREAS OF BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN

RECOMMEND: that a letter of support for Biodiversity on Town Council owned land is sent to Rushcliffe Borough Council requesting further information on the scheme proposed.

11. 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”

The following matter was discussed:

- Confidential notes from 21 April 2020

RECOMMEND: that the notes are approved.

- Playground Incident
- Allotment

RECOMMEND: that a letter is sent terminating the tenancy.

Meeting Closed at: 9.29pm

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CHAIRMAN

Date:

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