

Minutes of the Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 7:00pm
in the Council Chamber at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Stockwood, M Stockwood, A Shelton, N Mees, T Birch, F Purdue-Horan, J Best, T Wallace, R Bird, G Williams, J Lewis, and W Stapleton

Officers: J Riddle (Town Clerk)

Members of the public: 7 Including County Councillor N Clarke

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Mees and Councillor Birch as newly elected Councillors.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor V Leach due to ill health and Councillor P Moskwa due to work commitments.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor N Mees declared an interest in item 13 as his daughter was a volunteer at the no waste food shop.

3. PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public asked a number of questions relating to the long stay car park plans for the town and why the offers from Rushcliffe Borough Council to assist in building the provision, are not clearly documented in the Council's minutes. The Mayor confirmed a written response to the questions raised would be sent to the resident.

A second resident asked for the responses to the same questions raised.

4. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Mayors announcements since the last meeting.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2022 (Folios 9892 to 9896), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and were signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.

Agenda item 14 was moved forward to be taken prior to item 6. The minutes have been recorded to reflect the agenda order.

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

Planning Committee, 05 April 2022

RESOLVED: that the decisions of the meeting be noted.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED: that Councillor A Shelton be added to the HR Committee to fill the vacancy, the Car Park Committee be increased to 11 members and Councillors A Shelton, F Purdue-Horan, N Mees and T Birch be added to the committee membership.

8. WYNHILL REPORT

The Clerk confirmed that the report arrived after issuing the agenda and due to the commercial sensitivity, the document should be considered under confidential business.

RESOLVED: to consider the report under confidential business.

9. BINGHAM TOWN SPORTS CLUB

Bingham Town Sports Club had confirmed that they wished to investigate solar panels for the pavilion and the Council were asked for approval to proceed.

RESOLVED: that the Council had no objection to Bingham Town Sports Club investigating and installing solar panels.

10. PLATINUM JUBILEE PARISH GRANT SCHEME

The Jubilee Grant Scheme was considered and it was

RESOLVED: to apply for £500 towards the planting of a Jubilee Tree, commemorative plaque and decorations for the planned events.

11. COUNCILLOR MOTION – COMMUNICATING COUNCIL STRATEGY 2022-2027

This Council's meetings resolve what actions to take to develop new, or to maintain and improve existing, facilities and services for the people of Bingham and how to fund these actions. The decisions of Council meetings are recorded in the published formal minutes. These resolved decisions, the Council's resolved policies, the receipts and payments budget for funding annual actions and the 3-year reserve plan for funding additional actions, continuously describe the progress of implementing the Council's key actions and wider list of other actions.

The Council's key actions are

- Develop a new car park on the contaminated land of the old allotments/skatepark north of Moor Lane
- Improve the Wynhill Pavilion, increasing the room area available for community use and improving facilities for sport users
- Improve and increase land available for sport users at Butt Field
- Improve the Cogley Lane play area, completing the upgrade plan for Orchard Park, Wychwood Park and Cogley Lane play areas
- Improve the Town Centre CCTV system, renewing all equipment and enhancing monitoring

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- Maintain the Linear Park with bridge surveys and repairs and renewing its biodiversity management plan

This Council recognises that a single document describing the latest updates on progress would aid communication with the people of Bingham, councillors, employees and Council partners.

This Council resolves that to support improved communication on the Council's actions for the people of Bingham, the Council will

- Develop a Council Strategy 2022-2027 that records the aim, objectives, realistic timetable for completion, significant updates and latest update for each of the Council's key actions
- Develop a table of actions to add to the Council Strategy. The table of actions will record each of the Council's wider list of actions, a realistic timetable for completing each action, and the latest update on each of these actions
- In the first week of each calendar month, publish via the Council's website the latest updates on progress on all the Council's actions

Proposed: Councillor John Stockwood

Seconded: Councillor Andrew Shelton

An amended motion was proposed by Councillor T Wallace and this was seconded by Councillor N Mees. A vote was taken and the amended motion did not carry.

A vote was taken on the substantive motion and it was

RESOLVED: that the motion for Communicating Council Strategy 2022-2027 was carried.

12. COUNCILLOR MOTION – INCREASING LOCAL WASTE MINIMISATION

An amendment to the motion was presented by Councillor Norman Mees and this was seconded by Councillor John Lewis.

The amended motion was accepted.

Bingham Town Council recognises that to protect and sustain the environment, communities need to do more to use sustainable resources and reduce waste. The Council will therefore:-

1. Encourage and support existing local community initiatives e.g No Waste Food Shop
2. Identify and support new initiatives to reduce waste, recycling and re-use
3. Call on Notts County Council to provide a local waste recycling centre for Bingham and surrounding villages.

Proposer: Councillor John Stockwood

Secunder: Councillor Ted Birch

RESOLVED: that the motion for increasing local waste minimisation carried.

13. COUNCILLOR MOTION – FREE ROOM HIRE FOR THE COMMUNITY NO WASTE FOOD SHOP

This Council previously resolved, at its meeting on 27 April 2021, to approve the use of the Old Court House by the Community No Waste Food Shop. At that meeting, an associated report described the arrangements of the use and the use was free of charge for a trial of six months.

This Council recognises that the Community Food No Waste Shop provides Bingham residents with a service they value, and the Shop benefits the environment by reducing food waste. This Council supports the continuation of the arrangements for use of the Old Court House for this service.

This Council resolves that the arrangements for the Community No Waste Food Shop continue free of charge. This room use will be reviewed annually as part of the regular review of all the recurring Old Court House room arrangements.

Proposed: Councillor Maureen Stockwood Seconded: Councillor Wayne Stapleton

RESOLVED: that the motion for free room hire for the community no waste food shop carried.

14. BINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL LOGO

The Council considered the Buttercross symbol within the logos presented and it was agreed that the silhouette currently used would still feature in the new logo. The designer present confirmed that the logo colours and surrounding shape would be interchangeable depending on the location used.

RESOLVED: to approve logo 2 as the preferred design

15. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Annual Town Meeting be arranged for 31 May 2022 at the Old Court House

16. IMPROVEMENT BOARD UPDATE

Councillor Bird and Councillors Williams confirmed that they were meeting the Improvement Board on 21 April 2022 for an update.

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17. INVOICES

No invoices of £5000 or over were presented.

18. REPORTS

- (a) Rural Market Towns Group – The report from the Councillor J Stockwood was noted.
- (b) Police Priority Setting Group – Councillor Bird confirmed the next meeting would be held at Radcliffe On Trent on Thursday 21 April 2022 at 7pm.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk confirmed that no correspondence had been received.

A member of the public requested that standing orders being suspended.

Standing orders were suspended at 9.23pm.

A member of the public confirmed that they had sent correspondence to Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding the long stay car parking provision and had copied in the Town Council.

It was confirmed that the email would be shared with Councillors.

Standing orders were re-instated at 9.27pm.

The Council concluded its main meeting at 9.28pm.

20. 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 meeting held on 22 March 2022

RESOLVED: that the notes be approved.

- Staff Matters

RESOLVED: that Councillor T Wallace and Councillor M Stockwood would meet with the Clerk for a short review.

- Vacancies Update
- Wynhill Report

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RESOLVED: that the project was not currently in a position to move forward to a consultation with the public. The members of Wynhill re-development working group would meet with Bingham Rugby Club to re-affirm the Council's commitment to the re-development, to increase community facilities and better sporting facilities for residents, and options would be investigated in partnership with Bingham Rugby Club.

The Council concluded business at 10.04pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

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