

Minutes of a Meeting of Bingham Town Council
held on Monday 04 October 2022 at 7.15pm
in the Council Chamber at the Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

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

Officer/s: J Riddle (Clerk)

Public: 2

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors W Stapleton and V Leach due to ill health.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors J Lewis declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 14 as a current member of the executive committee.

Councillor N Mees declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 17 legal advice and confirmed he would leave for this item.

Councillors J Stockwood, M Stockwood, J Lewis and G Williams all confirmed that they were approaching item 17, legal matters, with an open mind and without pre-determination.

3. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

4. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed that since the last meeting he had attended:

- The opening event of the Sustainable Kitchen
- Finding Fitness Sports Club in the summer holidays
- Bingham Bowling Club to unveil the new Defibrillator
- Welcome service for Rev Tim Morris at the Methodist Centre
- Merchant Navy Day at the Old Court House
- Litter Picking with the Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club (the Mayors chosen charity)
- The U3A Beacon Relay with the Deputy Mayor

The Mayor had opened the book of condolence for her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and he has laid a floral tribute in her memory. The Mayor led the proclamation and moment of reflection on Bingham Market Place and thanked the staff, Councillors, volunteers who assisted and members of the public for coming to pay their respects and to join the Town for a moment in history.

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5. MINUTES

- (a) **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2022 (Folios 9946 to 9949), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and were signed by the Mayor as an accurate record.
- (b) **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 08 August 2022 (Folio 9949), having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and were signed by the Mayor as an accurate record
- (c) **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 23 August 2022 (Folios 9957 to 9958), 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) Community, Recreation & Amenities, 09 August 2022
RESOLVED: that the committee recommendations be approved.
- (b) Wynhill Re-Development Committee, 16 August 2022
RESOLVED: that the committee recommendations be approved.
- (c) Car Park Committee, 23 August 2022
RESOLVED: that the committee recommendations be approved.
- (d) Finance, Policy & Resources Committee, 28 September 2022
The Council discussed an amendment to the grant policy that required further consideration and a request was agreed for item 11 to be referred back to the committee.
RESOLVED: that the committee recommendations be approved apart from item 11.
- (e) Planning Committee, 09 August 2022
The decisions of the meeting were noted.
- (f) Planning Committee, 06 September 2022
The decisions of the meeting were noted.

7. CIVILITY AND RESPECT

The Civility and Respect Pledge was reviewed, and the 8 requirements were considered by the Council. The Council committed to each part of the pledge and it was

RESOLVED: to sign up the Civility and Respect Pledge

8. IMPROVEMENT BOARD

The draft update was reviewed by the Council and an amendment to item on structure was requested for clarity.

RESOLVED: to agree the update on progress with implementing the improvement board recommendations.

9. STANDING ORDERS

An alteration to standing order 4.d.v was requested to confirm arrangements for substitute membership.

Councillors will name a substitute member on giving their apologies. If no substitute is named by the ordinary committee member giving apologies, a substitution will not take place, unless a meeting would be inquorate.

RESOLVED: to adopt the Standing Orders with the alteration to standing order 4.d.v on substitutions accepted.

10. TOWN MAP

RESOLVED: to grant permission to Barratts for the Town Map to be used for the remembrance boards at Romans Quarter.

11. OLD COURT HOUSE BUILDING SURVEY

RESOLVED: to accept Quote 2 for a building condition survey of the Old Court House at a cost of £1200 plus VAT.

12. EXTERNAL AUDITOR ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED: not to opt out of the external auditor arrangements.

13. INVOICES

No invoices over £5000 had been received.

14. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCALS COUNCILS 77TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 77th Annual General meeting of NALC was to be held on Thursday 17 November 2022

(a) Voting delegate -

RESOLVED: that Councillor T Wallace be accepted as the Voting Delegate

(b) Nominations for the election of Officers

No nominations were received.

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- (c) Nominations for the election of the Executive Committee
RESOLVED: that Councillor J Lewis be nominated for the Executive Committee
- (d) Nominations for Long Service certificate recognising 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years of continuous service
No nominations were received. It was requested that the delegates attending the meeting request consideration be given to service awards of 20 years.

15. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) Growth Board Minutes – The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and queries were raised regarding the membership of the Growth Board and limited representation from Bingham Town Council and that no Borough Councillors from Bingham wards were currently invited to attend. It was agreed to have an agenda item to discuss at a later date.
- b) Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Bird confirmed that the meeting on 08 Sept had seen poor attendance levels and that the turnout was to be discussed at the next meeting
- c) Positive Futures – Cllr J Lewis confirmed that he had attended the positive futures meeting held in September and had invited the representatives of positive futures to the next meeting of the Community, Recreation and Amenities Committee to give a short presentation to the meeting about their work.
- d) Rural Services Market Town Group – Cllr J Stockwood confirmed that the next meeting was to be held on 11 October 2022
- e) Radcliffe on Trent Trains Working Group – information about the Town had been requested by the working group for their revised business plan and this had been supplied.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

17. 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”

A representative of Bingham Community Events remained for the first item relating to their project.

Councillors J Best and F Purdue-Horan left prior to the confidential items and Councillor F Purdue-Horan returned to the meeting during the item. Councillor N Mees left for legal matters.

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The Council **RESOLVED:** to extend the meeting beyond 3 hrs.

- Bingham Community Events Project

RESOLVED: to agree use of the Bingham Branding and funding of up to £750.
Delegated authority was given to Clerk to oversee the use of the Council's branding.

- Confidential notes, Full Council meeting held on 26 July 2022

The notes were accepted as an accurate record.

- Confidential notes, Extra Ordinary Full Council meeting on 08 August 2022

The notes were accepted as an accurate record.

- Confidential notes, Extra Ordinary Full Council meeting on 23 August 2022

The notes were accepted as an accurate record.

- Confidential notes, Finance, Policy & Resources meeting on 28 September 2022

The minutes were noted by the Council.

- Legal Matters

The Council noted the update.

- Staff Matters

The updates were noted by the Council.

RESOLVED: to approve the additional employee payment.

The Meeting closed at 10.26pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

Date.....