

Minutes of the Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 03 August 2021 at 7:00pm
in the Council Chamber at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Stockwood, M Stockwood, F Purdue-Horan, A Shelton, P Moskwa, V Leach, T Wallace, J Best, R Bird, G Williams and W Stapleton

Officers: J Riddle (Deputy Clerk)

Public: 4

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors J Lewis, M Monni and G Simms due to family commitments.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor F Purdue-Horan declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8. Councillors F Purdue-Horan, J Stockwood and T Wallace all declared a personal interest in item 9.

3. PUBLIC SESSION

Two questions were accepted from members of the public.

In relation to item 9 on the agenda, a resident expressed concerns over submitting two items for the public session and one had been rejected. The member of the public questioned how the public could have confidence that such events, detailed in the code of conduct report, would not re-occur.

The Mayor responded that the Council would be considering the recommendations made to the Council at item 9 on the agenda.

A further question relating to item 9 was read by the Mayor regarding the sanctions given to Councillors and HR training.

The Mayor confirmed that the recommendation relating to HR training would be considered at item 9 on the agenda.

A request was received for Councillors to receive copies of the public questions that had been rejected.

4. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed that Cancer Research has been chosen as his nominated Charity for the 2021/22 Civic Year. The Mayor had attended the following engagements:

Bingham to mark the National U3A day
Bingham Twinning Association AGM
Fosse Way View opening ceremony

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Bingham Growth Board
Bingham Enterprise Centre
Bingham Market as a trader was retiring after 37 Years

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2021 (Folios 9759 to 9772), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and were signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

(a) Policy, Resources and Major Projects Committee, 20 July 2021

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the meeting of this Committee and its Sub-Committees be accepted and the decisions were noted.

(b) Planning Committee, 08 June 2021

RESOLVED: that the decisions of the meeting be noted.

(c) Planning Committee, 06 July 2021

RESOLVED: that the decisions of the meeting be noted.

(d) Planning Committee, 20 July 2021

RESOLVED: that the decisions of the meeting be noted.

7. CAR PARK SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the meeting of this Sub-Committee be accepted.

8. HR AND HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSULTANTS

RESOLVED: that this item be discussed under confidential business.

9. CODE OF CONDUCT

The breach of the code of conduct was noted and it was confirmed that a quote for HR training to include performance management and appraisals had been received.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Town Council proceeds to accept the quote for £250 for all Town Councillors to receive HR training
2. The HR Sub-Committee are instructed to work with HR contractors to review the employee handbook and ensure effective management of staff is fully considered as part of the review

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3. The Chairs of the Council and Committees and the Proper Officer work cohesively to plan agendas and meetings are held to ensure proper management of the meetings
4. Advice from NALC would be sought in the event of any conflicting opinion

10. MERCHANT NAVY DAY

RESOLVED: to fly the Merchant Navy Flag and delegation for arrangements of an event be given to an officer, in consultation with the Mayor.

11. BUDGET EXPENDITURE

The Council were updated that due to the seasonal grounds worker not returning this year the outsourcing of grass cutting and play area inspections to assist with workload was required and some outsourcing had already taken place.

RESOLVED: to make a payment of £3010 to Mr Buckingham for outsourced work

RESOLVED: to accept that the Cemetery Maintenance and Open Spaces Maintenance cost codes would go over budgeted amounts due to outsourcing costs.

12. 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”

- Confidential notes from the Full Council held on 25 May 2021
RESOLVED: that the notes be approved.
- Confidential notes and recommendations from the Policy & Resources and Major Projects Committee held on 20 July 2021 and its Sub-Committees
RESOLVED: that the recommendations of this Committee and its Sub-Committees be approved.
- Confidential notes from the Car Park Sub-Committee held on 02 August 2021
RESOLVED: that the recommendations of this Sub-Committee be approved.
- HR – item 8 moved to confidential business
RESOLVED: that the Deputy Clerk be given delegated authority to progress HR advice

The Council concluded its confidential session with the meeting closing at 8.04pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: